

State of North Carolina

I, James Williams Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Greene and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Henry Mueller Esqr whose name appears to the above certificate is duly Commissioned and qualified as an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and is Chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County & State aforesaid, and was at the time of his affixing his signature to the above certificate, and that due faith and credit ought and should be given to his official acts as such - In witness of which I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court at Office this 22nd of March 1845.

James Williams Clerk

The State of Alabama - Orphans Court July 14th 1845

Greene County & This day the last will and testament of Sarah Pope deceased, was presented to this Court for record and the Court being fully satisfied of the authentication thereof from the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Greene County in the State of North Carolina - It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be record and recorded.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

R. Archibald State of Alabama June 17th 1845

Greene County & I Robert Archibald being at this time much distressed with several bodily afflictions, but sound of mind - Give to record this as my last will and testament as it regards the disposition of my worldly affairs - And first it is my desire that all my just debts be paid, and next it is my earnest wish and desire that my beloved wife Mary Archibald do keep all the little amount of property of which I am now possessed (after the payment of my just debts) and that she have all the entire possession and management of all my estate, real and personal until the youngest child that may be living shall come to be of lawful age, and do appoint my beloved wife Mary Archibald Executrix to have this my last will & testament carried into effect, according to the intention herein expressed.

Signed sealed and delivered
the day and date above written

In presence of
J. W. Hines
W. H. Winchell

Robt Archibald

The State of Alabama - Orphans Court September 8th 1845
Greene County & This day the last will and

testament of Robert Archibald deceased, was presented to the Court and for private by Henry Archibald the widow of the said deceased and the Executrix. Thence appointed, and its appearing to the Court that the him at law of the said deceased have had due and legal notice of this said application and the him at law and no objection being offered, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine in salt George W. Hines and William H. Winchell the subscribing witnesses to said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, the said will is admitted to probate - And It is ordered that the said will be received established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Robert Archibald deceased unto personal property there only being two subscribing witnesses.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

William J. Alston to Master of the County of Greene and State of Alabama do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. Item 1st It is my will my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and for the payment thereof I subject the bequest made to Duncan J. Alston as herein after stated - Item 2nd I hereby give & bequeath grant bargain & sell unto Duncan J. Alston a certain horse and lot, and all my undivided interest in a certain other horse & lot of ground, both said lots of ground being situate in the Town of Fountain in the State of Alabama and being all my lands & tenements in said Town, In trust nevertheless and for the sole use benefit and profit of my beloved sister Mary C. Taylor the wife of John W. Taylor and the issue of her body, and upon this further trust that the said Duncan J. Alston shall on the first day of January next after my decease sell all said above specified real estate on such terms as he may deem most conducive to the profit of said sister & her said issue, and with proceeds of said sale proceed with all proper dispatch to purchase young negro women or negro women & children, which said negroes with their increase when so purchased I hereby give & bequeath to my said sister and the issue of her body it being my intention that my said sister & her children shall be the sole objects of my benevolence in the above bequest - Item 3rd I hereby give & bequeath to my Cousin Absalom Alston the son of (John J. Alston my negro man David and all my books, But it is my will that the above named Duncan J. Alston shall have the control and management of said negro David for the benefit of said Absalom Alston until he the said Absalom shall arrive at the age of twenty one year applying the profits of the labor of said negro David to the maintenance and education of the said Absalom Alston, Item 4th I give and

bequeath to Duncan I. Abston my gold watch chain, seals
 my thumb attached, my buggy, dog, harness & horse, my gun,
 all the cash of which I may be possessed, all and every sum
 of money due and owing to me from any quarter whatever by
 promissory note or otherwise subject however to the payment of my
 just debts and funeral expenses and I hereby expressly charge
 the same accordingly - Him I hereby appoint the above named
 Duncan I. Abston to be the Executor of this my last will &
 testament, - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 this the tenth day of September, A.D. eighteen hundred and
 forty two, the words with their increase interlined before signing
 signed, published and declared
 as and for his last will and
 testament by Absalom I. Mott
 in our presence and who at his
 request and in his presence and
 presence of each other have hereunto
 subscribed our names as witnesses

John H. Jones
 Jas H. Rencher
 Wm. A. Allen

Absalom I. Mott

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court

Greene County, March 3^d 1845

This day the last will and testament of Absalom I.
 Mott deceased was presented to the court by Duncan I.
 Mott the executor therein named, and there being no
 heir or legatee resident in this county or state to whom notice
 should issue, whereupon the court examined on oath John H. Jones
 and William Allen two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching
 the legal execution of the said will and the court being fully
 satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses whereupon
 the said will is admitted to probate and received attested
 and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament
 of the said Absalom I. Mott deceased

Attest A. T. Davis (Clerk)

Stith Evans
 In the name of God Amen, this 2nd day of June one thousand
 eight hundred and forty five, I Stith Evans Senr of the
 State of Alabama Greene County being through the blessings
 of God in a sound state of mind & memory but calling to mind
 the frailty thereof this life and that it is appointed to all men
 once to die, do make and ordain this my last will &
 testament, that is to say I give and bequeath and devise
 it in the manner and proportion here following - First I give
 and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary M. Calhoun

her and her body, here one negro man named Hampton, also I give
 and bequeath to my beloved son Abner Evans one negro man named
 Bob - Also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha
 and her child Charles - Also I give and bequeath to my beloved
 daughter Sarah Stephens to her & her body here one negro woman named Amy
 named Ellen - Also I give and bequeath to my beloved
 daughter Sophia - Also I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter
 Emma one negro boy named John - Also I give and bequeath
 unto my beloved son Stith Evans two hundred acres of land
 also one negro man named Jim also one negro woman named
 Harriet Evans to her and her body here one hundred acres of
 land also one bed, bedstead & furniture, also one negro woman
 named Melly & child, (also) - Also I give and bequeath to
 my beloved daughter Adell Evans to her and to her body here
 one hundred acres of land one bed, bedstead & furniture, also one negro
 woman named Julia & child, Mary - Also the remaining
 property belonging to me not specified in the above will to be sold
 and my debts paid and the remaining paid after paying the
 debts to be equally divided between my nine children - Also I
 do appoint my son-in-law Samuel Evans my son Abner
 Evans, also my son Stith Evans to this my last will & testament
 and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and
 every other former testament wills legacies, bequests & Executors
 confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written
 signed sealed published pronounced
 & declared by the said Stith Evans
 as and for his last will and testament
 in the presence of us the subscribers
 Wm. A. Mott
 Thomas I. Spivey
 Alfred Perry

Stith Evans Senr

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court
 Greene County, October 13th 1845

This day the last will and testament of Stith Evans deceased
 was presented to the court by Samuel Evans and Stith
 Evans Jr. two of the executors therein named and it appearing
 to the court that all the heirs at law of the said deceased
 have been cited and had legal notice of this application to admit
 said will to probate, whereupon the court proceeded to examine on
 oath Wm. A. Mott, Alfred Perry and Thomas I. Spivey

The subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of the said Will and the said being satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, It is therefore ordered by the court, that the said Will be admitted to probate, received, established and recorded as the last Will and testament of the said Steth. Peram deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

A. Richardson

Will

Will

I Allen Richardson of the County of Greene & State of Alabama, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of in the following manner, First I direct that all my debts & funeral expenses before as soon after my death as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executor from the proceeds of my farm, I give & bequeath to my wife Lucinda Richardson during her natural life or until she has the following negroes, Jerry, Maria and child Lucy, James, Walter, Will, Kate, Boston & Rachel, and also all that part of my tract of land on which I now reside lying South & east of the following described line beginning at Sandy Creek north east of my present dwelling house at the south east corner of the tract of land which I purchased of Grief Richardson thence due west along the line that formerly separated my first purchase of land from the tract which I purchased of Grief Richardson till it strikes the small creek running through the western part of my land & cutting off eighty acres of my first purchase North of said line, thence down the said last mentioned creek till it strikes William Spencers line, and at the death or intermarriage of my wife I give & bequeath all the above described part of my tract of land to my son Samuel P. C. The remaining portion of my land lying North & west of the above described line I give & bequeath to my son James, consisting of the tract which I purchased of Grief Richardson and eighty acres lying west of it & all of that portion of my land lying west of the small creek running through the western part of my land. I also give to my wife all my stock of cattle horse hogs, sheep plantation tools, household & kitchen furniture &c all the above bequest to my wife to be during her natural life or while she shall remain my widow & to be in lieu of her dower, at her death or intermarriage to be disposed of as herein directed, To my daughter Patsy Richardson I give and bequeath one negro girl named

James - To my daughter Jane Carpenter I give & bequeath one negro girl named Esther - To my daughter Malinda Howels I give & bequeath one negro girl Emeline, - To my daughter Willy Murphy I give & bequeath one negro girl named Charlotte & one hundred and fifty dollars in money - To my daughter Rebecca I give & bequeath my negroes Sam, Maria, Walter & leaving except to let her to remain with my wife on the plantation till all my just debts are paid - To my son James I give & bequeath the negroes Jacob Preston Buffum, Bets - To Harsh & Daniel Samuel P. C. I give & bequeath Anthony, Caleb, Mary, Frank Rich & Vincent in addition to the land before bequeathed to him at the death or intermarriage of my wife - To my daughter Philney I give & bequeath Jane, Will, Margaret, Henderson, Bro Mary, Ashby, Gustav, Marlan & Rachel - To my daughter Grizzle I give & bequeath Sandy, Walter, Andrew, William, Adam, Duggett & Shanty, all the property herein bequeathed to my four oldest children to be given to them as soon as the crop on hand at my death shall be finished. It is my will and desire that my wife & four youngest children herein bequeathed to them remain on the plantation in common & it is further my wish that my Executor employ a good overseer to attend to, and keep up the farm & after paying all my just debts the bequest herein made of one hundred & fifty dollars, the wages of overseer and all other necessary expense of keeping up the farm, that the net proceeds or profits of the farm be equally divided at the end of every year between my wife & four youngest children share and share alike. The property bequeathed to my four youngest children to be given off to them as they become of lawful age except such part of it as is given to my wife that to remain with her on the farm till her death or intermarriage at which time or as soon after as the crop then on hand may be finished all my stock of every kind, household & kitchen furniture, plantation tools & utensils & all my property of every kind not herein otherwise disposed of of which I may be seized or possessed, to be sold & equally divided among my four youngest children above named share & share alike - And in case of death in any of the negroes given to my four youngest children before they become of lawful age it is my will that my Executor appoint two discreet persons to act jointly with himself to give to such child or children out of the proceeds of my farm a sufficiency in money or other property to make such child or childrens part equal to the other or others or as near so as possible - All the expenses of

tution & support of my four youngest children to be taken out of the proceeds of the crop made yearly before any dividend taken place, & as they become of age and take off their portion their share in the division of the crop to cease regularly, & the proceeds to be divided with my wife & remaining minor heir. And I do hereby make & ordain Simon Maxwell to be my lawful Executor to carry into effect this my last will & testament & request also that he act as guardian to my minor heir.

