

In the name of God Amen
I Robert C Hanna of the County of Greene and state of Alabama
being in perfect mind and memory blessed be god, do make
and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the manner
following viz
1st I recommend my soul into the hands of God who
gave it, and my body to be buried in decent Christian
burial
2^d I will that my Just debts should all be paid ~
3^d I leave to my beloved wife, Ellen Hanna, the tract of Land
on which I now live with all my household & kitchen furniture
and farming utensils, with the exceptions of one Bed and
furniture, her choice of one half of all my negroes (they
first to be appraised) and two thousand dollars to be app-
-propriated to building her a house where and of such dimensions
as she may wish with all my stock & Carriage ~ 4th I leave
to my brother Thomas S M Hanna my Whitehead tract of
land by his paying the balance that I am due on said tract
of land ~ 5th The balance of my negroes I leave to my brothers
in law Pliny H Fleming Thomas Moore Joseph M Corbille of
Sumter County, James B Stafford and my nephews (Robert
& James sons of Charles M Hanna one share) Robert Hanna
son of William Hanna equal shares ~ 6th I leave to my
sister in law Martha Hanna and her children a note that
I hold against her for Two thousand dollars and all my inte-
-rest in the lands purchased by my brother Andrew M Hanna
& my self ~ 7th I leave to my nephew Robert H Fleming
one bed & furniture ~ 8th I will that James B Stafford be
charged no interest on a note I hold against him ~ 9th I will
the Negroes to be kept in families as much as possible. 10th
after the above distribution is made if there should be any thing
left I will that my wife Ellen Hanna should have one half
and the balance divided equal among the above named legatees
11th I will that if my wife Ellen Hanna should marry again
or at her death that one third of the value of the tract of land
I have left to her, be given to my Brother in law Thomas Moore
and my nephew Robert H Fleming ~ 12th I leave my brother
Thomas S M Hanna and my friend Bryan Withers executor
to this my last will and testament with full power to appoint
appraisers and make the above division and to settle all matters
relative to my business without any orders from the Court ~

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this the 9th day of May in the year of our Lord 1842
Attest J Kennedy

J P Mcmillan
David Turner

R C Hanna (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Crispshaw Court July 11th 1850
Greene County } This day the last will and testament
of Robert C Hanna deceased was presented to the court for
probate, and the court being satisfied by the proof that the
widow have had due and legal notice and no objection
being offered the court proceeded to examine on oath Daniel
Tanner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the
execution of said will and the court being fully satisfied from
his testimony, It is therefore ordered by the court that said will
be received established and recorded as the last will and
testament of Robert C Hanna deceased.
Attest A. D. Davis clerk

children living, and he should die before his mother, and his wife &
child or children should be living at the death of my wife Elizabeth,
then, one third part of said land shall go to the widow of my said
son James - One third part to the child or children of my said
son James - and the remaining third to my devisee under the preceding
clause of this will - But my wife Elizabeth, shall at all events
hold the said land during her life - If my son James shall
die leaving no child, or the issue of a child living, then said
land shall revert to my estate, as part of my estate to be distrib-
uted under this will - I give devise and bequeath to Jane
Baskin Wife of Pringle Baskin, two half quarter sections of land,
being the south East quarter of section two of Township twenty two
of Range One East, of the lands offered for sale and sold
at St Stephens land office - I give devise and bequeath to
my son Elihu R. Steele, & R. G. Steele, and the survivor of them &
his heirs two half quarter sections of land lying in Harper County,
in the State of Mississippi, to wit, the west half of the North East
quarter of section thirty five, and the West half of the south West
quarter of section twenty six, all in Township twelve and Range
Eighteen East, of the lands offered for sale at Columbus Mississippi
- Also a negro man slave named Albert, aged about Nineteen
years, also a Negro Girl Dinah aged about ten years also a
boy named Sandy aged about six years - also a young sorrel
horse called Charlie, and twenty head of young cattle ranging
about said lands - having my mark, to wit, a crop off of, and
under bit out of the left ear, and an underbit out of the
right ear, to have and to hold the same, and each and every
part thereof, in trust for the use of my daughter Esther
Humberson, for and during her life and at her death to be divided
amongst her children Sarah and Sarah-Ann - The children of a deceased
child to take the share, the parent would have taken if living,
I direct my executor to sell and convey all my lands not disposed
of in this will lying in the State of Mississippi, at such time
and on such terms as they think best for the benefit of my
estate, I direct and empower them also, to settle fully, all
sales of land made by me, as they may deem best, by recording
the Contracts, or by making and delivering deeds. If they
reversal any Contract, by me made, and take back the land,
I direct them to sell and convey as above described, to sell
and convey the lands now held by me - I give and bequeath
as follows to wit to my son Elihu R. Steele, my negro man
Ralph & his wife Maria, and her child Solomon - To my son
Richard G. Steele my negro man Henry, To my son William Steele
my negro man Sam, To the children of my daughter Polly, to wit
the wife of James H. Archibald my negro blacksmith Schmael
To my son James, Negroes Dennis & Ephraim the children of

A State The State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen - I Abner
Will Greene County } A Slave of the County and State aforesaid
being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
do make certain public and declare this my last will and testament
I give and bequeath my soul to almighty God, with
full confidence that for the sake of Jesus Christ, his ~~son~~ my
saviour and redeemer, he will accept it, and keep it with him
in glory forever - My body I commend to the earth there to be laid
in Christian burial to remain until the trumpet of the archangel
shall summon the dead to rise, and to receive sentence according
to the deeds done in the flesh - My worldly goods, with which
it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose of as follows, to wit,
1st I direct all my debts to be paid - 2nd To my beloved wife Elizabeth
I give the plantation on which I reside, it being the North East
quarter of section eleven in Township twenty two range One East, of
the lands sold at Saint Stephens land office - Also the west half
of the North West quarter of section twelve, in same township and
range containing three half quarter sections of land for and during
the time of her natural life - I give her also for life the following
named negro slaves, to wit, Jerry and his wife Patience, and her
child George and the future increase of Patience - forever - I sell and
her youngest child Martha and the future increase of Sell - also a
little girl called Summitt I also give her house hold and kitchen fur-
niture, bed, bedding, plantation tools, farming utensils, and stock
of every kind, sufficient to carry on the farm, on the plantation given
her in this will, with the force she will then have to carry it on
the sufficiency to be judged of final and settled by my executor and
judgment and action in the premises shall be final and conclusive
I give further absolutely my Carriage and two horses One & Bender
After the death of my said wife, then I give devise and
bequeath the said land devised to my wife for life, to my son
James Steele. If he should marry and have a wife and child or

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Polly, and my mare Polly and her colt. - To my daughter Sarah
wife of James Callaspie a negro girl Isma aged about three
years - To my daughter Betty Patton, my negro boy named Sam
aged about fifteen years - It is not my purpose to give any
of my children more than another - To several of them I have
made advances and have taken receipts for those advances, in
order to equalize all, except Esther Kimbrough, I direct my
executors to appoint not less than three nor more than five dis-
tinguished respectable gentlemen who shall assess and value the
property bequeathed under this will except that given in trust
to my son Elisha R. & Richard J. Steele, for the use of my daughter
Esther Kimbrough, and what I may have advanced to any of
my children for which a receipt has been taken, and the property shall
be taken by the person to whom it is given at the assessed value
as so much of my estate - all receipts I hold of advances
advances made to my children shall be considered an advance
for the amount call for from my estate - but no interest shall
be charged - and then each of my children & and the children
of a deceased child, is herein called a child and are entitled
to the share their parents would take if living shall be made
equal - where one has received more property than his or her share,
he or she shall pay back, and when one lacks his or her share,
shall be made up out of the residue of my estate and will
be paid back by those who have received more than their share.
They who shall receive under this clause and be equalized are
the children of my son Alexander, the children of my daughter
Polly, Archibald each get one share. Elisha R. Steele, R. J. Steele
Sahay Callaspie of James Callaspie, Betty Patton wife of
William Patton, William Steele the children of my son Abner
Steele, Jane Basham wife of Pringle Basham and my son James
Steele - my daughter Esther Kimbrough is not included in this
apportionment and - The lands and other property given in trust
for her shall not be valued and she shall take nothing more
under this will - In making the division of any of my estate
not disposed of specifically under this will, by having the
property valued - It is my intention that my executors shall
be placed in the condition of any other of my children as
regards their right to purchase either by valuation or what may
be sold by public auction - My property not disposed of I
desire them to be sold to the highest bidder except the negroes I don't
desire to be sold if they can be fairly and satisfactorily
divided, by being valued without sale. The division under this
will shall be made when my executors will have sold
the property and collected the money and so settled the estate
as that a division can be made - The personal property
given me

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gave my wife for life shall at her death be divided under the resid-
uary clause of this will - I do hereby nominate constitute and
appoint my sons Elisha R. Steele and Richard J. Steele executors of this
my last will and testament and do hereby revoke all former wills
by me made - Witness my hand and seal

Signed, sealed, pronounced and
attested by the testator as his
last will and testament, who in his
presence and by his express request,
and in the presence of each other
have subscribed our names as
witnesses

Thomas Kennedy

Wm. Gater

J. F. Price

Alex. Graham

The State of Alabama

Greene County

Orphans Court August 8th 1842
This day the last will and testament
of Abner A. Steele deceased was presented and recorded
to the Court for probate and registration and the widow and heirs
of said decedent having had due and legal notice and no
objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath
William Kennedy, and William Gater two subscribing
witnesses thereto touching the execution of said will, and
the Court being fully satisfied from their testimony, it is
ordered by the Court, that said will be received, established,
and recorded as the last will and testament of Abner A.
Steele deceased

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Kennedy of the State of North Carolina & County of
Green being of sound mind, memory, and understanding (permeated
be god for the same) and considering the certainty of death & the
uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end that I may
be better prepared to leave this world whenever it may please
God to call me hence, do therefore make publish and declare this
my last will & testament in manner following, that is to say
first & principally, I commend my soul unto the hands of
Almighty God my Creator hoping for free pardon & remission
of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting life in his heavenly kingdom
through Jesus Christ my savior - My body I commit to
the earth to be entred with my dearest relatives at my
plantation in a Christianlike manner - as such worldly
estate as has pleased god to entrust me with I dispose of the

same as follows - I lend unto my wife Elizabeth Holliday during her natural life and widowhood all the land I now own that was deeded to me by my father Samuel Holliday and all the field known by the name of the Race point field as well as all rents that may become due after my death from John Grimsby for the rent of said field on a contract heretofore made with the said John Grimsby - I also leave to my said wife Elizabeth during her natural life my negro man named Sam negro man named Colin, negro woman named Vinny negro boy named Ben son to the said Vinny, negro girl named Papp, all my household & kitchen furniture, except two feather beds, furniture & bedsteads and after the death of my said wife Elizabeth - I give and bequeath the above named four negroes with the inclosure of the said Vinny & Ben if any and the above said household & kitchen furniture except the before mentioned four beds, furniture & bedsteads to my four youngest children my Eliza Holliday, Louisa Holliday, Silman Holliday, and Maria Holliday to be divided between them the said four children share & share alike - I give & bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth one bay horse called the pale horse, one mare called Brand mare, one big & harness one half of my stock including oxen cattle one half of my stock of hogs one half of my stock of sheep one half of my farming tools & utensils. I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth land ten acres in the Capital Joint stock of the State Bank of Maryland her & her heirs forever - I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Holliday my negro man named Jim, negro boy named Sam negro woman named Nann & her child named Elias. Twenty shares in the Capital or Joint stock of the Bank of New York one feather bed, bedstead & furniture, my bay horse that I purchased of Wm M. Hickey and the increase of said negro woman if any to her & her heirs or assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Holliday my negro girl named Hannah my boy named Martin, my negro boy named Danney, my note my three half acre lots of ground that they are in the town of New Hill with their improvements, one feather bed & furniture with the bedstead one bay horse that was the property of the Dixon mare and will be four years old the increase of said horse to her & her heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Holliday negro man named Sam my negro girl named Bet. Negro boy named Simon, my share of the land I purchased of Isaac Brand, & one feather bed, bed & furniture to her and her heirs & assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my son Silman Holliday all the land that I now own that was deeded to me by my father Samuel Holliday, all