In testimony whereof I Allen Richardson the Testator have to this my last Will, written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the words "and child Lucy" to intimate before signed

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of us who have
subscribed in presence of each
other John I White
N T Woodward
Alexander Maxwell

A Richardson Esq

The State of Alabama Orphans Court
Greene County October the 18th 1845

This day the last will and testament of Allen Richardson deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Simon Maxwell the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court by proof, that notice of this application has been given to the widow and all the heirs at law of the said deceased except Henry Fodales, who appeared in Court and acknowledged legal notice and waived his rights to further notice, Whereupon the Court examined on oath John I White and Alexander I Maxwell, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of the 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 admitted to probate, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Allen Richardson deceased

Attest A T Davis Clerk

be Miss State of Alabama Greene County

Will In the name of God, I Charlotte Mixon of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament First it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and that my body be interred in a decent and respectable manner, Secondly to make my

grand daughter equal with her sister Charlotte Taylor I give unto her my said grand daughter Elizabeth Taylor daughter of Robert and Maria Taylor a negro woman named Fanny and her said Elizabeth and her heirs forever. Thirdly I give to my said daughter Maria E Beckham wife of William S Beckham affection and regard she intimated for me and its my will and desire that she have nothing more of my estate, Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my dutiful and affectionate daughter Maria Taylor wife of Robert Taylor all the balance of my estate real personal & mixed to have and enjoy the same and the use and profits thereof during her life, and at her death it is my will and desire that the said estate be equally divided between the children of the said Maria Taylor and their descendants if any, - Lastly, It is my will and desire that Robert Taylor my son-in-law act as Executor of this my last will and testament and carry the provisions of the same into effect - In testimony whereof I the said Charlotte Mixon have caused my name and seal to be hereunto affixed on this the eighteenth day of June A.D one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Signed sealed and attested
in presence of
Wm S Pince
A T Davis
G W Coleman

her
Charlotte & Mixon
mark

The State of Alabama Orphans Court
Greene County November 10th 1845

This day a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte Mixon deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Robert Taylor the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of the said deceased have had due and legal notice of this application and a citation having been served on William S Beckham the husband of Maria E Beckham and the said William S and Maria E Beckham now here appearing by William P Webb Esquire their attorney at law, Whereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Attorney P Davis and George W Coleman two of the subscribing witnesses to the said will touching the legal execution of said writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte Mixon deceased, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses, - It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate, and is hereby established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of Charlotte Mixon deceased

Attest A T Davis Clerk

58 Witherspoon
 State of Alabama. By the Grace of God Amen, I Thomas
 Greene County, of the County of Greene, State of Alabama, do hereby certify that I am the
 County aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, and calling
 to mind the frailty of my body and the uncertainty of life, but
 waiting the will of God to dispose of it do ordain and declare
 this instrument of writing as sitting forth my last will &
 Testament, touching such outward estate wherewith it has
 pleased God to endow and bless me. 1st It is my will that
 all my real and perishable estate of which I do seize &
 possessed shall be sold either by private sale or public outcry
 as my executor may think best, and from the proceeds thereof
 full payment be made of all my just debts with the
 following reservations viz. II I give and bequeath to my
 brother James Minto Witherspoon, the whole of my Library of
 books and all my papers of every kind. I give and bequeath
 to my Nephew Robert Haywood McQuadden, my father Robert
 the likeness of a man whose virtue & principles he may safely
 follow. I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Dwight
 Witherspoon, my gold watch in memorial of his grandfather
 and uncle, whose name he bears, but in case of the death
 of said Thomas Dwight Witherspoon, under age of twenty one
 year then I bequeath said gold watch to Thomas Witherspoon
 son of my brother James Minto Witherspoon. III The residue
 of the proceeds of the sale of my real and perishable property
 over and above the amount of my just debts, it is my will
 shall be placed at interest which interest shall be equally
 distributed annually between Eliza Hamilton Gordo, Martha
 Lynn Gordo, Thomas Sydenham Gordo & Thomas Sydenham With-
 erspoon Finney son of Rev Wm Vincent Finney to be applied
 toward their literary education until the marriage or arrival
 at the age of twenty one year of each, but in case of the death
 of either of the above named Gordo or of S D W Finney under
 age of twenty one year, then the dividend falling to such
 deceased, shall stop at their death and be equally distri-
 buted between the survivors or in whole to the survivor as the case
 may be, or in case either of the above named children arriving
 at the age of twenty one year, then the portion of the interest
 which they had received shall be equally divided amongst
 the other three, or two, or the whole to one as the case may be
 and so for each as they die, marry or arrive at age. IV
 explain the third clause of this Instrument, Suppose the interest
 accruing from the residue of the sale of my real & perishable
 estate after the payment of my just debts, shall amount
 to six hundred dollar, then each of the above named
 children shall be entitled to one hundred and fifty dollars
 each, at the marriage of Eliza, or her arrival at the age

of twenty one year then her dividend ceases, & each child will receive
 five hundred dollar, at the marriage or full age of Sydenham Gordo
 the dividend ceases and the other two will receive three hundred
 dollar each, and at the marriage or full age of Sydenham Finney
 Martha Lynn Gordo will receive six hundred dollar until her
 marriage or age of twenty one year. IV After the marriage death or
 full age of twenty one year of the last and all of the above named
 children I will and bequeath the residue of my real and perishable
 estate after the payment of my just debts to the General Assem-
 bly Board of Foreign Missions for sending the Gospel to the heathen
 I will and bequeath to the President of the American Coloniza-
 tion Society who shall be in office at my death the following
 names viz. Paul, Effie, Lucinda, Daniel, Lucinda, Jone, Harriet
 Mary, Mathew, Mercus, Jane Ann, Lafayette, Mary, Elmina
 Peter, Marcus, Amy, Felix, Julia, Jack, Fina, Moses, Epes
 Louisa Charlotte with the increase of the families thereof. In
 executing and delivering this instrument of writing to be the record
 of my wish & desire in the disposition of my property, I am
 motivated by the fear and love of God, and feeling it to be
 my duty then to dispose of it, I can say truly, I am a
 stranger to any unkind feelings to any of my beloved relations
 in thus alienating my estate from them. When it shall
 please God to call me home I trust I will die in the faith
 of my father, with the full assurance of a blessed immor-
 tality. I hereby nominate and constitute my brother
 James Minto Witherspoon and my nephew Robert Haywood
 McQuadden the Executor of this my last will and Testament
 Given under my hand and seal this the thirty first day of
 August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and forty four
 Signed Sealed and
 declared in presence of
 Wm H Russell
 John Atkins
 James S Bradford
 Thomas I Witherspoon Esq

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court.
 Green County December 8th 1845.
 This day the last will and Testament of Thomas I Witherspoon deceased was presented to the Court for probate by James
 McQuadden and Robert McQuadden the Executors therein named
 and Levi S Pollard appointed Guardian ad litem for the minor heirs of
 Benjamin Franklin Witherspoon to appear for them in the matter of said
 application, who appeared accordingly, and no objection being offered the
 Court examined on oath John Atkinson of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 touching the legal execution of said will, and the Court being fully satisfied

from the testimony of the said witness - It is therefore ordered by the court that the said will be admitted to probate, received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Thomas McWhisperm deceased. Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

Attest I Radford C. Coleman of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, do make and publish this my last will and testament. First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my executor. I wish all my property kept together in the hands of my wife until my son Reuben shall have arrived at the age of sixteen years for the support of my wife and daughters, and for the support and education of my younger son viz, Alexander I wish sent to school one year, William three years and Reuben four years, I wish my son who are now twenty years old, and my other sons as they become twenty years old to have the use of all that part of the farm on which I now reside, which lies north of the Live house branch, each to have an equal portion. I wish my lands in mortgage sold when it will bring five dollars per acre in cash, my Garden land when it will bring four hundred dollars and the Sumter land when it will bring two hundred dollars in cash, when the above lands or any part thereof are sold I desire that the money shall be divided in negroes between the age of twelve and sixteen and placed with the other in the hand of my wife, When my son Reuben shall have arrived at the age of sixteen years I wish my Executor after advertising at least thirty days to sell all my property to the highest bidder at public auction the land on one, two and three years credit, the other property on a credit of twelve months, the purchasers to give bonds with approved security - I wish the proceeds of my estate to be equally divided amongst my wife and children each to have share and share alike, my wife to have in addition to her part my sorrel horse called Shelton. I give my daughter their portion for and during their natural lives, and at their decease to revert to their children if they have any surviving them, then to those of my children who survive them, I hereby appoint and constitute my son George A. Coleman and my friend William McAlpine executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I haveunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of June eighteen hundred and forty five

Robert Wynn
G. P. Sanford

Radford C. Coleman

The State of Alabama
Greene County
December 28th 1845

This day the last will and testament of Radford C. Coleman deceased was presented to the court for probate, and it appearing to the court that the widow and heirs at law of the said deceased who are of full age have had due and legal notice of said application, Whereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Richard F. Shelton and Robert Wynn two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution thereof and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses It is therefore ordered by the court that the said instrument of writing be received established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Radford C. Coleman deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God amen; I James Kirkpatrick of the County of Greene State of Alabama being in sound mind and somewhat afflicted in body, blessed be God for his mercies, do this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred & thirty four do make and declare this to be my last will and testament, (hereby reciting and) enrolling all former instruments of this kind in manner and form as follows viz, - 1st To my beloved wife Polly, I give and bequeath all that tract or parcel of land on which I now live, entered in the south west subdivision of the fractional section fourteen in Township nineteen in range 2 East 13. N. Also the west half of the South east quarter of section six in Township nineteen and range 13. N. Also the east half of the South east quarter of section six in Township nineteen and range 13. N. Also the following slaves (viz) one man named Oliver, one woman named Jude, one woman Dice, one woman Maria and her child and future increase. Conditioned that the before mentioned Oliver Jude and Dice at the death of my beloved wife Polly shall become the property of my children, Also to my said wife Polly all my household and kitchen furniture, also two hundred dollars in silver and ten dollars in gold taken out of my estate before any further division of the same and not to be included in the division of said estate, also to my wife Polly I give and bequeath an equal part of all moneys arising from a sale of property that may be disposed of by my executor with an equal part of whatever moneys may be found in my possession at the time of my death, the before mentioned to be possessed during her natural life with the exception of the negro woman Maria and her increase, which slaves are to be at her perfect disposal as also the sums of money before mentioned - 2nd To my beloved daughter Sunny Culberson I give and bequeath the following slaves (viz) one woman formerly put in her possession

at the time of her first marriage, called Melly, one woman slave called Fanny and two children of Jude named Harriet and the other is to be the one Jude is now pregnant with if it live, also one other negro woman by the name of Abby, and at the death of my wife Polly I also give her share with an equal part with the other heirs, her mother excepted, of all moneys arising from the sales of every part of my estate that may be disposed of as also of all moneys that may be found in my possession at the time of my death, provided however that the amount given her at the time of her marriage with Roswell Ford shall be included in making up the before mentioned amount, to her and her heirs forever — ^{2^d} To my beloved daughter Betsy Moore I give and bequeath Five Hundred Dollars in cash, which sum is to be paid out of the sales of my property to be sold or moneys on hand, and also all the money and property heretofore put in her possession, which sum of money is to be paid to my said daughter Betsy Moore previous to any division of my estate to her and her heirs forever — ^{3^d} To my beloved daughter Emily I give and bequeath the slaves now in her possession (viz) Abby Ida with her five child Ellen, Lehancy, Paulina, Mary Washington and also one negro woman Rue, my said daughter Nancy to have an equal part of all moneys arising as aforesaid with the other heirs, her mother excepted, to her and her heirs forever — ^{4th} To my beloved son James Hill, I give and bequeath the following slaves (viz) Sumner and Esther his wife and her children viz, Liza, Joe, Henry, Rue, Diana, Mahala also a negro named George, also it is my will that my said son James Hill shall have an equal portion of all moneys arising from the sale of property after my decease & whatever money may be found on hand with the exception before mentioned in favor of my wife Polly to him and his heirs forever — ^{5th} To my beloved son William Madison I give and bequeath the following slaves (viz) one negro woman Luce one negro woman named Ellen one negro man called Edmund one negro girl called Leah one negro boy Abraham and the negro man named Oliver, at the death of my beloved wife Polly — Also the same amount of money and property that was given to my daughter Fanny Culberson when she was married to Roswell Ford, with the exception of the negro property, the above named money is to be taken out of the estate previous to any division, and my will is that my son William Madison shall have an equal part of all moneys arising as aforesaid with the heirs, his mother excepted to him and his heirs forever — ^{6th} To my beloved daughter Emily Adeline I give and bequeath the following slaves (viz) one negro woman called Ruth with her children Amanda John and Charity and Richard one negro man

named Jack, one negro woman called Esther, also one woman slave at the death of my wife, and the same amount of money that was given to my daughter Fanny at the time of her marriage before mentioned with the same amount of property in kind, I have excepted, and which amount of money and property is to be taken out of my estate previous to any division also to my said daughter Emily Adeline an equal share of all moneys arising from the sales of property as aforesaid and moneys on hand as aforesaid, with the other heirs my beloved wife excepted, to her and her heirs forever — It is also my will that all my lands not heretofore disposed of and lying in the County of Greene shall be equally divided between my sons and daughters (viz) Fanny Culberson, Nancy, Emily, Adeline and James Hill and William Madison that in said division each shall hold the improvement on which he or she may be found living at the time of my death, and further that in such division the lands shall be all valued as woodland unimproved, and without any reference to the improvement found thereon — It is also my will that all my lands lying and being in the County of Clarke State of Alabama shall be sold by my executor and that the proceeds arising therefrom shall be equally divided amongst the following persons (viz) my beloved wife Polly, my daughters Fanny Culberson, Nancy, Emily, Adeline, and my sons James Hill and William Madison, It is also my will that all the property left to my beloved wife Polly, at her death not heretofore disposed of shall be equally divided between my children (viz) Fanny Culberson, Betsy Moore, James Hill, Nancy, William Madison, Emily, Adeline them and their heirs forever — I also nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Polly Executor and my son James Hill and John P. Lambuth my Executors of this my last will and Testament — Finally as I have endeavored to live in the honor of God I commend my body to its mother earth and my soul to him who gave it, I wish my Executors above named to have my body decently interred and the expenses attending the same as well as my last illness and all other just debts of any such not paid previous to any distribution of the money left on hand — In witness whereof I have put my hand and affixed my seal the day and date first above written signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned witnesses and declared to be the last will and testament of the testator who requested

James Kirkpatrick Jun

us to witness the same
 Robert Fleming
 James Wallace
 A C Snider

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court.
 Greene County, January 13th 1846.

This day the last will and testament of James McPatrick deceased was presented to the Court for probate and it appearing to the Court that the widow and all the heirs at law of the said deceased have had due and legal notice, they having been served with a citation requiring them to appear and contest the same, and no objection being offered, whereupon the Court having read the same, and the subscribing witnesses on oath touching the legal execution of the said will and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses - It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate and recorded as the last will and testament of the said James McPatrick deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

Will In the name of God Amen, I William Fortson of the County of Greene and State of Alabama knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make, ordain, publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills whatsoever at any time heretofore made - And as to what worldly effects it hath pleased God to entrust me with it is my will and wish and I do hereby give and dispose of in the manner following - Item First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Fortson for and during her natural life and no longer, the following land and premises to wit, The west half of South West quarter and the east half of South West quarter of Section thirty, the west half of North East quarter and the east half of the North West quarter of Section thirty one, The North East quarter of South West quarter and the North West quarter of South East quarter of Section thirty one, all in Township twenty three Range two East. Containing in all about four hundred acres be the same more or less, together with all the houses improvements and appurtenances thereon and also the negro slaves Mary, Mary Wayne, Perry, Melly and Rhody, and the future increase of the families thereof. - Item Second, I also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife all the household and kitchen furniture, the Carriage and Carriage horses and two other horses such as my said wife may choose from

my whole stock of horses, a note of Oxen the best yoke, four cows, calves and five of the other stock cattle, twenty five head of good stock hogs, three thousand pounds pork eight sheep and all poultry of every description - Item Third It is my will and desire that all the property herein devised to my wife be at her death equally divided among my children share and share alike, to those of them who may be living at that time and the children of those who may not be living at the death of my said wife to take the part which their deceased parent would be entitled to - Item Fourth, It is my will and desire that my Executor furnish, out of my estate, a sufficient quantity of Groceries, corn, fodder, and provision for the maintenance and support of my said wife and family, and she is also to have the gun wagon and farming utensils, Horse mill, - Item Fifth, I make, constitute and appoint Solomon Maxwell my Executor to carry out and execute this my last will and testament - Item Sixth I devise and bequeath all my estate except so much thereof as is given and bequeathed above to my wife and that after her death to my children and legatees, my Son-in-law Abraham Buford, Rachel M. Ridgway wife of Burwell Ridgway, the heir of Samuel S. Fortson, my son-in-law Solomon Maxwell, William S. Fortson, William Fortson, William S. Fortson son of my daughter Fanny Harris, Elizabeth Fortson, William S. Fortson, Peter C. Fortson & Aaron Fortson to them and to their heirs and assigns forever except such such restrictions and reservations as I have herein after made - Item Seventh, It is my will and desire that my executor sell all my estate both real and personal not herein before disposed of on such credits & terms as he may think most beneficial for all concerned; and collect the proceeds thereof and pay to each one of my legatees the equal portion or part as herein specified - But the amount of all the notes and accounts no matter of what date or for what consideration, which I now have in my possession against any of them, is to be taken as money in payment of the share or part of such indebtedness to me - Item Eighth, Believing that it will be for the interest and well fare of my daughter Rachel M. Ridgway to entail and fix upon her and the heirs of her body that part of my estate which I have devised to her, I do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto my grand son Henry Ridgway all and every part of the elements of my estate being equal in amount to each one of my heirs & legatees, so long however for the only proper use behoof and benefit of my said daughter Rachel M. Ridgway for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided.

among the heirs of her body lawfully begotten - Item Ninth It is my wish and desire that my Executor pay all my just debts out of any moneys which may come into his hands - Item Tenth It is my desire that my old negro man Sam be left with my wife, that he be not sold, but kept in the family and well treated during the remainder of his days - Item Eleventh, I desire my executor to give up to the trustee above named a certain promissory note, which I hold against Samuel Ridgway for about four hundred Dollars and I hereby give it to the said trustee for the uses and purposes aforesaid, in addition to the equal portion as aforesaid in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament on this the 23^d day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Signed sealed acknowledged and declared by the Testator in the presence of us who have signed as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other

Dubal Carpenter
George F Higginbotham
George F Snyder
Silmon Hicks

Wm Fortson

The State of Alabama - Orphan Court
Greene County February 2^d 1846.

This day the last will and testament of William Fortson deceased was presented to the Court for probate and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of said deceased residing in this state have had due and legal notice, and no objection being offered, thereupon the Court examined on oath, Dubal Carpenter, George F Higginbotham and George F Snyder three of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution thereof and the said witnesses having testified fully to the satisfaction of the Court, it is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate and established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said William Fortson deceased.

Attest A. R. David Clerk

Wm Pope In the name of God Amen - Known all men by these presents that I William Pope of the State of Mississippi County of Lowndes do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following - Item 1st My negro boy Jack. I leave to be sold in a credit of six months, & two thirds of the sum arising from the sale of said negro, I give unto my sister Mary Williams also one shilling given - Item 2^d The

balance of the money arising from the sale of said negro boy I give and bequeath unto the heirs of Thomas Roagg & Blaney Roagg to be equally divided between them, the same to remain in the hands of my Executor for six months after it becomes due, she paying not more than six percent interest on the same and not to be drawn out of her hands except by a lawful Guardian to said heirs - Lastly, I constitute and appoint my sister Mary Williams Executor to this my last will and testament, and that she shall have full power and authority to transact all my business without entering into bond - In witness whereof I the said William Pope have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 23rd day of May A.D. 1838.

Witness, Allen Lear

M. Westbrook

William Pope

Personally appeared before me Wm P Puller Clerk pro tem of Probate for Lowndes County, Missi. Allen Lear (in Open Court) and acknowledged that he (one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will) saw William Pope whose name is subscribed thereto sign seal and deliver the same for the purposes therein expressed, that he subscribed his name in the presence of William Pope, and that he saw M. Westbrook the other subscribing witnesses sign his name in the presence of William Pope and that they all subscribed their names in the presence of each other on the day and year therein named as their act and deed.



Given under my hand and seal of office the 6th day of August A.D. 1838.

Wm P Puller Clerk pro tem

State of Mississippi I hereby certify that the foregoing is Lowndes County a true copy of the last will and testament of William Pope died from the records in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus this 23^d day of May 1844

Wm P Puller Clerk
By Wm B. Kattell D.C.

I Nathaniel Grodwin Judge of Probate for the County of Lowndes State of Mississippi do hereby certify that at the date of the next foregoing certificate, William P Puller whose name is to them signed was the clerk of the Probate Court aforesaid duly commissioned & qualified according to law, and that William F Kattell was at the date of last foregoing certificate the lawful Deputy of the said William P Puller duly qualified and that full faith & credit are due and

should be given to them and each of their official acts
and that such attestation are in due form of law

Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of
March A.D. 1846 Nathaniel C. Lawrence
Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama - Orphans Court
Greene County 3 April 18th 1846.