land that was deeded to me of Jonathan Means, all the land I now own that was deeded to me by John Holliday, all the land that was allotted to me in the division of the lands of John Holliday after his death, the same containing about seven hundred & eighty acres and includes all the land that I own in one body at my plantation where my father formerly lived, except the land I bought of Shadrach Coward and his wife Fanny Coward & Charles Carr & his wife Rhoda Carr reserving the above land to my wife Elizabeth Holliday also one negro man named Ben (commonly called Benken) one feather bed, bedstead & furniture my Broad sword & one thousand dollars to be appropriated in procuring an education reserving & excepting out of the above said land fifty feet square to include the burning ground at the plantation where my father formerly resided to him the said Silman Holliday his heirs and assigns forever - I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Holliday my negro man Kate my negro boy Sued, my negro woman named Rachel & her child named Hollen. All the land I bought of Shadrach Coward & his wife Fanny Coward and all the land I bought of Charles Carr & his wife Rhoda Carr, which two tracts contains about three hundred & forty acres, one feather bed, furniture & bedstead with the increase of the said Rachel & her child to her & her heirs & assigns forever. I leave in trust to my relations the fifty square feet of ground reserved in the legacy to my son Silman Holliday for the use of a burial ground to any of them that may wish to enter their dead at that place - I give & bequeath unto my Grand son Thomas H. Brown five shares in the joint stock & Capital of the Bank of New York - I further will that in case my wife be living at the time of my death that the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated by my executors herein after appointed, in repairing & building suitable houses for the reception of my wife & family at that place where my father Paul Holliday formerly lived the same to be completed in 12 months from the time of my death - I further give to my wife Elizabeth Holliday & my children that may remain unmarried at my death a sufficiency of corn, bacon, lard, Pork, wheat, sugar & coffee & molasses to serve them one year from the time of my death - I further will that the land containing about 160 acres with the house & improvements where I now live known by the name of Hawk Landing be sold at the expiration of 12 months from the time of my death after being duly advertised for sale at one, two & three years credit, the purchaser giving bond with good security - I further will that all my property of every kind not herein before mentioned or devised that I may own at the time of my death be sold at six months credit, for notes with good security, and the proceeds with the proceeds of the land for sale written to be sold and the debts that may be due

me at the time I was in the mine. I leave to a son
a fund to pay a debt of \$100 or well there I was in the
of Newborn as all other demands that may be against me
at the time of my death and the balance I give and bequeath to my
wife Elizabeth Holliday, daughter Hannah Brown, Elizabeth
Brown, Polly Holliday, Eliza Holliday, Emeline Holliday, Mary
Holliday & my son Silvanus Holliday, to be divided between them
share & share alike. I further nominate and appoint my brother
Wm Holliday & Sebastian Brown my executors to this my last will &
testament. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Holliday have
hereunto put my hand & seal 19th day of May 1848

Witness my hand

James Harper

I, James Williams Clerk of the County Court of Greene County do
certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will of Thomas
Holliday as appears upon the records in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office this

15th day of June 1842

James Williams Clerk

I, Henry Miller presiding Justice of the County Court of Greene
County, do certify that the foregoing attestation of James Williams
is in the proper form & is the proper hand writing of said James
Williams. I do further certify that the said James Williams is
the proper officer in whose office last will & testament was filed
Given under my hand & seal this 15th June 1842

H. Miller Clerk

I, James Williams Clerk of the County Court of Greene County
do certify that Henry Miller is the presiding Justice of said
County, duly commissioned & qualified & the signature above is
the proper signature & hand writing of the said Henry Miller
Given under my hand & seal of office this 15
day of June 1842

James Williams Clerk

The State of Alabama

Greene County, Orphan Court August 8th 1842

This day a certified copy of the will of Thomas Holliday deceased
from Greene County in the State of North Carolina was presented
to this Court for registration, and the Court being fully satisfied
with the authentication thereof, It is therefore considered ordered
by the Court that the same be received and recorded.

Attest A.R. Davis Clerk

In the name of the most holy Trinity, Amen
I, John W. Smith a citizen of the County of Greene, State of
Alabama being of a sound and disposing mind, full of age,
in body strength and wishing to dispose of my worldly affairs, do
make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner
and form following, to wit: Item 1st I do give and bequeath
unto my brother Robert Smith the north east half of the north west
quarter of section nineteen, township twenty two, range two west, it
being the land on which he now resides, and also my horse called
Pony, which horse he has now in his possession. Item 2d I do
give and bequeath unto the lawful heirs of my brother Abraham Smith
and Sally Smith his wife, and unto such lawful heirs as they may
hereafter have the following negroes to be equally divided among
them, Ambrose, Daniel, Bill, and for his children (Fanny and
Pige) with the future increase of the females. Item 3d I do give
and bequeath unto my sister Fanny H. Todd my negro girl Ann
and her future increase, to have and to hold during her (Fanny H.
Todd's) lifetime, and at her death the said negro girl and increase
to be divided between such legatees as hereinafter to be designated.
Item 4th I do give and bequeath unto my niece Sally Ann Smith, first
choice of my cherry bedsteads, bed and furniture and also my mated
Item 5th I do give and bequeath unto my niece Susan Ann Smith
second choice of my cherry bedstead to bed and furniture.
Item 6th I do give and bequeath unto my niece Rebecca
Frances Smith my three cherry tables. Item 7th I do give
and bequeath unto my nephew John J. Smith my double
barrel gun. Item 8th I do give and bequeath unto my
nephew John Mack Warren, my silver watch, which is now in
the possession of Young H. Daunt. Item 9th I do give and bequeath
unto my sister Lavina Orby and her husband Moses Orby, as their
part of my estate, the note that I hold drawn by Moses Orby and
made payable to me one day after date, dated April 1st 1840 for
twenty eight dollars, ninety eight cents. Item 10th I do will and
bequeath the following to be sold at auction to the highest bidder,
Negroes, Will, Charles, Harrison, Mary and her three children
(July, Frances and Nancy) all my stock of horses, cattle, and hogs,
all my crop of cotton, corn, fodder, oats &c all my farming utensils,
household and kitchen furniture, and otherwise herein disposed of
and all other property that I may be possessed of, not other directed
to be sold on a credit of one year, all my cultivated land, and
all land adjoining thereto belonging to me making in all about three
hundred and fifty six acres to be sold on a credit, one half payable
in one year and the other half payable in two years, all my
lands in Greene County lying between the lands of Joseph G. Cain
and the Embelchire river, and all the lands that I own east to my
of Alton state of Mississippi to be sold when my life is simple

or a majority of them deem it best and upon such terms as the
 a majority of them may wish Item 11. I do wish all debts due
 from my Widdows and Brother in laws to be collected as well as
 from others, the note herein before mentioned due my friend Moses
 (who excepted), and out of the before mentioned sales, moneys
 be collected, and moneys that I may be possessed of I wish
 all my just debts to be paid, And I also wish what moneys
 from me (as executor) to the estate of my deceased Brother James
 Smith to be paid, and it is my wish that my executor apply
 to the Probate Court for an order so to do the amt. due from
 as executor, to the estate of the said James Smith's debt and
 his legacies as I wish my securities released, I have no account
 in the clerks fees and laws, but the Court can ascertain by
 reference to the clerks and Sheriffs Books, I paid some other
 expenses that I have no account of, but wish no account brought
 against the estate as the Court will no doubt allow me a reasonable
 compensation for my trouble as executor. Item 12th After all
 my just debts are paid the estate of my deceased Brother James
 Smith settled with, and all expenses that may attend the
 management of my estate are paid, I wish the balance of the
 proceeds of the sales herein before mentioned as well as what moneys
 I may be possessed of and moneys to be collected to be divided
 as follows, to wit: One Eighth part to the three sons of my deceased
 brother William Foster Smith, One Eighth part to my brother
 Abigail W. Smith, One Eighth part to my brother Robert Palmer
 One Eighth part to my sister Mary W. May, One Eighth part
 to my sister Anna Smith, One Eighth part to the children
 of my sister Sally Bacon, One Eighth part to my sister Mary
 Thompson's children, and One Eighth part to the children of
 my sister Fanny A. Todd, such children of mine three last
 named sisters that may hereafter be born to receive an
 equal part with those that shall now live, as also the negro
 girl Ann, and moreover bequeathed to my sister Fanny A.
 Todd in the third item, at her (Fanny A. Todd's) death to be
 equally divided between the my legal executors mentioned in this
 Will (Item as aforesaid). Item 13th I do hereby appoint and
 nominate my brother Abigail W. Smith and my friend Thomas
 Gordon to be my executors, In testimony of which I do hereunto
 set my hand & seal this the 25th day of April A.D. 1842

Test
 J. Jolly
 Readant W. Harris
 James Stephens
 Charles Stephens

John W. Smith (Seal)

State of Alabama & Probate Court, October 10th 1842

This day the last Will and testament of John W. Smith deceased
 was presented to the Court for probate and registration by Abigail
 W. Smith one of the executors therein named, and it appearing to
 the Court, that the said John W. Smith left no widow and that the
 next of kin have had due notice of this Application; thereupon
 the Court proceeded to examine on oath Arnold, Jolly and James
 Stephens two of the subscribing witnesses thereof, touching the legal
 execution of said Will, and the Court being fully satisfied from the
 testimony of said witnesses, It is Ordered by the Court that said
 Will be received, established, and recorded, as the last Will
 and testament of the said John W. Smith deceased.

Attest A. Davis Clerk

I, Chief Richardson of the County of Greene State of
 Alabama, do hereby make & ordain this my last Will
 & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

As to such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to intrust me
 with, I give & dispose of in the following manner: First, It is my will that my executor & executor hereinafter
 appointed pay all my just debts out of the proceeds of my farm
 or of any other money which I may have coming in from and
 debts which may be due me as early after my decease as
 possible, I now having a judgment against John A. Baskin
 about \$1000, in the County Court of this County, I that they carry
 on my farm as usual employing a good overseer who will treat
 my negroes with humanity & as much indulgence as possible.
 Second I wish all my children to be educated out of the proceeds
 my farm, or of any other money which may be in hand, with a
 liberal English education and if either of my sons should be anxious
 to appear capable of excelling in any of the learned professions that
 they have the opportunity afforded them by my representatives to charge
 them notwithstanding for such additional expense & deducting it finally
 out of their share of my estate so that they may all be equally
 Thirdly, I give to my wife during her natural life or widowhood
 all my property of every kind to live as she may think best, but not
 to be sold for any time, except such exceptions as may herein be
 made to live or rent out from year to year if she should think
 it more profitable than farming, but in no case to be hired or
 rented out or sold for a longer time than twelve months except
 it should be necessary for the payment of my just debts.
 Fourthly, I give to my daughter Mary Virginia I give the quarter
 my negro girl Maria, to my daughter Leonarda Ann I give
 I give my negro girl Mary, to my daughter Eliza I give
 I give my negro girl Laura, to my daughter Sally I give
 I bequeath my negro girl Louisa, all the above bequest to my
 daughters, I give to them and to their children in fee simple

not to be sold or disposed of in any way & the increase of the same so that they may be kept by them their lifetime & if they die without children or any of them the property with increase to come back & be divided equally among the remainder of children, the above bequest to take effect when said daughter shall become of lawful age or marry.

Fifthly, I give to my son John Taylor my negro boy Sam to my son William Hull said boy & said child to take effect when they become of lawful age. & should any of the negroes given as above to any of my children die or become unborn, it is my wish that said child or children have the same made up to them by my representatives at anytime before they become of lawful age or marry.

Sixthly, It is my will & desire that my two needed Sarah Ann & Cammilla Smith be clothed & educated & decently out of my estate, if my wife shall see fit when they may give to them, a negro apiece of my negro woman Little Ann's children, but not both done in no case if they are disobedient to her.

Seventhly, I have purchased the tract of land on which John Richardson now resides also I have purchased negroes Anthony, Miley & their three children Chancy child & suchy bring right negroes, the tract of land consisting of three hundred & twenty acres, I wish to be sold in two payments the first half to be paid in two years from date of sale the other half in ten years from date of sale the whole to be on interest from date of sale till paid & it shall lack of making up four thousand four hundred & twenty eight dollars with interest thereon from the 9th day 1842 which was the sale day when I purchased said property is to remain as charged against the said negroes, each in number, & at the death of Sally & John (Richardson my brother & his wife) or the last of them the said balance to be made up by sale of said negroes, if sufficient & the surplus if any to be equally divided among the children of said John & his wife, the amount thus to be made up of \$4428.00 is what I paid for said property & that said John Richardson was due me in a note which I now hold against him, the above named eight negroes are to remain with said John & Sally Richardson as long as either of them may live, and their labour to be for the support of their families & the education of their children, but in no case to be applied to the payment of his old debts nor to be sold in any case, the negro woman Tanny which I purchased is now at John Richardson's he is to give up on the first of January next or at Christmas next.

Eighthly, At the death or intermarriage of myself, all of my negroes

not herein otherwise disposed of to be equally divided among my children by lot and all my other property either real or personal to be sold on a credit of twelve months & equally divided among my child or children which I may hereafter have not provided for it is my will that my representatives provide for them by giving a man as near their age as convenient so as to make them equal with the rest, and that they share equally with my other children in the final distribution.