This day an authenticated Copy of the Last will and
testament of William Pope deceased from the Court of
Probate of Lowndes County in the State of Mississippi
was presented to this Court, and the Court being fully
satisfied of the authentication thereof, It is therefore ordered
by the Court that the said transcript and authentication
thereof be received and recorded.

Attest A. P. Davis Clerk

Ms Thomas The State of Alabama In the name of God Amen
Greene County 3 Mary & Thomas of the State
County aforesaid do make this my last will &
testament revoking all other or former wills by me heretofore
made in the following form and manner to wit, - In
the event that I succeed in recovering a debt for which
suit is now pending in South Carolina, wherein I
am plaintiff & Doctor Randall Croft is defendant, I
give and bequeath to my beloved sister Louisa Hunt of
presently one thousand Dollars, to Mrs Cornelia
Biscoe and niece, one Hundred Dollars, to my Sister
Louisa Hunt's seven daughters, three Hundred and fifty
Dollars to be equally divided between them, to Eliza
A. Shattelford of Charleston one Hundred Dollars, and
to Doct Theodore Conditin fifty Dollars, provided if he
shall present a medical bill against my estate he shall
not receive the above sum. Should the above debt
not be recovered of Doct. Croft, then the foregoing legacies
shall not be paid but shall be void. After the
payment of all just debts against my estate I desire
that my many servants, Winters shall be sold in Charleston
for cash, which together with all my other personal
or personal of which I am now possessed, or of which I
may die possessed, I do give & bequeath to Samuel Pickens
& his wife Mary & Pickens to be held by them in trust
for my daughter Juliana Howard, to whom it is my
will that interest shall be paid on the aggregate of my
property, when converted into cash, every 2 & 6 months
in the event of her present husband's death before her

then the whole, to be hers for life & at her death to descend
to my sister Louisa Hunt, if she be then living, but if not,
to descend to such of her daughters as may be then single
in equal share. Provided however that should my
daughter Juliana Howard have issue then the whole of
my property to go to her & her heirs forever. And I do
nominate & appoint Samuel Pickens of Greene County,
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 14th day of June in the year of our Lord 1846.

Signed, sealed, published & declared as the last will
and testament of the aforesaid Mary & Thomas in presence
of us, who at her request have signed our names as witnesses
therein

Mary & Thomas Execs
N. B. Morgan } witness
A. McAlpine } witness
Stephen Shaw } witness

The State of Alabama - Orphans Court
Greene County 3 August 3rd 1846
This day the last will and testament of Mary & Thomas
deceased was presented to the Court for probate, by Samuel
Pickens the Executor therein named, and it appearing
to the satisfaction of the Court that there are no heirs at
law of the said deceased residing in this state except
the wife of the said Samuel Pickens, who has had
two notices of this application, no objection being offered
the Court proceeded to examine on oath Nicholas R.
Morgan, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, and
the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of
said witnesses, It is ordered by the Court that the
said will be admitted to probate, received established and
recorded as the last will and testament of the said Mary
& Thomas deceased.

Attest A. P. Davis Clerk

Attest J. Davis Campbell of the County of Greene and State of
Alabama, do make and declare this to be my last will
and testament in manner and form following - First, I will
and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda Campbell, for and
during the term of her natural life, one negro man
named Abram, about fifty years of age, a negro woman
named Mary about forty years old and a negro girl named
Parelee about nine years old, and at the decease of my
wife it is my will that the three negroes above named
shall go and descend unto my son William C.

also will and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda Campbell for and during the term of her natural life a negro boy named John, about sixteen years old, and at the death of my life it is my will that the boy last mentioned viz, John, shall go and descend unto my daughter Margaret Autry and to the heirs of her body forever. I also will and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda Campbell for and during the term of her natural life a negro boy named Perry about fifteen or sixteen years of age, and at the decease of my wife it is my will that the said boy Perry shall go and descend unto my daughter Susan Davis and to the heirs of her body forever. I also will and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda Campbell all of my stock of Hogs and Cattle that may be on my plantation at my death, also one mule named Sam, my household and kitchen Furniture to be hers forever I will and devise unto my wife Lucinda Campbell for and during the term of her natural life, all of my lands that lay on the north and east side of the public road leading from Tuscaloosa to Greensboro with the exception of the lot and house known as the Hall house and lot, and at the decease of my wife I will and devise the land above described unto my son William Campbell and my daughter Margaret Autry forever, to be divided equally between them. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Field one Dollar, I also will and bequeath to my daughter Cynthia Hall one Dollar, I also will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Elliott and Elizabeth Elliott one Dollar each. All the rest of my estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may be not hereinbefore particularly disposed of, I desire may be sold and the proceeds therefrom arising to be applied to the payment of all my just debts and the residue after paying my debts I desire may be equally divided between, or among my several children hereinafter named viz, Susan Davis, Margaret Autry, William Campbell, Elizabeth Elliott, and Mary Elliott. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Lucinda Campbell the Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me made heretofore. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the seventh day of January 1846.

Signed sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above

David Campbell

named David Campbell impersonated
 J. H. Hampton
 Thomas Giddie Jr
 James G. Giddie

To the Hon^d Lydenham Moore Judge of the County Court of Greene County. The petition of Lucinda Campbell widow and relict of David Campbell late of said County would respectfully represent unto your Honor that on the 15th day of APRIL 1846 her said husband departed this life having first duly made and published his last will & testament which is herewith filed and submitted to your Honor for probate & registration. Your petitioner represents unto your Honor that by the said will she is appointed the sole Executrix of the said David Campbell dec^d and that the said David Campbell left the following named children his heirs and devisees him surviving viz, Elizabeth Elliott wife of John Elliott, Mary Elliott wife of Thomas Elliott, Jane Field wife of Elias C. Field, and William Campbell, who reside in Greene County, Ala, and Susan Davis wife of Mr Saml Davis who reside in the County of Sumter, Margaret Autry wife of Mr Lucind Hall wife of J. S. Hall residing in the State of Kentucky, all of whom are of lawful age and to whom your petitioner prays that citation may issue, requiring them to appear before your Honor and show cause if any they can why the said will should not be admitted to probate and recorded, and for such other and further relief as the case requires. As my duty bound she will ever pray &c.

Wm. P. Webb Solicitor

The State of Alabama Orphan Court
 Greene County August 3^d 1846.
 This day the last will and testament of David Campbell deceased having been pronounced to the Court by Lucinda Campbell the Executrix therein named and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of the said David Campbell deceased residing in this state have had due and legal notice of this application and no objection being offered by any of the heirs, this application being regularly continued to this day, and set for hearing, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Thomas H. Hampton and Thomas Giddie Jr.

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 therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate, received established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said David Campbell deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

The State of Alabama, I Samuel Hanna, Sheriff of the State of Alabama, County of Coffee, aforesaid, aware of the uncertainty of this life & desirous of making a disposition of the property which providence has blessed me with to take effect at my decease, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit, First, I desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of moneys on hand or which may be due me or out of the proceeds of any crop I may have on hand or be entitled to, Secondly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah, the plantation or tract of land on which I reside containing one hundred & fifty acres, my negro woman named Sally & my negro boy named Reuben, my household & kitchen furniture, my horses and stocks of cattle & hogs, to have & hold all the said land, furniture & stocks for and during the term of her natural life, but to dispose of the said negroes as she may choose. Thirdly, I give devise & bequeath the afore-said tract of land at the death of said wife unto my two daughters Sarah wife of John Kennedy, and Jane wife of David Knox, equally to be divided between them, share & share alike, and the furniture & stocks above mentioned at the death of my said wife unto my two sons Samuel Hanna, Young, Hanna and my said daughter Sarah and Jane equally to be divided between them. Fourthly, To my son William I give & bequeath my negro boy named Dick. Fifthly, To my son Archibald I give and bequeath my negro boy named John. Sixthly, To my son Samuel I give and bequeath my negro boy named Tom. Seventhly, To my son Henry, I give and bequeath my negro boy named Jack. Eighthly, To my daughter Sarah, I give and bequeath my negro girl named Rachel. Ninthly, It is my desire that my negroes Mary with her increase, and Mose should be the property of my daughter Jane the wife of David Knox for her separate & sole use not subject in any way to the claims against the said David Knox, & it is my design to secure by proper deed of gift of the said negroes to my daughter Jane & her

children the possession of them in that way. Tenthly, I have already given to my sons Andrew & James, all I intend for them out of my estate, and all the rest & residue of my estate real & personal I give, devise & bequeath unto my said wife Sarah. Lastly, I hereby appoint my said wife Sarah Executor and my sons Archibald and Samuel Executor of this my last will & testament hereby reciting in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eight hundred & forty one signed & sealed by the said Samuel Hanna Senior as for his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence and the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereof.

Richard F. Nott
R. M. Stewart
Isaac Fleming

Samuel Hanna

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court August 10th 1846
County of Coffee. This day the last will and testament of Samuel Hanna deceased, was presented to the Court for probate by Samuel Hanna and Archibald Hanna the Executors therein named, all the heirs of the deceased living in this state being present, no objection being to said will, the widow having assented to said application. Whereupon the Court proceeded to examine in oath Robert M. Nott one of the subscribing witnesses the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witness, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate, received established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Samuel Hanna deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph D. Hickey of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, planter considering the uncertainty of life and considering it the duty of every individual to settle his own affairs as far as lies in his power, do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows to wit, my debts which are but few and small I direct to be paid out of the growing crop. To my beloved wife Harriet Hickey I give and bequeath

my household and kitchen furniture, my Carriage and pair of horses, the use and possession of my dwelling house, and all the out buildings attached to the same, and such servants as she may require in the house, during her natural life, and it is my will and desire that my estate, real and personal, shall continue, and remain and be continued the same as in my life time, under the control and direction of my beloved wife Harriet during the minority of any of my Children, for the purpose of raising and educating them, And I hereby appoint my beloved wife Harriet, Executrix of this my last will and testament, and Guardian to all my Children until they become of lawful age, if she should live so long and continues my widow in William Augustus Stickney, Margaret Maria Stickney, Joseph Bryan Stickney, Edward Leonard Stickney, Henry Franklin Stickney, John Lebbe Stickney, Mary Eliza Stickney, and Richard Henry Stickney. I then to my daughter Eliza Ann wife of Doctor Mearns I have given her as a part of her portion of my estate a negro woman named Pater and Child Margaret, for whom I paid at the time, one thousand dollars - To my daughter Harriet Jane wife of John S. Lebeck I gave one thousand dollars in money, as they preferred it to other property, To my son Frederick's wife Stickney I have given one thousand dollars in money, which several sums are to be charged to each respectively and to be deducted from their portions of my estate on any further distribution of the same, accordingly I direct as those of my Children arrive at lawful age, they should be paid to him or her as the case may be, if requested, a sum sufficient to purchase a servant but in no case to exceed one thousand dollars, which will depend on the value of property at the time, and is constantly changing and is my law at this time, I should said five or six Hundred Dollars is as much as my estate can afford to give any one of my Children and most other expenses during the depression of cotton and all other property, which amounts when paid is to be charged to him, or her, and deducted from their further share or portions of my estate. I then, As my son Charles Lebeck Stickney has undertaken to manage the business of my plantation for the benefit of the family, a reasonable compensation for his services, or a share in the crop should be allowed him, and as he is now entitled to draw on my estate sufficient to purchase him a servant, in case there should not be any funds to spare from the sales of the present crop, after paying

my debts and expenses, he is at liberty to take my boy Moses at Seven Hundred Dollars, or any other of my negroes in the crop, to draw a share of a hand of the proceeds of the sales of the produce of my plantation for the services of said negro, and in like manner as long as my son Charles continues to manage the business of my plantation for the benefit of the family, he may have the privilege of drawing a little share of each table hand he may be unable to purchase and put with the family negroes to work. I then, It is my special request in case my beloved wife Harriet should form another alliance by marriage that she immediately relinquish her authority as Executrix and Guardian of those of my Children not then of lawful age, and it is my will and desire that her authority cease from that time, and that my son Frederick Stickney and Charles S. Stickney act as my Executors and Guardians to all my minor Children and in that event my Executors will have my estate appraised, and their mother dower and portion set off and delivered her as the law directs - The residue of my estate, my Executors are to continue to have managed as directed above for the benefit of the minor Children until they have finished their education and of lawful age - I then, as it is impossible for me to foresee what may hereafter be most beneficial and advantageous for my beloved wife and Children, for whom all my worldly interests center, it is therefore my will and intention to leave it discretionary with my Executors or Executor as the case may be, If they should be fully satisfied it would be to the interest of the minor Children, to make sale of any part or all of my estate real and personal, and invest the proceeds in United State Stock for the benefit of my heirs, then and in that case, they are fully authorized and empowered to make the sale of all or any part of my estate and invest the proceeds in the most safe and profitable stock, the interest to be applied to the support and education of my minor Children, but this authority would not be prudent to carry into effect to its full extent at this time, in fact I think it most advisable for my beloved wife Harriet to continue the planting or farming business during the minority of my Children. I then As a full distribution of my estate cannot take place during the lifetime of my beloved wife Harriet, I leave it to her discretion, after all

my children have finished their education, although my youngest son Richard (Lenny) should not be of age, so that full provision is made for his share in my estate exclusive of his board and schooling and clothing, the same as was the case with the rest of my children, then a further distribution of my estate may be made to each of my surviving children, deducting therefrom the amount heretofore paid to each, so that they may all share and share alike at a final distribution of my estate, authorizing my beloved wife Harriet to retain for her support three shares of a child's portion, so long as she continues my widow.

And finally I hereby order and direct that if any dispute or controversy shall happen respecting this my last will and testament, that no suit or suits either in law or equity shall be brought concerning the same, but all disputes if any should arise, shall be decided by three impartial and intelligent men, the disputants each having the choice of one, and the third chosen by those two, and their decision is to all intents and purposes to be as binding on the parties as if it had been given in the Supreme Court of the United States. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Ed Moore
G. W. F. Tom
H. A. Hollenwerth

Joseph D. Stickney

Considered, Considering my wife Mrs Harriet Stickney, health, & to relieve her of some of the trouble of managing the business of my estate, I have thought best to & do appoint my son Charles D. Stickney, jointly with his mother, Executor & Executrix of this my last will & testament, Given under my hand & seal this 18th day of December 1840

J. D. Stickney

The State of Alabama - Orphans Court
Greene County 3rd August 17th 1846.

This day the last will and testament of Joseph D. Stickney deceased, was presented to the Court by Harriet Stickney and Charles D. Stickney, the executors and executrix therein named for probate, and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of said deceased had

had due and legal notice, and no objection being offered thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath, Henry A. Hollenwerth one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said will, and the said witness having testified fully to the satisfaction of the Court it is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate, received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Joseph D. Stickney deceased.

Attest

A. M. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Stephen Ellis of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory blessed be God, and mindful of my mortality, do hereby declare the following to be my last will and testament - In the first place it is my will that the following land be divided amongst my sons Amariah Ellis, Brown Ellis, Stephen Ellis and Elijah Ellis as is hereinafter described, to wit, The fraction of land known as fraction A sec 34 township 33 range three East containing ninety two acres to be divided among my reference being had to quality as well as quantity, and also the following fractions to be divided among the same above mentioned children, to wit, fraction B the 34 township 33 range 3 east, and the north west fraction west of the river sec 35 township 33 range 3 east all in the Tuscaloosa land District reference being had to the quality as well as to quantity as before - I also give to the above named four children the following described land to wit, East 1/2 of Sec 38, township 33 range 3 East, the East 1/2 of Sec 39 township 33 range 3 East, and the west 1/2 of Sec 38, township 33 range 3 east all in Tuscaloosa District, to be divided into four parts reference being had as before to the quality as well as to the quantity, and so divided that my son Stephen shall have his part so as to include the houses where I now live and give him and also give to my children Saxe Ellis, Phibe Ellis and Mrs. Daughton Nancy Edwards the sum of Five Hundred Dollars each, and should what is on hand and not mentioned in this my last will and testament, not be sufficient to pay said several sums of money, then my

son to whom I have willed my land are to make it up
I also require of my son Stephen that he shall support
my wife during her life or during her widowhood, and in
consideration thereof I give to him all my stock of mules
hogs, cows &c and farming utensils, and such provisions as
may be on hand at my death, and such household and
kitchen furniture as may be on hand & not disposed of in
this will. I also give to my son Amosiah, Brown, Stephen
and Elijah, one bed and furniture each, and to my
son Stephen my family Bible and my secretary. I
also give to my daughter Phoebe, one bed & furniture
and stand of curtains, one China press, my China
and glass ware and Caster. And I do hereby Con-
stitute and appoint Thomas Edwin Lewis and Thomas
Middle to carry this my last will and testament
into effect, and do hereby constitute them my lawful
Executors. In witness of all of the foregoing, I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 3^d day
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty, six.

Signed, stated and published
in presence of the subscribing
witnesses and in presence of each other
(Wit.) Abraham Hinds (Seal)
(Test.) Samuel A. Wilson (Seal)
Nest William (Seal)

Stephen Ellis (Seal)

The State of Arkansas, Arkansas County, September 16th 1866.
This was the last will and
testament of Stephen Ellis deceased was presented to
the Court for probate and it appearing to the Court that
the widow and him at law of said deceased have
had due and legal notice of this application, and no
objection being offered and it further appearing to the
Court that Abraham Hinds one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto is dead, whereupon the Court proceeded to examine
on oath Samuel A. Wilson and William Edwin Lewis
of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal
execution of said will, and the Court being fully
satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses, it is
therefore ordered by the Court that said will be and
is hereby received, established and recorded as the last
will and testament of the said Stephen Ellis
deceased.

Alfred A. David Clerk

St. Francis & Minor of the city of Vincennes being,
now thanks to almighty God of sound mind and
memory, but conscious of the uncertainty of this life,
do make ordain and publish this my last will and
testament - 1st It is my will that after the payment
of all my just debts and funeral expenses, all my
property both real and personal be equally divided in
the manner hereinafter described among all my
children who may be living at my death; and if
any should die before such distribution, their share
to be equally divided among their descendants -
2^d The shares which shall be allotted to my daughter
shall be to their sole and separate use free from the
control of the husbands of such of them as may be
married at my death, or may afterwards be married,
for and during the term of their natural lives,
with remainder to their issue, and if they or either
of them should die without issue living at the time
of their death, then their share to be divided equally
among their surviving brothers and sisters and the
descendants of such as may then be dead, should
it become necessary, or be thought expedient to sell
any portion of the property, which may be allotted
to my daughter real or personal, the proceeds of such
sale shall be reinvested in other property which shall
be held in the same manner, and be subject to
the same restriction and conditions as the property
then sold. - 3^d The children respectively should
inquire shall be made into my administration of
my father's estate, which has been to the best of
my judgment for their joint benefit, and I hereby
enjoin upon them not to have any litigation about
the distribution of their property, or the proper construc-
tion of this will but that if any difficulty should
arise the matter be left to the arbitrament of
some friends of the family chosen by themselves
or their guardians. - 4th I further enjoin on
all my children to provide for the wants and comfort
of all the old family slaves - 5th Lastly, I appoint
my son Fayette W. Minor & Henry W. Collier and
John J. Ormand Executors of this my last will and
testament him or each person as may be appointed to
act in his stead, with full power and authority to
sell real estate for the purpose of distributing or
payment of debts. Signed and published this 30th day

of September 1844
In presence of
Wm R Smith
James Semmito
Ans W Pratt

Frances F Minor

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County, October 12th 1846.

This day the last will and testament of Frances F Minor deceased, was presented to the court together with the commission directed to James B. Clark Esquire to take the deposition of John W. Pratt, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, and the deposition of the said witness taken by said James B. Clark Esquire, properly taken and certified accompanying the same, and the court being fully satisfied from the deposition aforesaid, that the said will was duly executed by the said Frances F Minor in the presence of himself and the other subscribing witness, and that the witnesses all subscribed in the presence of the said Frances F Minor and in the presence of each other and at the request of the said Frances F Minor, and that the said Frances F Minor was at the time of executing the same of sound and disposing mind, and declared the same to be her last will and testament in presence of said witness. It is therefore ordered that the said will, be received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Frances F Minor deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen; I, Albert P. Whitehead of the County of Greene in the State of Alabama being of sound & disposing mind and memory, and anxious to make such a disposition of my property to me seems just & proper after my death, do make & declare this to be my last will & testament. Item, 1st, It is my will & desire that my Executor hereinafter to be appointed shall pay all my just debts immediately after my death. Item 2^d, I hereby devise to my affectionate Father Edwin P. Whitehead, all my real Estate to have and to hold to him & his heirs forever in fee simple. Item 3^d, I hereby will & bequeath to my affectionate Father Edwin P. Whitehead all the personal property that I now have of every kind & description whatever

and all the personal property of every kind & description whatever that I may hereafter acquire, as it is my will & desire that the said Edwin P. Whitehead should after my death take and own all & every thing that I may have, and I make him the sole devisee of my lands, and the sole legatee of my personal property, as I have received the same from him by gift voluntarily & affectionately made to him to me. Item 4th, I hereby appoint my Father the said Edwin P. Whitehead my Executor to carry out & execute the provisions of this my last will & testament. Signed sealed published & declared by Albert P. Whitehead as his last will & testament in our presence, who signed the same in our presence and we signed the same in his presence, and in the presence of each other on the day the will was made, and at the request of the said Albert P. Whitehead. In presence of James Hogan, J. B. Deering

This done by me in the City of Tuscaloosa Alabama the 14th day of February A.D. 1846, as witness my hand & seal.