Ninthly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife Annella Richardson my lawful executor & if she die or Maxwell my lawful executor to carry into effect this my last will & testament.

Tenthly, Last, It is my will & desire that my wife Ann at any time after my decease when she may choose, such land as I may be in possession of not coming my home tract in such price as she may think right & particularly the tract on which John Taylor now resides, she is authorized to sell to him or to make over to his children as soon as he shall pay what he is now due me & release me from a debt for which I am accountable for him in Bank & he is hereby authorized to make good & sufficient titles to the same.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty two.

Signed & sealed

In presence of
W. Tolson
Wm H Birchall
Thomas W David

Grief Richardson & Seal

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Groom County, October 10th 1842.
This day the last will and testament of Grief Richardson deceased was presented to the Court by Simon Maxwell by Simon Maxwell the executor (her name named for probate) and registration and the widow of said decedent, having had notice of this application, the Court proceeded to examine on oath William Tolson, William H Birchall and Thomas W David the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from their testimony, It is Ordered by the Court, that said will be received established and recorded as the last will and testament of Grief Richardson deceased.

Attest A. R. David Clerk

Junius C Bonnell's
(Will).

Know all men by these presents that Junius C Bonnell, being sound in mind, of law body knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament to wit: After willing my soul to the god who gave it, I will my property both real & personal as follows, (Wit: Now 1st It is my will that Moses Hubbard take the land which lies 2 miles north of Springfield it joins Oldham, John Hall & Vincent Lee at valuation to be assessed by two justs, he choosing one & I make choice of William Whitehead if he should refuse or from some other cause does not act, my administrators shall choose some other suitable person, the value of said land to be endorsed upon notes the said Hubbard holds against me, as a credit. (Now 2nd It is my will that all my real estate be sold at private or public sale as my administrators may think best, except the house that I live in & the lot I live upon, which house I let I bequeath unto my wife Eliza Bonnell. (Now 3rd It is my will that my administrators shall pay out of the proceeds of the sale of my property all my lawful debts the residue I bequeath unto my wife Eliza Bonnell. (Now 4th It is my will that John Dunlap, Samuel Dunlap & myself Eliza Bonnell be my lawful administrators to settle up my estate. Signed & Seal

In presence of
State of Alabama
Greene County
Junius C Bonnell
Sept 21st 1831

Francis L. Meriwether (Test)
Benjamin F. Haller (Test)
A. A. Park, (Test)

The State of Alabama

Greene County, Orphan Court: October 10th 1831

This day the last will and testament of Junius C Bonnell deceased was presented to the Court by John Dunlap and Samuel Dunlap the executors named in the last will and testament of said deceased and notice having been given by the said executors to Eliza Bonnell the widow of said deceased & to Benjamin F. Haller the sister, proof thereof being made, and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on oath Benjamin F. Haller and A. A. Park two of the subscribers witnesses thereof, touching the legal execution of said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from their testimony, Standing by the Court that said will be received & published and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Junius C Bonnell deceased.

Attest

A. R. Davis Clerk

Know all men that Benjamin Hill of the County and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, and mindful of my mortality, do hereby publish and declare as following to be my last will and testament. After the payment of all my just debts, it is my will and wish that the following property shall be disposed of, as is herein after described; to wit: First, I will and appoint that my wife Mary Hill shall have the use and occupation of the two half quarter sections of and whereon I now reside, and also the use and possession of said Allen a negro man & Mournin a negro woman and Chloe a negro woman during her life or widowhood, but if she should marry then said land and negroes left to her as aforesaid to be distributed as hereinafter mentioned. I do hereby will and appoint that Morton Hill my son shall receive a negro woman named Charlotte, 3rd That my son, Sherwood Hill shall have a negro girl Bettha and boy Dempsey. 4th That my son Perry Hill shall have a negro woman named Mournin after his mother's death or death, also my son called Ishmael and a negro girl called Eliza. 5th I will that my son James Hill receive Allen after his mother's marriage or death, also a negro boy called Emory and negro girl called Jane. 6th I will to John Hill my youngest son a negro woman called Chloe now and after the marriage or death of his mother, also a boy called Eliezer, and a negro girl called Cherry. 7th I also will to my son John Hill (aforesaid) after his mother's death or marriage, that half quarter section of land on which my house is and on which I now live. 8th I will to my son James Hill the half quarter section of land which I now adjoining the half quarter aforesaid after his mother's death, or marriage. All of the property aforesaid of which I am now the lawful owner, I will to my sons as aforesaid, and also the increase of said female slaves, to have and to hold unto them their heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby revoke and declare null and void any other conveyance or transfer of the property as aforesaid or any part thereof, whether by gift, grant or otherwise. And I do hereby declare my last will and testament, having full confidence in my sons Morton Hill, and Perry Hill. I do hereby appoint them to carry this my last will and testament into effect. In witness of all the foregoing premises, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of October A.D. 1831. and of the American Independence the fifty sixth year.

Test: M. Middle
Test: R. C. Garner
Test: Joshua D. Deal

Benjamin B. Hill
mark

The State of Alabama, Crisshaw Court, December 19th 1840.
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of Benjamin Hill deceased was presented to the Court together with the depositions of Robert C. Turner one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and the said depositions being regularly taken and filed and no objection being made, and the Court having fully examined said depositions and all the heirs having had due and legal notice and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses that said will was duly executed and acknowledged in the presence of the subscribing witnesses thereto, by the said Benjamin Hill in his sound mind, and that the said witnesses subscribed their names on the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other. Thereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said will be received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Benjamin Hill.
Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

I, Jeremiah Whitworth of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, being in perfect health, but of limited and disposing mind, do make and publish my last will and testament, in words and form following, to wit: I lend to my wife Fanny during her natural life, should she never again marry, all my real and personal estate except as is hereinafter provided for her sole and separate use, I desire that my estate may be kept together, and that out of the profits of the estate, and the sale of any surplus stock in the plantation at my death or at any time thereafter, all my just debts may be paid, by my executor and executrix herein after named, should my wife again marry, I wish my estate then to be divided as follows: First, such part of it to be allotted to her as she would be entitled to were I to die intestate, the tract of land on which I now reside, I wish to be sold, the half of the proceeds of such sale, I give to my son Christopher, and the other half I wish to be divided into three equal parts, One I give to my daughter Mary, one to my son Christopher in trust for the use of my daughter Fanny and the children she has and may hereafter have, but should my daughter Fanny become a widow, then my will is that what I leave in the hands of my son Christopher as trustee, shall be given up to her to do with as she pleases, and the other part I wish divided into as many parts, as my daughter Nancy may have children at my death and one part to be allotted to each of my grand children, to wit: one part to my grand son Joshua B. Hester and the other part to George F. Hester. The remaining parts, I give to my said daughter Nancy, the above mentioned sale to take place after the death of my wife, if however my daughter

Mary shall then be single & unmarried and objects to said sale, one sixth of said tract of land in value including the dwelling house, I give to her and her heirs forever, and the proceeds of the sale of the other five sixths of the land to be divided as before mentioned. The whole of my personal estate, I give as follows: one fourth to my son Christopher, one fourth to my daughter Mary, one fourth to be divided between my grand sons Joshua B. Hester and George F. Hester, and my daughter Nancy, as the proceeds of the sale of the land aforesaid are to be divided, and the other fourth I give to my son Christopher in trust for the sole use of my daughter Fanny and such children as she may have, but should she become a widow then my will is that she is to have what I leave in trust to be given up to do with as she pleases. I authorize and empower my executor and executrix to make sale of any real estate that I may die seized of except the tract on which I reside if they shall deem it a desirable one, such terms, as they may think best, and the proceeds thereof to pass as my personal estate is directed to pass. I wish my sister Ellen to remain with my wife as long as they both live and to be supported out of my estate as long as she lives, I give specifically to my son Christopher a negro Maria, and to my daughter Mary, a gey and her increase also a horse saddle and bridle, also a bed and furniture, should my wife again marry, I wish my executor to use the land not allotted to my wife for the benefit of my children as above mentioned till my wife's death, when the sale can take place, and the personal estate not allotted to my wife to be divided above mentioned. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife and son Christopher my executor and executrix to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 16th day of March 1840.

Witness Francis Marshall

John Marshall

George W. Marshall

Jeremiah Whitworth (Seal)

The State of Alabama, Crisshaw Court, December 19th 1842.
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of Jeremiah Whitworth deceased was presented to the Court by the executor & executrix therein named for probate, and the Court being satisfied that the heirs of said decedent have had notice of said application the Court proceed to examine on oath Francis Marshall and John Marshall two of the subscribing witnesses to the said will and they having testified fully to the satisfaction of the Court, Thereupon it is ordered by the Court that the said will be received, established and recorded, as the last will and testament of the said Jeremiah Whitworth deceased.
Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

State of Alabama, I Richard Watter, being in my
 will Greene County, mind and knowing that all men must
 die, do make this my last Will and Testament, I give
 to my daughter Sophronia McMillian the first day of
 January 1844 some negroes viz a negro woman named Betty
 and her children Jerry Peter and Nbow, a negro woman named
 Polly and one named Belton with all their increase.
 I give to my son Wm R Watter the same date above mentioned
 1844 some negroes viz a negro woman named Caroline and
 children Louisa, Meadine, and Anderson, and a negro woman
 named Ellen and a negro boy named Ellick with all their
 increase forever. These negroes were valued the same day and
 date above mentioned 1843. At my death I leave to my daughter
 Sophronia McMillian a family of negroes viz a negro man
 named Ned and his wife Mary and her children Andrew
 Alfred Elizabeth Franklin Charlotte William Garwell and
 Ireland, with all their increase, these negroes I leave to my
 daughter during her life and at her death to go to her children
 the heirs of her body, and if she should die and leave no
 children or her children die before they become of age, I want
 the negroes I leave her to go to my son Wm R Watter, at my death
 I give to my son Wm R Watter some negroes viz a negro woman
 named Gery and a negro boy named Ellick her son, also a negro
 woman named Letty and her children Abram Rachael Charles
 Repie and Ellick with all their increase. The remainder or
 balance of my estate I want sold or divided between my
 children, the negroes that my children get at my death I want
 valued to the negroes that my children get at my death I want
 valued to the most I want the other made equal out of
 my estate. I leave my son Wm R Watter Executor to manage
 my estate, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 23rd day
 of April eighteen hundred & forty two
 Wm R Watter
 J P Duncan

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court, November 14th 1842. This day the Last
 will and Testament of Richard Watter deceased was presented
 to the Court by William R Watter the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the satis-
 faction of the Court that the said William R Watter and Anne McMillian on
 right of his wife Sophronia McMillian are the only heirs at law of the said
 decedent, both of whom being present and consented to the taking of the probate of
 said will, thereupon Benjamin Williams and James Duncan, the subscribing
 witnesses to said will, being duly sworn and examined touching the legal
 execution of said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony
 of the said witnesses, it is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will
 be received established and recorded as the last will and testament
 of the said Richard Watter deceased.

Attest A R Davis Clerk

State of Alabama, October the 23rd A D 1842
 Greene County, I know all men by these presents that I
 John A Wilson planter of the County and State aforesaid being
 in a low state of health, but in my perfect mind and
 senses, and being conscious that it is appointed once for
 me to die, do by these presents make this my last will
 and testament and do by these presents appoint my friends
 Paul Williams and Thomas A Wilson my Executors to act
 in the following manner that is to say, after my just debts
 are paid for my wife Nancy Ann Wilson and each one
 of my children to have an equal share and share a like of
 my whole estate, it is my wish that my wife should
 have the use of my present premises and dwelling during her
 widowhood and when ever she chooses or my executor see it
 to be to the advantage of my children, that she is to have
 her part of property given off to her own disposal and her
 part of the land to be paid her in other property or money as
 my executor may see proper in case of either of my chil-
 dren's death without lawful issue I wish my wife and the
 surviving children to have an equal division of the deceased
 property, it is my wish that my Executor should sell and
 dispose of, any part of my probable property, as they may
 think proper, it is my wish that William A Wilson should
 live on my plantation and have the care of my plantation
 so long as may be thought by my Executor Paul Williams and
 Thomas A Wilson to be consistent with the good of my chil-
 dren, it is my wish that my Executors should have the en-
 tire management of my estate independent of the Orphan Court
 with the exception of having my will recorded.
 Signed & sealed in the presence of
 W W Britton
 Sachonias Wilson
 John Neward

John A Wilson

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court, January 9th 1843
 Greene County, This day the Last will and Testament
 of John A Wilson deceased was presented to the Court by Thomas A Wilson
 & Paul Williams, the Executors therein named, for probate and registration
 and the widow of said decedent having had due and legal notice, and
 no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on oath William Mc
 Britton and Sachonias Wilson two of the subscribing witnesses to said will
 and they having testified fully to the satisfaction of the Court, whereupon
 it is ordered by the Court that said will be received established
 and recorded as the last will and Testament of the said John A
 Wilson deceased.