Albert P. Whitehead

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County, October 31st 1846.
This day the last will and testament of Albert P. Whitehead deceased was presented to the court for probate, being regularly continued to this day, and it appearing to the court that the heir at law of the said deceased, have had due and legal notice and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath James Hogan one of the subscribing witnesses to the said will, touching the legal execution of said will (the other witnesses not appearing) 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 Albert P. Whitehead deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

I, Abel Upchurch Sr, in the name of God Amen, of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First, I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing in a remission of my sins, by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my administrator herein after named. And my worldly estate, I give and devise as follows: First I give and devise to my son Bastlet Upchurch, the sum of Five Dollars, Also I give and devise to my son Benjamin Upchurch the sum of Five Dollars, Also I give and devise to my daughter Gelly Carver, the sum of Five Dollars, Also I give and devise to my son Satan Upchurch, the sum of Five Dollars, Also I give and devise to my daughter Mary Martin the sum of Five Dollars, Also I give and devise to my three grand children William Rich, Zachary Rich, and John Rich (Being the children of Joseph Rich by marriage with my daughter Simon) Five dollars each, The said money is to be kept in the hands of my administrator until said children shall marry or come of age at 8 percent interest, and at that, or any one marriage or coming to lawful age, the administrator is to pay it over to each one or his or their lawful agent, with said interest. Also I give and devise to my son John Upchurch the sum of Five Dollars. Also I give and devise to my son Abel Upchurch Jr, all my whole message lands and tenements, containing, one Hundred and twenty acres, situate lying and being in the County of Greene State of Alabama, To have and to hold to my said son Abel Upchurch Jr, his heirs and assigns. Also I give and devise to my son Abel Upchurch Jr all my personal property, viz, My servant man Wilson, his wife Amey, her son Sam, Henry, Mary, Harriet and Sarah, being children of the said Black man and his wife Amey, to have and to hold to my said son Abel Upchurch Jr his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and devise to my son Abel Upchurch Jr all my horses, cattle and stock, and all the house hold furniture. Also I do hereby appoint my trusty friend and son Abel Upchurch Jr Administrator of this my last will and testament, and do declare that he shall receive pay for all his pains and trouble he will have in the execution of this my will.

Also for the better security of my wife Sherry, I do declare that the property shall all stay together after my death if I should die first, until her death, before the said distributions, as I have bequeathed there, shall take place. And also that it shall and may be lawful for him my said administrator, in the first place, to pay himself for all his trouble, and all the real, real and personal whatever after the payment of my just debts, legacies and funeral expenses and other charges and deductions as aforesaid, all after conforming with my will aforesaid, to be my son Abel Upchurch Jr and his heirs and assigns forever.

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
Testator as and for his last
will and testament in presence
of us who at his request and
in his presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses
this the twelfth day of Sept-
ember one thousand eight
hundred and forty six

his
Abel & Upchurch Sr.
mark

I J W Wilson
John Hall
G B Coleman,

The State of Alabama, Oppham Court
Greene County, January 11th 1867
This day the Last will and testament of Abel Upchurch deceased was presented to the Court for probate and registration, by Abel Upchurch Jr the Executor therein named, and all the heirs at law of the said deceased and also the widow have had due and legal notice of the same being made in open Court and none of the heirs contesting the validity of the said will thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath James J W Wilson, John Hall and Griffin B Coleman the subscribing witnesses thereto, 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 said will be admitted to probate, and the same is hereby record established, and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Abel Upchurch deceased.

Attest A. P. Davis Clerk

John Parr of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, being mindful of my mortality, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and testament nothing all other by me heretofore made. First, Knowing that my executor will have my remains properly buried, and pay all my debts, I only direct that the same be paid out of my estate. Secondly, Having heretofore provided for all my children not named in this my last will and testament, I now declare my daughter Mary Tyler to be the Chief object of my bounty. Thirdly, I hereby will and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Tyler, a negre woman named Mary, to her sole and separate use as her absolute property, to sell bequeath or otherwise to dispose of as she may see cause, and if not disposed of at her death to go to her next of kin according to the Statute of distribution of this State. Fourthly, I further will devise & bequeath the plantation wherein I now reside in said County, with an eighty acre tract of land lying contiguous, with all my other slaves, horses, cattle, hogs, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, moneys on hand at my death, and debts due to me with all other property by me owned whether real or personal wherever situated, to be held and kept, and the plantation carried on for the sole and separate use and support and maintenance of my two daughters the said Mary Tyler & Margaret El James during the life of the said Mary Tyler, provided the said Margaret El James remain with, and continues to reside with the said Mary Tyler, but should the said Margaret El James die or marry or from other cause cease to reside with my said daughter Mary Tyler, then the said property is to be held, and its proceeds to be for the sole and separate use and support of the said Mary Tyler for life. All the increase of the slaves and other property, or investments made with the proceeds of the farm, or from other sources are to be held precisely in the same way as the rest of the property in this fourth item or clause directed to be held and enjoyed, and it is my wish that all the wants of the said two sisters be paid and discharged out of the proceeds of the said property, while Margaret El James lives with the said Mary Tyler, one of the said Mary afterwards for life. Fifthly, I further will and bequeath at the death of the said Mary Tyler

that all the property real and personal, contained in the above fourth item or clause is left for life to the use of the said Mary Tyler, with all the increase and profits, to be equally divided between my son Henry Parr & my said daughter Margaret El James, but if either brother, or the said Henry Parr his heirs shall take what he would said Margaret El James, then her daughter Margaret be divided. Sixthly, I do further will and declare the said negre woman Mary shall hold, not only but the use of all the other property hereby devised and bequeathed to and for her use free from the control of William Wellingham Tyler her husband, and that no part of it shall be subject at any time to his control or hereto appoint my son Henry Parr and my friend William Wellingham, Executor of this my last will and testament and trustees of the property therein devised and bequeathed during the life of the said Mary Tyler with power to sell any part of said personal property, or slaves if necessary to the support and comfortable maintenance of the said Mary Tyler or the intent of the said will should require, hereby empowering the resignation or refusal to act of said trustees to, name a successor or successors to manage and control said property. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th day of April 1846.

Signed sealed, declared

& published in presence of
 Benjⁿ Davis
 Elijah Wellingham
 A. J. Mayfield

his
 John X. Parr Seal
 mark

The State of Alabama, Orphan's Court
 Greene County 3 January 22nd 1847.

This day the last will and testament of John Parr deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Henry Parr one of the Executors therein named, and it appearing to the Court that all the heirs at law of the said John Parr deceased have had due and legal notice of said application, and no objection being made

Whereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath
 Elijah Stillingham and Andrew S Mayfield, two
 of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal
 execution of the 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 John Parr deceased.
 Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

M More will

In the name of God Amen: I Henry More of
 the County of Greene & State of Alabama formerly of Na-
 mhatt in the County of Grayton & State of New Ha-
 mshire, being of sound & disposing mind, but so much
 & diseased in body as to render it prudent to make provision
 for such disposition of my property, as I shall direct
 my death, do make publish & declare this for my last
 will & testament, revoking all others, Item 1st I
 wish all my just debts to be paid, & my funeral
 expenses & for erecting suitable monuments at my grave
 to mark the place where my remains are deposited
 Item 2^d Next after the payment of my debts & the
 expenses above provided I give & bequeath to the Commission-
 Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the sum
 of One Hundred Dollars to be paid to said Commis-
 sioners or the Treasurer, agent or other proper receiving
 officers of said Corporation as soon as can be done
 without injury or embarrassment to my estate - Item
 3^d All the real & residue of my estate, real personal
 & mixed & the proceeds & increase thereof, after providing
 for the first & several items above, I wish when ad-
 ministrated, to be divided into three equal sums or
 shares & the said shares to be disposed of as follows
 that is to say, 1. One share to be for my sister Camille
 Sunborn, wife of John Sunborn during the period of
 her natural life, but to be so vested that she may
 from year to year, or time to time receive a share during
 her life the income profit & increase thereof without
 depreciating the principal (unless as herein after
 provided) and that the principal sum or share at her
 death go to & be equally divided between the children
 of her body begotten, and if any one of her children
 shall have died before her leaving children in life
 at her death, then the children of such deceased
 child, to take the share of the parent. But it is
 further provided in reference to this share both as to

principal & interest, that my Executor herein named or
 either of them may in case he or they shall be of opinion
 that the circumstances of my said sister & her family require
 it, or shall think it necessary or advantageous for the good
 education of her children make applications & allowances
 from the principal of this share, in the life time of
 my said sister beyond the current income of the principal
 or share, and I place this matter both as to the mode &
 extent of such further, other or earlier applications entirely
 in the discretion of my said executor or of either who shall
 act therein, even if it should extend to the Appropriation
 & application of the whole - II One share to be raised
 under this item I give & bequeath to my son Chester H D
 More to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of
 twenty one years - III One share to my daughter Cassia
 M More to be paid to her when she comes to the age of twenty
 one years - But the payment of the legacies provided
 in this item is to be postponed beyond the time provided
 for the payment thereof above, if the circumstances and
 interest of my estate shall in the judgment of my executor or
 of either one acting require it, to such time as the same
 can be paid without embarrassment or injury to my estate
 and in case that either of my said children shall die
 before coming to the age of twenty one years & shall leave
 child or children, the share that would be going to such
 deceased child, if alive, shall go to such child or
 children of the deceased, But if either of my said child-
 ren shall die before coming to the age of twenty one
 years & shall leave no child or children, then the
 share that would have gone to such child if alive
 shall go to & be carried in with the dividend between
 the shares of the surviving child & of my said sister, And
 in case both of my said children should die under the
 age of twenty one years, leaving no children, then the
 whole provided for under this item is to be carried into
 the share of my said sister & her children, subject to the
 same limitations, control & provisions, which are
 provided above as to principal & income, & the discretion of
 my executor or executor in reference to the same -
 Item 4th I name constitute & appoint my friends Asa
 Robbins & David M Russell to be Executor of this
 my last will & testament; and my design and intent
 is to give to my said Executor & to each & either of them
 jointly & separately & whether one or both shall act
 the fullest discretion & amplest authority to carry on
 & close out any & all business in which I am or may

be engaged at the time of my death & the same to pursue or close and a sale or sales of any or all property or estate of which I may die possessed to make, either at public auction or privately at private sale, & without order or decree thereof but wholly in their judgment & discretion or in the judgment or discretion of either of them, and I hereby convey & vest in them & in either for that purpose all needed title to the same, and it is especially my wish that the said Asa Robbins should have time & indulgence in a debt which he owes me, he keeping the same secured as now, or by other adequate security, that is to say, so that the same be paid one half in two & one half in three years from the time of my decease, if said Robbins shall desire the indulgence. In testimony of all which the above I have set my hand & seal at Gadsdenville this 25th day of February A.D. 1847.

In presence of
Sam^l Bliss
A. A. Hamble
C. S. Alexander

Henry Morse

The State of Alabama. Orphan Court April 15th 1847
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of Henry Morse deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Asa Robbins one of the Executors therein named and it appearing to the Court by proof that there were no residents here in this state, whereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Jonathan Bliss one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution thereof, 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 Henry Morse deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

I, John M. Winston do make declare & publish this my last will & testament: at the low & weak in body but of sound mind, 1st That my house hold & kitchen furniture, Carriage & horses be given to my wife, my watch to my son John. It is my will & desire that my property be kept together as long as my wife or son remain unmarried or my son or daughter come of lawful age, but when either shall marry or come of age, then he or she shall have his or her third part and the other kept together until a like event. It is my particular will & express desire that when my daughter

shall marry that my executor hereinafter named shall & they are hereby enjoined to do so to convey & hand over to her the property hereby bequeathed to her in the manner following: that it is to be settled upon her for her sole & separate use for her & the heirs of her body & not to be subject to the debts or contracts or liabilities of her husband, and my executors are instructed particularly to do whatever is necessary to carry into effect the last clause of this my will & Carriage & Horses intended. I hereby nominate & appoint as my executor before signed & published my beloved wife Lucy & my friend, Joel Hedges & William & James - Signed in presence of by Sam^l Chapman by request of the testator he being unable from his hands being burnt, to sign himself
Dist John A. Winston
Augustus A. Winston
Do testament John M. Winston

The State of Alabama. Orphan Court May 1st 1847
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of John M. Winston deceased was presented to the Court by Joel Hedges one of the executors therein named for probate and the Court being satisfied that the widow of said deceased had had notice of said application and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath John A. Winston one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will and the said witnesses having testified fully to the satisfaction of the Court. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be and is hereby received established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said John M. Winston deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the Now the Judge of the Orphan Court of the County of Greene and State of Alabama. Your applicant Andrew D. Plinn one of the brothers of Abram Plinn deceased submits to your Honor that the said Abram Plinn late a resident citizen of the State of Kentucky aforesaid, departed this life on the 28th of January 1847 your applicant states that he was unmarried & had no children & never had either wife or children, that he has brothers and sisters living who are his next of kin, that only two of his said next of kin live in this State viz, your applicant and George W. Plinn, both of the County aforesaid, that prior to his death the said Abram wrote and addressed to your applicant two certain letters expressing his will & desire in regard to his personal estate which letters your applicant now here proffers as the last will.

Testament of the said Abram Plinn & pray that the same may be probated and recorded as such,
Second of April 1847 A. P. Plinn

June 1st 1846

Dear Brother

I embrace this opportunity to write you a few lines. I will leave tomorrow for Texas with the volunteers of Centaw to fight the Mexicans, I enclose in this letter three notes, one on brother George for \$30.00 and one I will collect for Seventeen 28 cts 17.28. Answer I pray for 21. or there was thirty dollar paid the 1st of June 1845. Dear Brother I have left with Mr Jefferson Reynolds the balance of my note, I have left notes to the amount of Fifteen Hundred thirty dollar with him, I paid Mr Murphy nine dollar for tending to that law suit, I left my gold watch in Greensboro, I wish you to call and get it & wear it till I return, I left it with Boardman, Dear Brother should I never return I give to you all of my negro & money that I leave after paying my just debts the is four negro between me & Reynolds, (Ben is not in the firm) Tom, Bet. Hester & Peter, I wish you to write to Brother William & Mother, inform them that I have gone to Texas to fight the Mexican I have wrote the letter in haste, Brother George owes me twenty five dollar & I have no note for it you will collect these notes I send you & the twenty five dollar brother George owes me & credit my note with the amount collected. I will write to you when I have an opportunity, I have nothing more worth writing, Dear well dear brother
To A. P. Plinn A. Plinn

Mobile June 11th 1846

Dear Brother

I embrace this opportunity to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well & I am in hopes these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I hope you received my letter that I wrote you from Centaw in which I stated to you if it should be my misfortune never to return I now will to you all of my property to dispose of as you see proper, as I stated to you in my letter before, my servant boy Ben & the half of four negro

more which is between me & I Reynolds the following named negroes, Peter, Tom, Hester Peter, my note I have left with Mr I Reynolds, my gold watch I wish you to sell if you can get a Hundred dollar without the seal, I don't want you to part with the seal to keep it, I owe William Sadler Ninety dollar due me & I want, if you can sell the watch for one Hundred dollar & left that note, I have much to write to you but I have no time, we will leave tomorrow for Point Isabel. I now bid you a fair well, I hope I will see you again write to mother & inform her that I have embarked in the Mexican war, Dear well
A. Plinn

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court April 26th 1847
Greene County 2 In the matter of the last will and testament of Abram Plinn deceased which has been propounded to the Court by his brother Anderson D. Plinn for probate, and it appearing to the Court that George M. Plinn a brother of said decedent had had due and legal notice and no objection being offered and several witnesses being introduced and sworn, as follows, Jefferson Reynolds one of said witnesses being duly sworn deposes and says that he knew Abram Plinn the testator, and that he knew one of his brothers living in South Carolina, that the said testator in the fall before he left Greene County for the army in Mexico as one of the Company called the Centaw Rangers and about the first of June 1846 told him that he intended to leave his property to his brother Anderson D. Plinn and that he wanted him to have it, if he, testator never got back; that both the letters offered as a will, one dated the first of June from Centaw, and the other from Mobile of the 11th June 1846 were written signed and addressed in the hand writing of the said Abram Plinn that he was of sound mind, that he went to Mexico with the army and was said to be lost on the Steamer Pascagoula near Mobile, on his return home, that said Abram Plinn had but two Brothers in this State, and that they are represented to live near Greensboro in Greene County. Joseph C. Leammathaw another of said witnesses being duly sworn says that he knew Abram Plinn that he resided with him in Greene County that he had only two brothers living in this State, that he had two sisters

living) in South Carolina, that he heard him say he intended to leave his property if he should die to his brother Andrew Filinn. That the body signatures and superscription of the letter produced to the court, are in the hand writing of the said Abram Filinn, that he went with the army to Mexico, about the first of June 1846 and never returned, that he was lost on his return, on the Steamer Fincalosa near Mobile - Andrew Woods and Wiley Coleman being duly sworn say that on the eleventh of June 1846 Abram Filinn was in the city of Mobile with the army on his way to Mexico, that he was then of sound and disposing mind, that he went with the army to Mexico and had not returned that he was represented to have been lost on the Steamer Fincalosa on his return from Mexico to this Country. And Williams & White being duly sworn say he knew Abram Filinn that he went with the army to Mexico about the first of June 1846 that he had never returned that on the 28th of January 1847 on his return from Mexico he was lost on the Steamer Fincalosa near Mobile and died there before he returned to the County, of Greene from the time he left it in June last, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, It is therefore ordered by the court that the said instruments of writing propounded to the court as the last will and testament of the said Abram Filinn decedent be admitted to probate and the same is hereby received by the court established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Abram Filinn decedent.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

W. B. Hassell
Will
State of Alabama
Greene County
As I am about to leave home and as in the safest circumstances life is uncertain, I deem it best to write the following which will govern those who are left behind in the final adjustment of my worldly affairs. First of all I wish the remains of my beloved wife Mary taken from the place where they now rest, and deposited at a suitable place at Mr Stokes Burying grounds, this I want done because at some future day the tract of land belonging to the Estate of Ser Whitworth where the Burying grounds is now situated, will ultimately be sold and that burying place may no longer be held sacred, I wish to be buried by her side both having plain Tomb stones

erected over us (Both tombs) after the above expenditures are made should there be anything left after settling my affairs in property or any thing else, I wish all given to John D Hollings little son which is named after me, should he die before he is of age, his mother shall fall heir to all left to him by me, subject to her control and liable only for her individual contracts and not to be disposed of by any one else. My watch must be given to Mrs Shackelford wife of A. G. Shackelford of this County, my new gun must be given to A. G. Shackelford and the old one is for Henry Andrews and to execute the above request and will I herein appoint A. G. Shackelford executor or administrator as case requires to carry out the above, Mark the directions about me and my beloved Mary.
January 28th 1846.

W. B. Hassell

The State of Alabama
Greene County
Orphan Court June 14th 1847
This day an instrument of writing bearing date January 28th 1846 which had heretofore been presented, purporting to be the last will and testament of Webster R. Hassell deceased was propounded to the court for probate by John D. Hollings the next friend of John Webster Hollings an infant, and citation having been duly served upon Benjamin D. Hassell the next of kin of said decedent requiring him to appear and contest the same, and no objections being offered and the following witnesses offered and sworn namely, Turner Nelson and Andrew J. Andrews and the court having examined the said witnesses upon oath, both of whom stated they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Webster R. Hassell, and from their knowledge of the same the said instrument of writing is in the hand writing of the said decedent and the signatures thereto affixed the genuine signatures of the said Webster R. Hassell, and the witness Turner Nelson stated that the said instrument of writing was found among the papers of the decedent after his death, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses, It is therefore ordered by the court that the said instrument of writing be and is hereby admitted to probate received and established and admitted to record as the last will & testament of the said Webster R. Hassell deceased as to personal estate.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

Mary Hassell
will

In the name of God: I Mary S Hassell in the County of Greene of the State of Alabama do make & ordain this my last will & testament in the name & form as followeth viz, I give & bequeath unto my beloved Husband Webster R Hassell a negro woman named Aja and all her increase, also all the property that may be inherited by me from my father's Estate, both real & personal, consisting of an interest in land negroes, notes & accounts and money, also all the property that may be inherited by me both real & personal from any & every other persons estate, to him and his heirs forever, In witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand & seal this 15th day of April A.D. 1843

Signed Sealed &
delivered in presence of
Francis H. Murphy
Turner Wilson
Adeline M. Morse

M. S. Hassell Esq.

The State of Alabama
Greene County

Orphan Court
June 14th 1847

John Webster Helly, an infant
under the age of 21 years by his
father and next friend John H. Helly

John H. Burton and Nancy
Burton his wife Francis H.
Murphy and Elizabeth Whitworth

This day came the said John Webster Helly by his said next friend, and thereupon came the said John H. Burton and Nancy Burton his wife and Francis H. Murphy by their counsel, and it being suggested that the said Elizabeth Whitworth was an infant under the age of the 21 years, and resides out of this state it is therefore by the consent of the said John H. Burton ordered by the Court that he be appointed Guardian ad litem to defend the said Elizabeth Whitworth herein, and an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary S Hassell having been heretofore presented for probate was now propounded for probate by the said next friend on behalf of the said John Webster Helly who is the principal legatee and devisee under the last will & testament of Webster R Hassell, the legatee and devisee named in the said instrument so propounded as the last will & testament of the said Mary S Hassell, the probate of which instrument is now here resisted by the said John H. Burton and Nancy Burton his wife, and the said Francis H. Murphy and