Attest A R Davis Clerk

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In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Daniel be-
 write in a low state of health, but of sound mind do make this
 my last will & testament, revoking all others, First I
 give and bequeath my soul to God and my body to be interred
 in the burial ground near my parents I appoint my dear
 beloved brother Wm Daniel my executor whom I wish to do
 all due of and to pay all my just debts and funeral ex-
 penses &c. I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother Wm Daniel
 my dear Niece Hannah, Burley & Kelly and Lewis, Delaware
 George and George & Solomon & I desire my executor Wm
 Daniel to pay my debts & funeral expenses & out my notes, &c.
 of Cotton & Corn &c. also some Cotton of last year (now at
 Alexanders Inn, after the satisfaction of all these demands
 as spoken of, the residue of my I give to my before mention
 brother Wm Daniel, The foregoing is my will which I desire
 my executor to carry out In witness I have hereunto set my hand
 & seal Aug²⁶ 1842

Witness
 attest, James Murphy
 John Clinton
 R McAllister

Nathaniel Daniel

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court January 9th 1843 This day the Last
 will and Testament of Nathaniel Daniel was presented
 to the Court by William Daniel the executor therein named, for probate and
 registration, and the heirs at law of the said deceased residing in the State
 of Alabama having had due notice, of this application, citation having been
 served on all except James B. Darton Churchwell Carter, who accepted service of citation
 and no objections being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on
 oath James Murphy, and Robert McAllister two of the subscribing
 witnesses to said will and they having testified fully to the satisfaction
 of the Court Whereupon It is ordered by the Court that said
 will be received established and recorded as the last will
 and testament of the said Nathaniel Daniel deceased.

attest A. R. Davis Clerk

R. Scott, State of Alabama, I Robert Scott do hereby make this my
 will Greene County, 1st I desire that
 my funeral expenses and just debts be paid, 2nd I give to my wife
 Susan B. Scott the sum of fifteen hundred dollars out of which is
 to be paid the board & tuition of our daughter Mary for the present
 session of the school at Clinton, 3rd I give to my son Robert S. the
 sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, 4th I desire that the
 remainder of my property shall continue in the possession of my
 wife for the support of herself and children until our youngest
 child shall become ten years of age - at that period I
 desire that the sum of five hundred dollars shall be paid
 to my son Henry W. and the like sum to my daughter Susan

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to my son Robert and then that the remainder of my property
 shall be distributed in equal shares amongst my wife and her
 children by me - 5th It is my wish that my wife shall act
 as executrix of this my last will and testament & that she shall
 be permitted to remove the property from this State to the State
 of Virginia - Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of
 February 1842

attest John C. Shelton
 J. M. Mapie
 R. F. Shelton

Robt Scott

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court January 9th 1843 This day the last will and
 Testament of Robert Scott deceased was presented to the Court
 for probate and registration and the heirs of the said Robert Scott appeared in open
 Court and waived the notice required by law, and no objections being offered, the Court
 proceeded to examine on oath John C. Shelton one of the subscribing witnesses to said
 will touching the legal execution of said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from
 his testimony - Whereupon, it is ordered by the Court that that said will be received
 established and recorded as the last will and testament of Robert Scott deceased.
 attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I James Gill of the County,
 of Greene and State of Alabama being in sound mind,
 but weak in health and body, do make and ordain this
 my last will and testament hereby, revoking all others, First
 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary
 Ann Gill during her life, the tract of land on which I now
 reside and live, also all of the Household and Kitchen fur-
 niture including beds bedding, and all the furniture belonging
 to them - Item 2nd I also give and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Mary Ann Gill during her life the following five
 named negroes to wit, Negro man Jacob, Lucy, George Ple-
 asant and Eliza the wife of Jacob - Item 3rd After giving
 off the above specified property to my wife the residue of my
 estate, not herein named and specified, which I may die
 in possession of, it is my will and desire that Mary Ann
 Gill my beloved wife shall have one half of it during her
 life the residue then to be divided equally among my law-
 ful children, including my little grand daughter Mary
 Elizabeth Strait whom I recognize equal in all respects
 to my children in the distribution of my property, Item 4th
 After the death of my beloved wife Mary Ann Gill, It is my
 will and desire that all the property, I have given her
 during her life shall be equally divided between all of my
 children including as an equal legatee my little grand
 daughter Mary Elizabeth Strait - Item 5th It is also my
 will and desire as a consideration for the faithfulness of the bar

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Jacob which is named in the second item of this my will and testament, that should he become unable to ear support from any cause, either sickness, misfortune or age that he be supported out of my Estate, and that shall have his choice with whom of the family he will live. I do hereby appoint my wife Mary Ann Gill, my son Robert Gill and my son-in-law Samuel W. Strait, as Executors to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this twelfth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Chas. M. Moralle
J. H. Richardson
Simon Maxwell

James Gill

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court January 9th 1842
Greene County. This day the last will and Testament of James Gill deceased by Samuel W. Strait one of the Executors therein named, for Probate and registration and the heirs at law of said decedent residing in this State having had due and legal notice and the widow being present in Court and consents to said will, being proved and no objection being offered: the Court proceeded to examine on oath Simon Maxwell one of the subscribing witnesses to said will. who testified that said will was signed by the testator in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and that the witnesses thereto subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the testator, that the said James Gill was at the time of executing said will, of a sound disposing mind, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witness whereupon it is ordered by the Court that said will be received established and recorded as the last will and Testament of the said James Gill deceased.

attest A. R. Davis Clerk

W. May
I Richard May of the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills, codicils or parts of wills. It is my will that my Brother in consideration of various acts of kindness which to enumerate take of my personal property some one thing either negro or horse which he may fancy, and it is my will that his selection may be one of real substantial value. It is my will that my whole estate both real and personal be sold by my executor in such terms as he may choose save the above devise and my books, medicine and surgical instruments which I devise to my Brother Perry 3rd. It is my

will that the amount thus raised and will and bequeath to after paying my just debts be equally divided among my three and seven exceptions my brother Joseph & Mary he having already had more of me than I have now to divide equally among the others to the share constitute my elder brother & my best friend John F. May before alluded to, my sole executor and without the intervention of any security, or the trouble of having my estate appraised, or making any return thereof to Court, this I do to save trouble, having full faith in him and also in the other legatee; Wherein I consider the children of my sister Lucy, as one legatee and will that their father John O. Say receive their portion of my estate without security, as their guardian believing he will do them justice. Witness my hand & seal this 29th March 1817.

attest
Hail T. Gullow
J. W. H. Harris

R. May, Clerk

City of Richmond to wit,
at a Court of Hustings held for the said City at the Court house the 15th day of April 1842
A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard May late of this City deceased, was this day produced to this Court and William H. Macfarland and Alexander Gorman were sworn and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Richard May deceased and verily believe that the said will and the name thereto subscribed are wholly in the hand writing of the said Richard May deceased. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Richard May deceased, and on motion of John F. May the executor in the said will named who made oath thereto, and with David May his security entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.
Test (J. Howard Clerk)

State of Virginia, City of Richmond, to wit,
I Charles Howard Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the said City do hereby certify that the foregoing is a transcript from the records of the said Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court of Hustings on the 7th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.
(J. Howard)

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Said which is named in the second item of this my will and testament, that should he become unable to ear support from any cause, either sickness, misfortune or age that he be supported out of my estate, and that I shall have his choice with whom of the family he will live. I do hereby appoint my wife Mary Ann Gill, my son Robert Gill and my son-in-law Samuel M Strait, as Executors to this my last will and testament given with my hand and the this twelfth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty,

Witness my hand
 Chasps M Moralle
 J P Richardson
 Simon Maxwell
 James Gill

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court January 9th 1842
 Greene County, This day the last will and Testament of James Gill deceased by Samuel M Strait one of the Executors therein named, for probate and registration and the heirs at law of said decedent residing in this State having had due and legal notice and the widow being present in Court and consent to said will, being proved and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine on oath Simon Maxwell, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who testified that said will was signed by the testator in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and that the witnesses thereto subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the testator, that the said James Gill was at the time of executing said will, of a sound & disposing mind, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses whereupon it is ordered by the Court that said will be received established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said James Gill deceased.

attest A R Davis Clerk
 H. May
 I Richard May of the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills, codicils or parts of wills. It is my will that my Brother in consideration of various acts of kindness wish to enumerate, take of my personal property some one thing either negro or horse which he may fancy, and it is my will that his selection may be one of real substantial value. It is my will that my whole estate both real and personal be sold by my executor or such person as he may choose save the above devise and my books, medicine and surgical instruments which I devise to my Brother Henry and it is my

will that the amount thus raised and the debts due me after paying my just debts be equally divided among my brothers and sisters excepting my brother Joseph & Mary he having already had more of me than I have now to divide equally among the others is the I hereby constitute my elder brother, & my best friend John F May before alluded to, my sole executor and with out the intervention of any security, in the trouble of having my estate appraised, or making any return thereof to Court, this side to save trouble, having full faith in him and also in the other legacies named. I consider the children of my sister Lucy as one legatee and will that their father John O May receive their portion of my executor without security, as their guardian believing he will do them justice. Witness my hand & seal this 29th March 1841.

attest
 Wm F Gullow
 J W Farrow
 R May Clerk

City of Richmond Va, at a Court of Hustings held for the said City at the Court house the 13th day of April 1842
 A writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard May late of this City, deceased, was this day produced to this Court and William H Macfarland and Alexander Dorman were sworn and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Richard May deceased and verily believe that the said will and the names thereto subscribed are wholly in the hand writing of the said Richard May deceased. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Richard May deceased, and on motion of John F May the executor in the said will named who made oath thereto, and with David May his security entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.
 Test (Chs Howard Clerk)

State of Virginia, City of Richmond, to wit,
 Charles Howard Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a transcript from the records of the said Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court of Hustings on this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.
 Chs Howard

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State of Virginia, City of Richmond, to wit,
 I William Lambert Mayor of the said City, and
 Justice of the Court of Hustings thereof, do hereby certify,
 Charles Howard whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
 Certificate, is Clerk of the said Court of Hustings duly elected
 qualified according to Law and that his said attestation is
 due from me under my hand this 7th day of January 1843
 Wm Lambert Mayor

State of Virginia City of Richmond, to wit,
 I Charles Howard Clerk of the Court of Hustings for the
 said City, do hereby certify, that William Lambert whose
 name is subscribed to the foregoing Certificate, is the Mayor of the
 said City, and presiding Justice of the Court of Hustings there,
 and I believe his said signature to be genuine. in witness
 my hand this 7th day of January 1843
 Chs Howard

In the name of the one true God, Amen, I William Smith
 a Citizen of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, being advanced
 in years, weak in bodily strength and low in health, but of a sound
 and composed mind, and knowing the uncertainty of life and wishing
 to make a disposition of my worldly affairs, do make and declare
 this my last will and testament in manner and form following:
 Item 1st. It is my wish, that all the following named property not
 herein otherwise disposed of, to be sold by my Executor as soon as it
 can be conveniently done, to wit: All my land consisting of the N.E.
 qr of the N.E. q. of Section twenty four township twenty two of
 Range two West, Containing forty acres, the S. W. qr. of S.W. q. of
 Section eighteen, township twenty two of Range two West, containing
 thirty nine and ninety six hundredths acres, the West half of the
 South west qr of Section thirteen, township twenty two of Range two
 West, containing eighty acres, S.E. q. of N.E. q. of Section eleven
 township twenty two of Range two West, containing thirty nine
 and eighty nine hundredths acres, and the West half of S.W.
 q. of Section nineteen, township twenty two of Range two West,
 containing seventy nine and eighty four hundredths acres, all
 of which are in the district of Lands sold at Demopolis, Ala
 my negro girl Eliza, all my stock of horses, sheep, household
 & kitchen furniture, all my crop and all other property that I
 may be possessed of. Item 2d. As my stock of cattle and
 hogs are mixed with the stock belonging to the estate of my
 de'd son James H Smith, I wish them to be considered as part
 of his estate. Item 3d. All debts due me either by note
 or account I wish collected as soon as possible, and my just
 debts I wish paid. Item 4th. After my debts and other necessary

expenses are paid, the balance of my estate I will and bequeath to
 be divided, in the following manner, to wit: one ninth part to the
 lawful heirs of my daughter Larina Kirby, one ninth part to the
 lawful heirs of my daughter Mahala Thompson, one ninth part to
 the lawful heirs of my son Robert P Smith, and one ninth part, to the
 lawful heirs of my daughter Fanny H Todd, not only to such lawful
 heirs as my above named son and daughters now have but to such
 heirs as they may hereafter have also, and one ninth part to my
 daughter Fanny Smith, one ninth part to my daughter Mary Ann
 May, one ninth part, to my daughter Sally Jackson, one ninth part
 to my son Abigail W Smith, and one ninth part to the three sons
 of my de'd son Wm H Smith, namely James H Smith, William H
 Smith and John W Smith. - Now I Having full confidence in
 the integrity, prudence and good management of my son Abigail
 W Smith, I do hereby constitute and appoint him the Executor of this
 my last will and testament without any security required of him
 and as my debts are but very little, it is my wish and request,
 that the Judge of the Orphans Court, grant them Letters testamentary
 and receive this Bond without requiring any security of him. In
 testimony of all the foregoing I do hereunto set my hand and
 affix my seal this 5th day of October A.D. 1842.
 Signed, sealed and acknowledged
 In the presence of
 Charles Stephens
 James Stephens
 N. Davis
 William H Smith (Seal)
 mark

The State of Alabama
 Greene County Orphans Court February 8th 1843
 This day the last will and testament of William Smith
 deceased was presented for probate and registration, by Abigail
 W Smith the Executor therein named, and proof being made to the
 Court that the said deceased left no widow, and that the
 heirs at law of said deceased have had due and legal notice
 of this application and no objection being made, the Court
 proceeded to examine on oath Jeremiah Davis and James
 Stephens, two of the subscribing witnesses to said will,
 and the said Abigail W Smith having testified fully to the satisfac-
 tion of the Court touching the legal execution of said will,
 and the Court being fully satisfied from their testimony
 whereupon it is ordered by the Court, that the said will be
 admitted to probate, received, established & recorded as the last
 will and testament of the said William Smith deceased.
 Attest A.R. Davis Clerk

F. Tolson
Will

In the name of God amen: I Frederick Tolson of Greene County
& State of Alabama make my last will & testament in
manner & form following: I wish all my just debts paid
I give to my wife Charity, negro Tom aged about thirty
five, Uman Patience about the same age; Lord Penny
aged about sixteen; Ann about twelve; Edmund aged about
ten years & Susan a child for her (my wife) natural life
& at her death, to my son Thomas Tillman Tolson. I give
to my daughter, Amanda Malama Gordon girl Maria absolutely
having the girl in her possession. I also give girl Sarah to my
daughter Amanda subject to the condition herein after named.
I give to my daughter Elizabeth Rumley, girl Martha
Woman Rhoda; absolutely, the having them now in possession.
I also give her Jim a boy about six years old subject to
the conditions herein after named. I give to my daughter
Mary Summerson, girl Eliza absolutely & I give to her woman
Betty subject to the condition hereinafter named. I give
to daughter Margaret Rue Tolson, negroes Mary & Children, &
John to be kept in possession by my wife until Margaret's
marriage & then to be delivered up to her. I give & bequeath
& devise to my wife all my lands in Greene Co Ala about
four hundred & four acres, during her natural life. It is my
wish & desire, that all the rest of my negroes including those
given to my son Thomas Tillman & also the girl Sarah, given
to my daughter Amanda & Boy Jim to my daughter Eliza-
bette Rumley & Betty, given to my daughter Mary Summerson
be kept on & made to control the farm under the exclusive
direction & management of my wife so long as she lives. The
profits of the farm I wish my wife to receive & apply to
her use & that of the family, as to her judgment shall be
best, give her power to purchase negroes or any other prop-
erty with the profits as she may think proper; and what-
ever property may be so acquired, to be disposed of as she
thinks proper before or at her death. I give my son George W-
ashington, negro man & Betty; To my son Edmund, Sarah
Tolson, man Arch. To my son Daniel, Jackson, Boys Oliver
& Anthony, at the death of my wife (to whom they are herein
before left in charge during her life) unless my said wife
should at any time think proper to give up & surrender
said negro or negroes, to one or more or all my said sons
which she can do at any time if she thinks proper. At the
death of my wife, I give all my lands (left to her for life
in a previous part of my will, to my four sons George, Sam-
Daniel & Tillman to them & their heirs forever, to be equally
divided into four parts by lines of division, running through
the lands East & West giving to each lot, about one hundred

acres till the next. The next I wish to be the last and most Northern
lot. If my wife shall think proper she can permit one or
more, or all of them to take his or their share of the lands in
her lifetime. It is my wish & desire that if either one or
more of my said sons should die not leaving issue, his or
their share or shares of said lands to go to the survivor or
survivors then living & so continue as long as either be alive.
It is my wish & desire that at the death of my wife, whatever
personal property may be on hand on the farm, such as stock
crop & farming utensils & every thing connected with the farm
& what other property arising from the profits of the farm
in money or any description, not otherwise disposed of by
my wife I wish my executors herein after named to hold in
trust for the education & support of my son Tillman. The
household furniture I wish my wife to dispose of as she
thinks proper at any time among my children as she may
think the need. It is my wish that my executors, sell
such property to pay my debts as they think best or raise
enough for the purpose of the same. I appoint my son
George & son-in-law Martin Rumley my executors to this
my last will & testament. It is my wish there be no
appraisalment of my property until the death of my
wife & no sale unless my executors shall think it necessary
in order to pay the debts. The horse, farming utensils &c
be & remain subject to my wife use & discretion in the
same manner as the lands & negroes & the property of the
farm. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal & published & declared the foregoing to be
my last will & testament, in the presence of 15th day
of December 1842

James Jones
John T Jackson
John Butts

Frederick Tolson Seal

The State of Alabama
Greene County Orphans Court May 8th 1843
This day Clerk last will and testament of Frederick Tolson dec-
eased was presented to the court by George W Tolson one of the
executors therein named for probate and registration, and the wisdom
of the said (Tolson) having been noticed and consented that
the same be admitted to probate and registration as appears
by her instrument of writing presented to the court and proved
by the oath of John T Jackson, and no objection being made.
The Court proceeded to examine in oath John T Jackson one
of the subscribing witnesses to said will, and the said witnesses

having fully testified
due execution of the said
that the same be received, established
will and testament of the said deceased

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ceded, as the
deceased

Attest

A. Davis Clerk

The White In the name of God Amen, I Thomas White Jew of Greene
County and State of Alabama, being in health of body, mind and memory,
calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this
my last will & testament in form and manner following, First I commend
my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in my
children and friends in a private manner, and as to such
worldly estate, as it hath pleased God to bless me with I do
dispose of the same in the following manner, After all
my debts are paid, I do give to my wife Fanny White my
Carriage & Harness, my Bureau or Chest of Drawers together
with such other household furniture as she may claim as her
own property, as chairs, bed and bedsteads &c which she is to
have forever. It is my will if she recedes it, to remain in
peaceable possession of one third part of what real estate I
did possess of during her natural life, to be laid out to her
as she may direct, and at her death to descend to my children
or their heirs equally. As I have already given all my children
except William, certain portions or legacies, all of which
I do now confirm to them and their heirs, my son David now
is secured to him by deed of gift, and he now has them in
possession and exercises ownership over them - my further will
and desire is that my son Thomas F White receive out of my
undivided estate the sum of one hundred dollars to make his
portion equal to the rest of his brothers and sisters - my further
will and desire is, that my Executor retain in their hands
out of my Estate the sum of Six hundred dollars for the
maintenance of my son William B White and that they
shall act for him as his Guardians, and likewise my negro
man Anthony remain in the hands of my executor to be hired
out for the maintenance of my son William B White and
family. My further will and desire is that all the residue
of my Estate both real and personal, not already disposed
of, be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds
be equally divided between my children and their heirs, to wit
Eliza White, Mary Levenshaw, Sarah Beckley, Mary White, James
White, Judella Stevens, Nancy Christopher, Agnes Wornack
and David F White - and in order to carry this my last

will and testament into effect, I nominate and appoint my
sons Thomas White, Thomas F White and David F White my whole
& sole executor, stocking all former wills by me made, and
declaring this to be my last will and testament made this thirtieth
day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty two signed
and sealed in presence of us the subscribing witnesses,
James F Everett
John R Everett
Benjamin Everett

The White Seal

The State of Alabama
Greene County, Since the 12th 1843

This day the last will and testament of Thomas White deceased
was presented to the court for probate by Thomas F White one of
the executors therein named the widow of said deceased having
received the notice required by law, and the heirs at law
having had notice of said application and no objection
being offered, the court proceeded to examine in bulk James
F Everett and John R Everett two of the subscribing witnesses
thereto, touching the legal execution of said will, and the
court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said
witnesses, Whereupon it is ordered by the court that the
said will be admitted to probate, received and established
and recorded as the last will and testament of the said
Thomas White deceased

Attest A. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I William Richardson of
the State of Alabama Greene County, being of sound and
perfect mind, do hereby make & declare this my last will and
testament in form and manner as following viz, First from
the love and affection that I bear for my children, I do hereby
give & bequeath to each of them as follows, viz, that all my
personal property after paying all my just debts shall be equally
divided between Benjamin Richardson, Mary Mc Wilder and
the heirs of her son, John Richardson Green Wilder and his
wife Adena, Stephen R Richardson, Elijah Fortson and his
wife Elizabeth, William B Boykin and his wife Eliza
William B Richardson, James Pelly & his wife Martha and
Sardar R Richardson - Second my will and desire is
that all my real Estate be sold on a credit of from six to
twelve months and the proceeds of said real estate shall
be fairly and equally divided amongst my children as above
named - Third my will and desire is that Benjamin R
Richardson and John R Richardson be appointed as Guardians
for my daughter Fannie R Richardson - Fourth my will

I desire that my old and faithful servant and slave
shall not be sold or allotted in the division of my estate but
that he shall remain with the above named families and sup-
ported by them. My sixth request is that my body shall be bur-
ied, but plainly buried. I do hereby nominate and appoint
my Brother Allen Richardson and my affectionate friend,
Nabal Carpenter Executors of this my last will & Testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day
Dec^r 1843

Signed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
Attest Jos Bearsall

John Upchurch
J & Barry

W Richardson Seal

The State of Alabama Orphans Court
Greene County June 13th 1843
This day the Last will and Testament of William
Richardson deceased was presented to the Court for probate
and registration by Allen Richardson and Nabal Carpenter
the Executors therein named and proof being made that
the testator left no widow and that all the heirs and
next of kin of said deceased being present who reside in
this State and no objection being offered whereupon the
Court proceeded to examine on oath Andrew J Barry and
John Upchurch two of the subscribing witnesses to said
will, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony
of said witnesses whereupon it is ordered by the Court
that said will be received established and recorded as
the last will and Testament of the said William Richardson
Attest A.R. Davis Clerk

E. Moore
will

Elijah Moore's Will
In the name of God Amen; I Elijah Moore of Greene
County State of Alabama Farmer, do make ordain and
declare this instrument, which is written by my express
order and signed by my own name to be my last will
and Testament revoking all others. Imprimis, All my
debts, of which there are but few, and none of magnitude
are to be punctually paid, I give and bequeath to my
wife Lucinda Moore, I give and bequeath one half of my
real and personal property to be hers in fee simple forever
I give to my daughter Joseph Ann I give and bequeath
the other half of my real and personal property in fee simple
to be hers forever. I leave all notes or money which I may
have on hand shall be equally divided between my wife

Lucinda Moore and my daughter Joseph Ann Moore. - Now
it is my request that my body be buried in a decent shroud and
the funeral expenses be paid before the aforesaid division shall
be made. Lastly, I constitute and appoint my dear beloved
wife Lucinda Moore my father-in-law Benjamin Paulsen
and James B Sears, William Hartness Executors and Execu-
tors of this my last will and Testament. It is my express
will that my property be equally divided between my wife
and child as above named, by my executors in as equitable
a manner as they may deem just and right. In witness
of all herein contained I have set my hand and seal this
the fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred forty three

Wm Hartness
Jesse Murphy
John McAllister

Elijah Moore Seal

The State of Alabama Orphans Court July 16th 1843
Greene County
This day the last will and Testament of Elijah Moore
deceased was presented to the Court for probate and regis-
tration and Lucinda Moore the widow of said deceased
appeared in open Court and consented that said will
should be admitted to probate. Whereupon the Court pro-
ceeded to examine on oath William Hartness one of the
subscribing witnesses to said will and he having testified
fully to the satisfaction of the Court. It is therefore or-
dered by the Court that said will be received established
and recorded as the last will and Testament of the said
Elijah Moore deceased.

Attest A.R. Davis Clerk

The State of Alabama Greene County
I Thomas H Gordon of Greene County, being at this time
of sound and disposing mind and memory, full of body
and duly apprehensive of the uncertainty of human life and
anxious to make such disposition of my real and personal
estate as to me seems most conducive to the future welfare of
my family after my death, do therefore make and declare
this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other
wills by me made. It is my wish and desire that my exe-
cutors hereinafter appointed shall pay all my just debts so soon
after my death as they may be due and payable. It is
my wish and desire that my Executors John Nelson of Greene
County, Solomon McAllister of Greene County, James Dorch
of Greene County and John C Thullen at this time of the State

of Virginia, should all latic upon themselves the execution of this my last will and testament. It is my wish and desire that the plantation upon which my mansion house is situate where I now reside, called the home place, the plantation purchased of Dr. Richard Ince called the Ince place, the Wright plantation, the Hall plantation, the whole plantation shall be reserved from sale, and shall be and remain for the possession, residence and cultivation of my family until such time as will be hereafter devised to me, and that my tract of land now in the possession of cultivation of my sister Pitty, Robinson and my nephew Edwin Robinson and the tract of land on the Black River river adjoining the lands of William Murphy shall also be reserved from sale and be and remain as appendages to the tract first above mentioned. It is my wish and desire that the negroes now in my possession and situate upon my lands, shall be and remain together on my said land after my death, and shall continue to cultivate the said land together as they now do, and shall not be divided, sold or in any manner disposed of, or removed from the said lands, until at the time and upon the conditions hereinafter prescribed. It is my wish that the lands above mentioned, and the negroes now on the same, shall after my death, be and remain under the control and management of my Executors, who shall hold the same for the separate entire and exclusive use and benefit of my family as their agents and Trustees, and that the said lands shall be so held, and the said negroes as well as their future increase, until my youngest child becomes of age or marries, then the same shall be equally and fairly divided among my Children share and share alike, before this division takes place however, it is my wish and desire that my wife Emma S. Gordon should have the privilege of selecting from among the said lands any residence she may desire and that she have and hold the same during her life if she remain a widow, and that before the division of the negroes takes place, my Executors give to my wife a sufficient number of efficient negroes to support and labor for her, as it may be comfortable with the value of my estate and her condition in life, and after the selection of lands by my wife as aforesaid, and after my said wife is provided with negroes as aforesaid, then the residue of the said land and negroes to be divided equally, fairly, share and share alike among my Children as aforesaid, and if a fair and beneficial division of the specific property cannot be had, then the same to be sold and the proceeds of such sale be divided equally, and

fairly share and share alike between them. It is my wish and desire that my wife and Children be and remain after my death upon the said lands, and in the present mansion house until the time for division as aforesaid, and that they occupy, use and enjoy the same, together with all the furniture and appurtenances and all the provisions produced on said lands, by the said negroes, together with all the live stock, and all privileges in the same manner as they have done during my life, and that no charge or account of the same be made against them by my Executors.

It is my wish and desire that the said Edwin Robinson and Polly Robinson who now hold under me as tenants at will, the tract of land above mentioned should continue in the possession and cultivation of the same free of all rents and charges whatsoever until such time as my Executors may deem it to the interest of my estate that their term of possession and cultivation should expire, then my Executors shall and may have possession of the same to hold and be cultivated or divided or sold as my lands herein before mentioned. It is my will and desire that my Executors should sell and dispose of after my death at such times, and upon such terms as to them may seem fit and proper all other lands of which I may die seized, and for this purpose, I do hereby authorize, empower, constitute and appoint my Executors, or such of them as may become charged with the execution of this my last will and testament or the survivor or survivors of them, Trustees for me after my death to grant, bargain, sell and convey all lands of which I am seized or may be seized at my death (excepting the lands above designated), situate in the State of Alabama, in the State of Mississippi, or in the city of Mobile, in the town of Erie, Ohio and all other lands whereever situate, and also all my interest and property in the Indian lands called the Fisher Claims situate in the State of Mississippi, and I do hereby invest and clothe them or the survivor or survivors of them, with full power and authority to make, sign, seal and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers a good and sufficient deed of conveyance in fee simple to such lands as may be sold by them in pursuance of this trust, without any order or decree of any court whatsoever. It is my wish and desire that my Executors should, and I do hereby authorize and empower them after my death, to sell and dispose of such of my negroes as may be of bad character, may be valueless or may in any manner prejudice the interest of my estate, and to purchase others to supply their places, and in the event of the death of one or more of my negroes, my Executors are authorized to supply the place of such lost by the purchase of such number

as may have died, it being my wish that the number
negroes on the said farms may not be diminished. It
my wish and desire that my children should respectively
ascend from my estate whenever they respectively become of
age, or marry, or separate from the family with the view
an independent livelihood an advance proportionate to the
value of my estate and the number of my children, and
in order that such advance be made without a division of
the land and negroes aforesaid, it is my wish that when
such child or children shall become of age, or shall marry
or shall separate from my family with a view of an inde-
pendent livelihood, then that my Executors shall immediately
succeeding such event, give to such child so marrying or
becoming of age, or so separating for the purpose of an inde-
pendent livelihood, the nett profits of one or more crops of cotton
the proceeds of such crops are to be by them vested in such
child hereby leaving to my Executors to make such advance
as may be commensurate with my estate, its condition and
the condition and demands of the child so to be provided for
taking at the same time the receipt of the child to be charged
to such child as a portion of my estate and to be reckoned in
the general distribution of my estate as a part of the advance
to such child so that all may share equally. It being my
intention that the nett profits of the crops of the said farms
so reserved from sale, should furnish the advances to my children
until the general division, this advance to be made however
upon the conditions hereinafter presented, of the good order
and prudence of such child or children. It is my will
and desire that my children be educated in the best manner
and in order that this may be certainly and effectually
to them, it is my will and desire that my Executors shall
immediately after my death proceed to collect all the monies
due me, and those monies together with the proceeds of the
sales of the lands to be by them sold as aforesaid, the capital
stock put into the firm of Thomas H. Nornden and James D.
Dorck, together with the profits of the said firm, which
may be coming to me, the monies coming to me from the
firm of Nornden and Frederick in the town of Clinton, all
to constitute after the payment of my debts a fund to be
used by my Executors for the education and expenses attend-
thereupon of my children and for the necessary expenses and
equipage of my wife the said Emma S. Nornden out of which
said fund alone or the interest upon the same, my children
shall be educated and that the said fund may increase for

benefit of my family, I hereby authorize request and empower my
executors to draw out the same in safe hands at an interest to
be paid annually, which said interest if sufficient to educate my
children as aforesaid and to bear other burdens to be made incum-
bent upon the said fund, shall alone be appropriated leaving
the amount of principal to be distributed as hereinafter presented.
It is my will and desire that my Executors provide my wife the
said Emma S. Nornden with all the necessary monies and accom-
modations suitable to her rank in life and to the value of my
estate, and to secure this to her amply and certainly, my
executors are authorized and empowered to appropriate for that
purpose a portion of the funds arising annually from the nett
profits of the cotton crops or a portion of the fund to be made
for the education of the children as aforesaid, preferring however
that the nett profits of the cotton crops should be preferred
for the special object above designated. But in the event
that the said Emma S. Nornden should marry again after
my death, or should dissent to this my last will and
testament, then she shall only have that portion of my
estate which she can obtain by law, and none of the benefits
or provisions of this will, the various provisions herein made
being intended no less and bar of her dower in my real
estate and distributive share of my personal property.
It is my will and desire that after the education of my
children, the said fund above provided for that purpose shall
be by my executors immediately distributed among my children
and my wife Emma S. Nornden, equally share and share
alike, that is to say my said wife Emma S. Nornden to
have a child's part of the said fund. It is my will and
desire that all my children should share equally, my estate
and should receive the benefits of the foregoing provisions whenever
they may be respectively entitled to the same, but in the event
that any one of my daughters should be married to a husband
unworthy in debt or to such a husband as my executors might
suppose would manage the property indiscreetly, or that any
one of my sons should act in such manner as to render it
indiscreet and improper giving them or either of them the absolute
right and control to their or either of their portion of my estate,
then it is my wish and desire, that my Executors should
retain the control of the said portion, and withhold the absolute
and indefeasible title to the same until such time as in their
discretion the title should be made perfect. Hence, making
my Executors the Trustees of such child or children, with
the wish and will that such child or children shall have
the possession and usufructuary interest, but not the absolute
dominion, and I do hereby authorize invest and empower my

said Executors with full power, authority, and control to make such portions to other persons as Trustees for the use and benefit of such child or children, and in all things so to manage and carry the same, that it may not be subjected to reck and improper expenditure and extravagance, but if such child should die leaving children before the absolute dominion and control of his or her share has been given to him or her by me executor, it is my will and desire that the portion or share of such child so dying should go to his or her child or children equally share and share alike. It is my will and desire that my executors should sell off from time to time any mules horses or other unnecessary stock that may be of no value or use to my plantation, keeping however always a sufficient quantity for the use of the plantation, and for the convenience of my family. It is my wish and desire that in the event my wife the said Emma J. Herndon shall marry again, then I desire that she should have a child's part of my estate assigned to her, to be valued by five intelligent, prudent and disinterested men and to be paid to her in cash or in property, at its appraised value, the remaining portions to be kept together by my executors as is heretofore provided. It is my will and desire that James Dorck my present partner in the mercantile firm of Herndon & Dorck should, if he desires, continue the present business for & during the time specified in the articles of copartnership according to the said articles in the same manner all the same would continue in my life time, during which time the said James Dorck shall keep and use the capital stock as the same is now done, and after the expiration of the said term, the capital stock by me paid in, the interest and profits of the said firm shall be paid over to my executors to be used and appropriated as aforesaid.

I do herein nominate and appoint my friends the said John Nelson, Solomon McSpore, James Dorck and John L. Shatt as my true and lawful Executors to execute and carry out the various provisions and bequests of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal to this my last will and testament at my residence in the county of Greene in Alabama this the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in our presence by Thomas H. Herndon as his last will & testament who did, at his request sign the same in witnesses in his presence and in the presence

Thos H Herndon (Seal)

of each of us as witnesses on this the day of its date the same being comprised of eight pages attached together and numbered from Page 1 to Page 8 inclusive; and on two sheets of paper

Wm M. Murphy
Jas H. Jennings Jr
H J Meason
Jas H Brock
Edw Herndon

The State of Alabama

Greene County

1st Whereas on the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, Thomas H. Herndon made and executed my last will and testament, in which I willed and decreed that the plantation upon which my mansion house is situated where I now reside, called the home place, the plantation purchased of Dr. Richard Inge called the Inge place, the Wright plantation, the Wall plantation and the Whiston plantation shall be reserved from sale, and shall be and remain for the support, residence and cultivation of my family, until such time as will be hereafter designated by me. In addition to the above places reserved to the support residence and cultivation of my family, it is my will and desire that the "Whiston place" consisting of one quarter section and the lands purchased of H J Meason called the Monnell place adjoining the home tract be reserved from sale and appropriated managed and disposed of as the home place. 2nd It is my wish and desire as mentioned in my will of the above date, that my children be educated in the best manner, and for that purpose I made provision in my will, page 5, which it is my will and desire shall be changed as follows. Immediately after my death, it is my will and desire that my executors proceed to collect all the monies due me and those monies, together with the proceeds of the sales of the lands to be by my executors sold as mentioned in my last will & testament, the capital stock put into the firm of Thomas H. Herndon and James Dorck, my children in law under the name & style of Herndon & Dorck together with the profits of the said firm which may be coming to me and the monies which may be coming to me from the firm of Herndon & Frederick in the Town of Clinton, after paying all my just debts it is my will and desire instead of loaning the money out on interest as mentioned in my will, that my executors appropriate the balance remaining, after the payment of my debts, to the purchasing of a plantation or plantations and

negroes to cultivate the same, such as they may think best should for the purpose - 3^d It is my will & desire that the proceeds or profits of said plantation or plantations and negroes may be used by my executors for the education and expenses attendant thereupon of my children and for the necessary expenses and equipage of my wife Emma I Herndon and should there be a balance of money remaining in the hands of my executors arising from the proceeds or profits of the plantation or plantations and negroes also mentioned, paying the expenses attendant on the education of my children and the necessary expenses and equipage of my wife Emma I Herndon. It is my wish & desire that it be appropriated to the purchase of other plantations or plantations and negroes.

This codicil to my last will and testament I leave to be carried into effect by my executors John Nelson Johnson, McAspine, James Powell and John L. Shelton.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the eleventh day of May, A.D. 1841

Liquidated & acknowledged

in our presence this date above

Edmund Robinson

Wm Oliver

And A. Tallman

Thos H Herndon

The State of Alabama

Greene County

Orphans Court

July 10th 1843

This day the last will and testament of Thomas H Herndon deceased, was presented to the court for probate and registration and it appearing to the court that Emma I Herndon widow of said deceased and William D Inge heir of said deceased in right of his wife Elizabeth have had due and legal notice of this application, citations having been served on them, and the said Emma I Herndon having filed her consent to the establishment of said will and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine in call Henry I Herndon one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and Edmund Robinson one of the subscribing witnesses to the codicil, and the said witnesses having testified fully to the satisfaction of the court, it was ordered by the court that said will and codicil be admitted to probate and received established and recorded as the last will and testament of said Thomas H Herndon.

Alfred A. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Gabriel Long of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being in perfect mind and memory blessed be God do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the manner following viz: 1st I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to be buried in decent Christian burial - 2nd I wish that all my just debts be paid - 3^d I will to my beloved companion Mary Long during her natural life all the lands that I now own and the following named negroes, one negro man named Humphrey, one woman named Nancy and her two sons Sam and Wiley, and one boy named William and persons to do one year, four head of horses such as she may choose all my stock of cattle, twelve head of sheep and as many hogs as may be considered (by my executors) necessary for the support of her family, as much of the household and kitchen furniture as may be necessary for her comfort and convenience and such farming utensils as may be necessary for her to carry on her farm and my carriage Wagon and harness - 4th I will to my grand children Sarah Elizabeth & Frances Jane Hardy daughters of Henry N Bishop two negro girls to be worth five hundred dollars or six hundred dollars in cash, and to John Henry, Gabriel & James Children of the said Henry N Bishop I give one negro woman named Muldah, one boy named Adam which they have received and a negro girl named Emily, the property for the four last named children to be equally divided between them when the youngest child comes of age and that my son-in-law Henry N Bishop keep it in his possession and have the management of it until the youngest child comes of age, and should either of those my grand children die without an heir their part to be equally divided amongst their brothers & sisters - 5th I will to my son Richard Long one negro woman named Fanny and one negro man named Farkus and such other property as he has already rec^d amounting in value to fifteen hundred dollars which he has rec^d I also will, (that at the death of my wife) to my son Richard two more negroes viz. Melaney & Armad, - 6th I will to my son Benjamin I Long the amount of sixteen hundred dollars and one negro boy named Washington all of which he has rec^d - 7th I will to my son Samsford Long one hundred and fifty dollars, I also leave one negro man named Henry (alias Henry Pollin) to be hired out or used by whomsoever my son Samsford Long may live for his Samsford maintenance during his natural life - 8th I will to my daughter Elizabeth Lipscomb twelve hundred dollars and one negro man named Edmund, all of which she has received - 9th I will to my daughter Grace Long four negroes viz. one negro boy named John and one negro woman named Mary and one negro boy named Wiley, and one negro woman named Ann and

one Bed & furniture - 10th I will to my son John Long
one negro woman named Jane, one negro boy named Ben
and one hundred dollars worth of property, all of
which he has rec^d - 11th I will to my daughter Mary
Edwards one negro man Harry and one negro woman Sidney
one boy named Green and property to the amount of two
hundred dollars all of which she has rec^d - 12th I will
to my daughter Rebecca Long one negro woman named
Pilla, one negro man Henry, one boy William, one girl
- 13th I will to my daughter Caroline Long one negro man Tony, one woman
- 14th I will to my son William at the death of my wife two negro
- 15th I will to my grand children Mary Ann, Elizabeth Long
- 16th I will to my daughter Grace, Rebecca and
and my son William all my lands, after the death of
my wife Mary Long - 17th I will that my son William
to take Humphrey after the death of my wife and to take care
of him as long as he lives - 18th My will is that if any of
my children or grand children named in this my will
should die without an heir, the property I will them to be
equally divided among the surviving heirs of my body, and
should any difficulty arise between any of my heirs in
the division of my estate, my dying request is, that the
contending parties should each choose a man and they
to choose a third person to settle the difficulty, and their
decision to be as valid as if settled by the Supreme Court
of the land - 19th I wish that such of my property, that
I have not willed away, be sold and divided among my
legal heirs - 20th I leave my son Benjamin I do William
Long and my friend Bryan Matthews executors to this
my last will and testament, with full power to carry out
all that is contained in this my will. In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of April
1843

James Halbrook
Samuel Thompson

Gabriel Long Seal

The State of Alabama & Orphans Court
Greene County July 19th 1843

This day the last will and testament of Gabriel Long deceased
was presented to the court for probate to Benjamin I Long and
Bryan Matthews two of the Executors therein named, and the widow
of said deceased having waived the notice required by law and
consented, and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to
examine on oath William Edrist and James Halbrook two of
the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of
said will, and the court being fully satisfied from the testi-
mony of the said witnesses - It is therefore ordered by the court
that the said will be received established and recorded as the
last will and testament of the said Gabriel Long deceased.
Attest A. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen I William Jones Jr of the
County of Greene and State of Alabama do constitute make
and declare this to be my last will and testament in the
manner and form following - First to my beloved wife Deborah
Jones I lend three half quarters of land viz the E 1/2 of the N 1/2 of
Section No 6 Township No 23 Range No 1 East, the W 1/2 of N 1/2 of
Section No 6 Township No 23 Range No 1 East, and the W 1/2 of the
E 1/2 of Section No 31 Township No 24 Range No 1 East, this land
I lend to her during her life or widowhood, then I give it to my
youngest son William Jones Jr - Also one other half quarter of
land I lend to my beloved wife viz the E 1/2 of the N 1/2 of
Section 31 Township No 24 Range One East this I also lend to her
during her life or widowhood, then I give this land to my
eldest son Henry Jones his heirs and assigns forever, further more
to my beloved wife I give three good work horses to be selected by
herself from amongst my stock one gig and harness all my plea-
ture tools household and kitchen furniture stock of hogs,
cattle and sheep, brockens and glass ware my whole crop of
corn and cotton the choice lot of my negroes, to my son William
Jones I give one feather Bed and furniture, one cow and calf
one ox, one wedding hoe two ploughs and one coll called
Tom - The balance of my property to be sold or divided amongst
my four children, Henry Jones, Jesse Jones, Eliza Mitchell and
William Jones Jr to their heirs and assigns forever - And lastly,
I nominate my son Henry Jones and William Jones, and I
hereby appoint them my whole and sole Executors to this my
last will and testament, settling and making all other
and declaring this and this only to be my last will and
testament. In witness whereof the said William
Jones Jr hath hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

hundred and thirty four Signed and delivered by the testator
his last will and testament before us
John Sharp
William Blackwell
William Jones Jr.
Mark

The State of Alabama. Orphans Court
Greene County, 3 October 2nd 1843
This day the last Will and testament of William Jones Jr.
deceased, was presented to the court for probate, together with
the Depositions of John Sharp and William Blackwell the
subscribing witnesses thereto, and no objection being offered
the widow and him at law of the said deceased having
had due and legal notice (the parties declining to contest the
same) thereupon the court proceeded to examine the testimony of
the said witnesses, and the court being fully satisfied from the
testimony of the said witnesses, whereupon it is ordered by
the court, that the said Will be received and recorded, as
the last Will and testament of the said William Jones Jr.
as to personal property. Attest A. K. Davis, Clerk

4. Relates
Will
In the name of God Amen - I Henderson Petrel of the County
of Greene and State of Alabama being weak in body but of sane
mind, do hereby make this my last will & testament - Item
first. It is my desire that all my just debts be honorable & fully
paid. Item second, that the remainder of all my earthly
possession be equally divided among my brother and sister
without favor or partiality, with this proviso, that the portions
falling to my sister belong exclusively to them and the children
of their bodies & to be in no wise subject to the debts of their
respective husbands. In order that this my last will be
faithfully executed I hereby nominate & appoint my brother Young
Petrel my executor - Given under my hand and seal this
24th of August 1843

Henderson Petrel
Acknowledged & signed in the presence of us the subscribers
on the day & date as above
Stephen Davis
W. Rowland
A. Rowland

The State of Alabama. Orphans Court
Greene County, 3 This day the last will and testament
of Henderson Petrel was presented to the court for probate, and
it appearing to the court that the heirs at law of said
deceased have had notice of this application and no objection
being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath W. Rowland
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the
legal execution of said will, and the court being fully

satisfied from the testimony of said witness. It is therefore ordered
by the court that the said Will be received established and recorded
as the last Will and testament of the said Henderson Petrel deceased.
Attest A. K. Davis Clerk.

10 Davis In the name of God Amen. I Ann Davis of the County of
Greene & State of Alabama, being of sound & disposing mind &
memory blessed be God, do make & ordain this my last Will
& testament in writing viz. Improvements. I do hereby make constitute
& appoint my trusty & well beloved son Sepe H. Brown my lawful
trustee & do give & bequeath to him as such the one fourth part of
all my negroes, money, debt & property of whatever description upon the
following uses & trusts viz. that he shall take possession of the same
at my death & have & hold it for the sole use benefit & behoof of
his five children, Marriet E. Hestons, Emily H. Norris, Nancy E. Spawen,
Richard A. Brown & Benjamin H. Brown their administrators & assigns
as tenants in common. My further will & desire is that my said
trustee shall convey in equal portions, share & share alike to each
or all of his said children his her or their portion of said negroes,
money & property at such time as in his discretion he may judge best
& that he shall until such conveyance is executed, annually pay
over to his said children in equal portions for their maintenance
& education, all the profits, issues, hire, interest & rent of said
said property. My further will & desire is that if any one of my
said grand children shall die without issue of their body legally
begotten that then their portion of said said property shall be equally
divided between the surviving brother & sister or their legal rep-
resentatives. Item, I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty &
well beloved son Wiley I. Brown my lawful trustee & do give
bequeath & devise to him as such one fourth part of all my negroes
money & property of whatever description upon the following uses &
trusts viz. that he shall take possession of the same at my
death & have & hold the same for the sole proper benefit, use
& advantage of his six children, Wiley I. Brown, John I. Brown,
Schister I. Brown, Harriet H. Brown, Mary I. Brown, & Susan I.
Brown to them their administrators & assigns as tenants in common.
My will & desire further is that my said last named trustee
shall convey to any, or all of his said six children his her or their
respective portions of said trust property at such time as he may
think proper & that until such conveyance is executed, he shall
annually account with & pay over to them the profits issues interest
& hire of said trust property for their maintenance & education.
Item, I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty & beloved son
in law Haris Finkler my lawful trustee & do give, bequeath & devise
to him as such the one fourth part of all my negroes, money & property
of what kind soever upon the following uses & trusts & more other viz.

that he shall take possession of the same at my death & have & hold the same to the only proper use benefit & advantage of his three youngest children Harriet Tinker, Susan M Tinker, Mariah Tinker & such future child or children as may be born of the body of his present wife Susan M Tinker their administrators & assigns as tenants in common - my further will & desire is that my said last named trustee shall convey to his said children their respective portions of the property he holds in trust for them upon their marriage or arriving at the age of twenty one year & in the mean time that he shall annually account with & pay over to them the profits of the same for their maintenance & education - I do hereby constitute & appoint my trust & beloved grand son-in-law James A Hendon my lawful trustee & do give & bequeath to him as such the remaining fourth part of all my negroes, money & property of whatever kind upon the following use & trust & more fully viz. that he shall take possession of the same at my death & have & hold the same to the only proper use benefit & advantage of the five children of my deceased daughter Harriet C Hogan viz. Mary A Hendon, Susan M Hogan, Harriet Hogan, Ann Hogan & James M Hogan their administrators & assigns as tenants in common - my further will & desire is that my said last named trustee shall convey Mary A Hendon portion of said negroes money & property at such time & in such manner as she may in writing direct & that he shall convey the portions of the remaining four children to him or them upon their respective marriage or arriving at the twenty one year & that until such conveyance or termination of his trust he shall yearly account with & pay over to said children their respective & equal portions of the profits issues, interest & hirings of said trust property for their maintenance & education - My further will & desire is that if any of the four youngest children of my deceased daughter Harriet C Hogan should die before marriage or arriving at the age of twenty one year that his or her portion of said negroes & money shall be equally divided among all the surviving brother & sister - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal on the fifteenth day of January A.D. 1838.

Signed sealed & published
in presence of

Ann ^{her} Davis ^{mark}

J A Green

I do hereby to a codicil annexed to my last will & testament, give & bequeath to my grandson Sepe A Green, son of my son William A Green, one negro the named Daniel aged about thirteen years to him his administrators & assigns - And my will and desire is that the gifts devise & trusts mentioned in my will shall

be subject & stand charged to the specific legacy Jan^y 15th 1838
Signed sealed & published
in presence of

Ann ^{her} Davis ^{mark}

J A Green

The State of Alabama Orphan Court
Greene County October 9th 1843.

This day the last will and testament of Ann Davis deceased, with the codicil thereto, was presented to the court for probate, and the heirs at law having had notice of said application, and having waived the notice required by law, and no objection being offered the court proceeded to examine on oath Seape Green one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and codicil and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witness - thereupon it is ordered by the court, that the same be received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of said Ann Davis deceased.

Attest A. M. Davis Clerk

The State of Alabama In the name of God Amen: I Charles
Greene County I Keener of the County & State aforesaid
of sound & disposing mind & memory do make & declare the following
to be my last will & testament, viz. - Item 1st I give to William F Keener my son the following negroes, viz. a black man named
Nel supposed to be about thirteen years of age, Jack a boy about
two years of age, Went a boy about twelve years of age, India a
girl about ten years of age, also a small boy named Hillist
aged about 6 or 7 years - Item 2nd To my daughter Margaret
Homer I give & bequeath the following property, viz. Willis a
small negr boy aged about seven years, Marsh a boy about
sixteen years of age - Item 3rd To my daughter Ann M McVee
I give & bequeath my negr boy Rubin about forty years of age &
Sarah the wife of said Rubin aged about twenty three years -
also my Makegum Sattle & Surreau - Item 4th To my daughter
Mariah & Thelford I give & bequeath my negr man Jack about
forty five years of age & a negr woman Patey aged about forty
years - Item 5th To my son Robert M Keener I give & bequeath
my negr boy Floyd about twelve years of age, also Willis
about the same age - Item 6th I will and desire that all
my other personal property, consisting of horses, mules, cattle
hogs, farming utensils, household & kitchen furniture & every item
of personal property, be sold on twelve months credit, to the
highest bidder & my Real Estate also on a credit of one & two
years & I do hereby invest my executor hereafter named with
authority to sell, transfer & convey said real estate to the purchaser
and after the said personal & real estate shall be sold, I wish & it is

my will & desire that all my just debts shall be paid & the balance of the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided among the above named legacies there & there as like. Item 7th I do hereby ordain nominate & appoint David Niner & John McGee executors of this my last will & testament & I do hereby revoke, annul & declare void all other & previous wills by me made. In due testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the thirtieth day of June A.D. 1843.

Signed sealed & executed in the presence of us, who subscribed our names as Witnesses at the request of the Testator June 30th 1843

I be Isaac Lee
Joshua, Lewis
W. H. Lewis

Charles I. Kennon (Test)

The State of Alabama
Greene County

Orphans Court
October 9th 1843

This day the last will and testament of Charles I. Kennon deceased, was presented to the court for probate, and it appearing to the court, that the heirs at law of said deceased, have had due and legal notice of this application, and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath Isaac C. Indecor and William D. Low two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, it is therefore ordered by the court, that the same be received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Charles I. Kennon deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

A. Bell
Will

I Rebecca Bell of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being sensible of my mortality have thought proper and do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say
Firstly I desire and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha C. Bell, of the tract of land wherein I now reside, a lot to be laid out as follows to wit, beginning at a point on the road in front of the residence of Col. Lee, and run rods south of the corner on the road of a parcel of land which I have heretofore sold and conveyed to James B. Clark, thence in an easterly direction until it reaches a stake in my yard near the gate, southwardly from the corner of said parcel of land sold said Clark, which corner stands or ought to stand near the west fence of my front yard, from the said stake in the yard southwardly of said Clark's last mentioned corner the line is then to be run easterly to the east boundary or fence of the garden to a stake, and

as to include an oak tree which stands in my front yard, which tree has been stricken by lightning, thence from said corner at the east boundary or fence of the garden, the line is to be run southwardly along the said east garden fence to the corner and thence in precisely the same direction until it strikes the south boundary of my land adjoining the lands of Doctor Willis Minnethor, thence with his line northwardly to the main road aforesaid, and thence with said road to the place of beginning - To have & to hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly, I desire and direct that a lot of twenty acres be laid off so as to include my present residence, and the strip left between the lands of said Clark and the aforesaid lot bequeath to my daughter Martha and so as to include five acres of my timbered land, this lot so hereby devise and bequeath to my executor hereinafter named for the use and benefit of my beloved daughter Agnes Pickens, and of my beloved grand children Mary Ridgway, Bradley Ridgway & Margaret Ridgway children of my deceased daughter Mary Ridgway the said Agnes to have one moiety and the said children of my daughter Mary to have the other moiety, this lot of land is to be sold by my said executor hereinafter named as soon as the same can be sold for a reasonable and fair price, and conveyed by them to the purchaser, if sold on credit, in addition to taking good personal security my executor are to secure the payment of the purchase money by a mortgage on the premises with a power of sale, when said lot is sold and the money collected, or if and when any portion of it is collected, it is to be divided into two shares, one of which is to be paid over to my daughter Agnes Pickens to belong absolutely to her and to do as she pleases with the same, and the other share is to be held by my son John Mc Bell is hereinafter directed for the use and benefit of my said three grand children, children of my deceased daughter Mary Ridgway. Thirdly, I reserve to my son William A. Bell his office standing in the yard of the last mentioned lot, with the privilege of the yard until such time as he shall sell or remove said office. Fourthly, I then direct a lot to be laid off of my land running with the crop fence which commences east of and adjoining my crib or corn house at a stake, thence with that fence to the east boundary of my land, thence southwardly with said east boundary until it reaches the line of Doctor Willis Minnethor, thence westwardly with that line until it reaches the corner of the lot directed to be laid off for my daughter Martha, thence northwardly with said line of said Martha's lot and in that direction to the stake at the place of beginning, this lot so to be laid off I will and devise to my grand children Louisa Wilder, Mary Wilder and William Wilder to them and their heirs forever as tenants in common, not as joint tenants. Fifthly, I then will and direct that a six acre lot of timbered land be laid off adjoining the timbered land of the aforesaid tract,

were lot which six acre lot so to be laid off I will and devise to my daughter Martha E Bell to her and her heirs forever - Seventhly I then will and direct that another six acre lot of timbered land be laid off adjoining one or the other of the aforesaid timbered lots, which last mentioned timbered lot I will and devise to my aforesaid grand-children, Iowa Wilder, Mary Wilder and William Wilder to be held and enjoyed and to be in the same manner as the lot in the fourth item of the will - Eighthly I will and devise the residue of my land, not hereinbefore disposed of to my beloved children, Mary Ann Alexander, John Mc Bell, Rebecca Hullard and William A Bell to them and their heirs forever as tenants in common - Ninthly I will and bequeath to my beloved son William A Bell a high posted bedstead, bed mattress and bedding now put up in the east end of my house, also as a memento of great regard for him my copy of Scotts Commentaries on the bible - Tenthly I will and bequeath to my daughter Martha, a bed, mattress, head and furniture now put up in the shed room of my house, I also give & bequeath to said Martha all my other household furniture not herein otherwise disposed of, including my carpeting, now in use - Eleventhly I will and bequeath my ironed bedstead bed and bedding to my grand son William Wilder - Twelfthly I will and direct that my negro man William or Billy be sold to a master of his own choosing provided a fair price can be obtained, otherwise for the best price which can be got to whoever wants him I direct Jenny to be hired out to any one whom she may choose, if a fair hire can be so obtained, otherwise to the best bidder - Thirteenthly I direct that all my stock farming, utensils, corn, fodder, or whatever else I may be owner of at my death and not herein devised or bequeathed be sold to the highest bidder on such credit as my executor may think right - Fourteenthly I leave and bequeath to my daughter Agness Pickens and Rebecca Hullard each a feather bed - Fifteenthly I leave, as a mark of my regard, to my son John Mc Bell my old Broom Book, my testament and Bells American resolution - Sixteenthly I will and bequeath that after the payment of all my just debts out of the price of William or Billy and the hire of Jenny, and the residue of the property hereby directed to be sold, that the residue belong to and be equally as well as their moiety of the twenty acre lot divided between the aforesaid three children of my deceased daughter Mary Ridgway, and that my son John Mc Bell act as the guardian of the said funds for the benefit of said children, and if necessary educate and maintain them thereout and as far forth as the same will extend paying over to them as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry, their respective share of whatever of said fund may then remain on hand

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Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved son and son-in-law John Mc Bell and Mrs Hullard executors of this my last will and testament - We witness my hand and seal this 2nd May 1843
Signed, sealed & published as her last will & testament in the presence of each of us 3 of the testator & at her request we subscribed as witnesses thereto, the interdications made herein before signed
J B Clark
Mary Clark
H Mc Jry

Rebecca Bell (Sd)

I Rebecca Bell by way of Codicil to the foregoing last will and testament, and for the purpose of making certain what was intended to be devised to my daughter Martha E Bell in the first clause or item of said will, declare that it was intended to include in the said clause, all the land of more or less west of the western boundary of the land of the said William Henshaw, and south and east of the road in the said will mentioned, and south and west of the lot devised to said Martha E Bell in the said first item, and the same is hereby declared to form a part of the lot so devised to her - Secondly on further reflection, I have concluded, and hereby declare by way of Codicil as aforesaid that it is my will & it done, that the fifteenth clause or item in my said will be modified and altered, and the same is hereby altered so far as hereinafter expressed, that is to say it is my will and desire that after the payment of all my just debts from the means in that item expressed, that out of the residue my executors pay over to the American bible Society the sum of twenty five dollars, and the balance of said money to my daughter Martha E Bell instead of the children of my deceased daughter Mary Ridgway - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of September 1843
Signed sealed & published as a Codicil to the foregoing last will & testament in the presence of each of us 3 of the testator & at her request we subscribed as witnesses hereto

Rebecca Bell (Sd)

J B Clark
Mary Clark
Henry Mc Jry
the State of Alabama
Greene County
Orphan Court October 14th 1843
This day the last will and testament

of Rebecca Bell deceased was presented to the court for probate by John Mc Bell and Moses Hubbard the executors therein named and the court being satisfied that all the heirs of the said deceased have had reasonable notice of this application, and no objection being offered the court proceeded to examine on oath James B. Clark one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said Will and Codicil, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses thereupon it is ordered by the court, that the said Will and Codicil, be received, established and recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said Rebecca Bell deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

H. J. Mason: The State of Alabama
Will. Greene County, I Henry J. Mason of Greene County being at this time of sound and disposing mind and memory but sick of body and duly apprised of the uncertainty of human life and anxious to make such disposition of my real and personal estate as to me seems most conducive to the future welfare of my family after my death do therefore make and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made. It is my will and desire that my executor hereinafter appointed shall pay all my just debts to come after my death as they may be due and payable. It is my wish and desire that my Executor James Dorroh shall take upon himself the execution of this my last Will and Testament. It is my wish that my plantation shall be kept up at the discretion of my executor. It is my wish that my children shall be well educated at the best schools and the proceeds of my plantation be applied to the payment of the same and that there shall be no division of my property until my eldest child shall become of age or married and in the event of my wife's marriage after my death it is my wish that my property shall be divided according to law and she to receive her lawful right of all my effects the balance to remain in the hands of my executor until my eldest child becomes of age or married, at which time I wish my property equally divided between my children then living. I also wish that my sister-in-law Sarah A. Surpe be considered as one of my heirs so far as a support but not as a legal heir to a part of my estate provided she lives single and in my family. It is my wish that my executor shall collect all the money due me by note or account and to apply said money to the purchase of negroes or stock for the benefit of my plantation and family. It is also my wish that my family be well supported in health and sickness out of the proceeds of

my plantation and other effects.

Jm. B. Clark
Duncan B. Clark
Augustus Barnum

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The State of Alabama, Orphan Court October 16th 1840
Greene County, This day the last Will and Testament of Henry J. Mason deceased was presented to the court for probate by James Dorroh the Executor therein named, and the widow of said deceased having waived the notice required by law, the court proceeded to examine on oath Duncan B. Clark and Augustus Barnum two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said Will, and they having testified that the said Henry J. Mason had dictated said Will, that the same was reduced to writing, by his request, and subsequently read over to him, and approved by him as his will, that he the said Mason attempted to sign the said Will, and after writing apart of his name, was prevented from signing his entire name in full by the act of God alone, he being physically incapacitated from so doing, and the said witnesses having further testified that they signed the same as witnesses thereto at the request of the said Mason and in his lifetime. Whereupon it is ordered by the court that the said Will be received, established and recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said Henry J. Mason deceased as to personal property at least.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

Will. I Samuel A. Powell of Greene County, and State of Alabama being of sound mind make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Nichols wife of Saml. Nichols a certain Negro woman named Achs and her youngest child named Saml. to her and her heirs forever. To my daughter Martha Burton wife of Lawson Burton I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars. To my daughter Nancy Burton wife of Ephraim Burton I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars. To my son Bluford I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars. To my son Sanford I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars. To my sons Thomas and Ellis, I give and bequeath a certain Station named Vallum and a certain tract of land containing one hundred and sixty acres lying near Cotton Grove in the State of Mississippi to them and their heirs forever. To Samuel A. Powell I give and bequeath jointly a certain tract of land lying & being in the County of Sumter in this State containing