Elizabeth Whitworth by her Guardian ad litem next of kin to the said Mary S Hassell on the ground that at the time of the making and publishing of the said instrument and writing by the said Mary S Hassell, as and for her last will and testament she was then a married woman and the wife of the said Webster R Hassell, Whereupon the next friend of the propounder of the said instrument for probate as such last will and testament produced Doctor Turner Wilson one of the subscribing witnesses to the said instrument, who being sworn and examined, testified that he wrote the said instrument by the direction of the said Mary S Hassell at the time the same was made, that she was of a sound and disposing mind and memory, that at the time of his writing the same, and when she signed the same, she was the wife of the said Webster R Hassell who was present when the same was drawn and signed by her and assenting to her making the same but using no persuasion or threats to induce her to do so, that the same was signed by her in presence of witnesses on the day of the date thereof, and that he and Francis H. Murphy subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at the time of the signature by her and by her request and in the presence of each other, and that she declared the same to contain her last will and testament - The witness Francis H. Murphy on being sworn confirmed the same in every particular Miss Adeline M. Morse the other subscribing witness being sworn and examined testified that she subscribed said instrument as witness in the presence of said Mary S Hassell shortly after it was written, and that the said Mary S Hassell then declared the same to be her last will and testament that at the time the said Mary S Hassell was of sound and disposing mind that she appeared to act freely and voluntarily, and that she was at the time a married woman, the wife of Webster R Hassell - It was further shown in testimony that the said instrument was signed and published about six months before the death of the said Mary S Hassell, and that the said Webster R Hassell her husband did lived her more than a year and that at the time of the execution of the said instrument the negro woman Aggy named in the said instrument and her increase were then in the possession of the said Webster R Hassell. The last will and testament of the father of the said Mary S Hassell was then offered in evidence by consent from which it appears that her said father devised and bequeathed all his

real and personal estate except some specific legacies to his own wife during her life or widowhood and that at her the widow's death or marriage the said Mary S Hassell then Mary S Whitworth should be entitled to a specified share in the real estate or its proceeds and to a specified share of the personal estate of her father so left for life to his wife. It was agreed between the parties that the wife of the father of Mary S Hassell was living at the time of the signing and publishing of the said instrument as and for the last will and testament of said Mary S Hassell, and that the said wife of the father of said Mary S Hassell is still living, and has always continued hitherto unmarried, and the widow of the father of said Mary S Hassell. It is further admitted and agreed that the said Webster S Hassell never reduced into his possession any property devised or bequeathed to his wife from her father except the woman's Agony and her increase. The next friend of the said John Webster Holly then abandoned the probate of said instrument as the last will and testament of the said Mary S Hassell so far as the land devised to her from her father's estate extended and pronounced it alone for probate as her will of the personal estate, which she was entitled to under the will of her father after the termination of the life estate or widowhood of his wife therein, and the parties being fully heard by counsel, It is considered by the Court that the said Mary S Hassell had the power to make a last will and testament, bequeathing the personal estate bequeathed to her by her father after the termination of the life or widowhood of his wife, and that the said instrument is now her fully proved to be her last will and testament of said personal estate. And it is ordered that the same be admitted to record as such last will and testament. And no one appearing to claim administration of the said personal estate, and more than three months having elapsed since the death of said Mary S Hassell, It is ordered that administration on the said personal estate with the said will annexed be committed to Robert Leachman Esq. General Administrator for Greene County, to all of which the defendants by their counsel except, and by consent of parties this statement of facts and probate is to be considered and received as a Bill of exceptions which is accordingly so allowed and read for both parties term time. Attest Graham Judge of the County Court of Greene County.

J. William Adell being of sound mind & memory and declare my last will & testament in manner and form following to wit, First - Believing in the existence of a God, who is the Supreme ruler of the universe and who will justly at the same time merciful, I freely commit my soul into his keeping. Secondly I give & bequeath to my beloved Sister Martha E. Bell all my real and personal property, to wit, one tract of land of eighty acres lying in Winston County, Mississippi adjoining the land which I sold some eighteen months since to John S. Gray & John H. Hardy, I further give and bequeath to her my two negro slaves namely Morton a negro man aged about forty years and wash a negro boy aged about seventeen years, Also I give and bequeath to her all moneys, effects, claims or debts of which I may be possessed at the time of my death after the payment of my executor of all my just liabilities. I also give and bequeath to her my Scotts Bible which was bequeathed to me by my mother in her last will & testament. Thirdly I desire and hereby direct my executor to appropriate the sum of seventy five dollars to the erection of a suitable Tomb Stone around my mother's grave, provided that sum should be realized out of the claims due me at the time of my death & after the payment of my debts. Fourthly I desire that my executor use the utmost diligence, and all proper means to collect the money due upon a judgment recovered at the last fall term of the Circuit Court of Shelby County, in my favor against John M. Bell amounting to over one thousand dollars, the larger portion of this judgment, as will appear from a statement in the hands of Moses Hubbard, belongs to my Sister Martha E. Bell, and I again enjoin it upon my Executor to collect it if possible. Fifthly I give and bequeath to my nephew George Hubbard son of Moses & Rebecca Hubbard, my gold watch which I have left in the possession of Moses Hubbard and desire that he keep it until George attains the age of sixteen, and then it is to be delivered to him to be worn. Sixthly I hereby appoint Moses Hubbard and William Putnam the Executors of this my last will and testament, and having every confidence in their integrity and honesty, it is my desire that they be allowed to act as such without being required to give the usual security required by law. In witness whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2^d day
of June A.D. 1846.

Signed sealed published and
declared as for his last will
& testament in our presence
who at his request in his
presence & in the presence of
each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

Jas J. Sheppard

J. M. Kirkman

J. L. Pippel

Wm A Bell

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County, July 5th 1847
This day the last will and testament of William
A Bell deceased was presented to the Court for probate
by William Perkins and Moses Hubbard the
Executors therein named and it appearing to the
Court by proof here made that the heirs at law of
the said decedent have had due and legal notice
and no objection being offered the Court proceeded
to and examined Hester M. Kirkman one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal
execution of the said will, and the Court being
fully satisfied from the testimony of the said
witness, It is therefore ordered by the Court that
the said will be and is hereby admitted to
probate, received established and admitted to
be recorded as the last will and testament of the
said William A Bell deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

The State of Alabama, In the name of God, Amen
Greene County, I Jesse Gordon of the state
and County aforesaid, being in my proper and sound
mind, and knowing the uncertainty of life have
thought proper to make and constitute this my last
will and testament, to dispose of such temporal
goods as it has pleased God to bestow upon me
my. First It is my will and desire that all my
just and lawful debts be paid - Secondly It is
my will that my niece Margaret E. Valentine
has two negroes namely Caroline a girl aged about
seventeen years and Samuel a boy about fourteen
years of age, also one horse, feather bed and furniture
Thirdly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife

Dorcas A Gordon my carriage and match horses independant
of my other property. I also will that my wife
Dorcas A Gordon have all the balance of my estate both
real and personal during her natural life and after
her decease, the one half to go to my full brothers
and sisters and their children namely, Thomas Gordon
the children of Ruth Valentine deceased and the
children of John & Gordon deceased, Elizabeth Gordon
Mary Whitlock and Samuel & Gordon and William
Gordon. - Fourthly, I will that full power be given
my Executor to dispose of a certain tract of land
lying in Greene County Alabama, upon which Jesse
W. Stevens now lives, as they may think proper
also that they have full power to dispose of certain tracts
or parcels of land being situated in the state of Mississippi
and in the County of Pick, I also will that should any
of the slaves that I have willed my wife Dorcas A
Gordon prove refractory and disobedient to her control
that full power be given my Executor to sell or
dispose of said slave or slaves as they may think
advisable. - Lastly, I do hereby appoint that my wife
Dorcas A Gordon and my brother Samuel & Gordon be
constituted Executors and Executor to this my last
will and testament Given under my hand and
seal this 25th day of April A.D. 1847

Out Jonathan Harn

Jesse W. Fulgham

J. M. Spencer

Jesse Gordon

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court, September 27th 1847
Greene County, This day the last will and
testament of Jesse Gordon deceased was presented to the Court for
probate, and it appearing to the Court that all the heirs at
law of the said decedent, residing in this state have
had due and legal notice of said application and no
objection being offered, the Court proceeded to, and examined each
Jonathan Harn, Jesse W. Fulgham and Jedediah M. Spencer the
three subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution
of said last will and testament here produced and pronounced
to the Court, and thereupon the Court being fully satisfied
from the testimony of said witnesses, It is ordered
by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate
and is hereby received established and ordered to
be recorded as the last will and testament of the
said Jesse Gordon deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

W^m Hinton In the name of God Amen, I William Hinton
 of Greene County, and State of Alabama do make
 and publish this as my last will and testament as
 follows, I give the first I give to my son Joseph
 H. Hinton seven negro slaves named as follows
 (born) George, John Allen, Willie, Washington and
 Addison together with those that I have given him
 heretofore and which he has now in possession and
 their increase to him and to his heirs forever, I
 give the second I give to son Willie S. Hinton
 Eight negroes named as follows, Sam, Harry,
 Green, Merril, Blatto, Charles, Betty and Anna
 together with those slaves that I have given him
 heretofore and which he has now in possession and
 their increase to him and his heirs forever, also I give
 to my son Willie S. Hinton all that part of my
 land that lies in Pickens County, Alabama, except
 those tracts which I bought of James S. Coleman
 the Estate of William Jones and old Stephen.
 I give the third I give to my grand son William
 H. Hinton the son of Willie S. Hinton, one hundred
 and twenty acres of land lying in Pickens County
 Alabama, being the land I bought of the Estate of
 William Jones and old Stephen. I give the fourth
 I give to my daughter Phoebe Paschal fourteen
 negro slaves named as follows Ann, Rose,
 Ann, Jackson, Rachel, Ruffin, Ellen, Samson, Sam,
 John, David and Giddy and Ashira and their increase
 to her and her heirs of her own body forever, also all
 of that part of my land and plantation lying
 in Greene County, Alabama, that is the plantation on which
 I live on to her and the heirs of her body forever. I give
 I give to my grand daughter Martha Paschal one
 negro girl slave named Winney and her increase to
 her and her heirs forever. Also I give to my grand daughter
 Sabella Paschal three negro woman named Penny,
 Dallis and Salina and their increase to her and her
 heirs forever, also I give to my grand son James S. Paschal
 two negro slaves named Curo and Nathan to him
 and his heirs forever. Also I give to my grand daughter
 Luella Paschal one negro girl slave Milda to her and her
 heirs forever also I give to my grand daughter Amanda
 Paschal one negro girl slave named Diddy to her
 and her heirs forever. I give the fifth I give to my
 Grand daughter Sarah E. Hinton four negro slaves
 named as follows, Leancy, Sam, Milla and Billa

and their increase, also three negroes that I give to her
 father James S. Hinton in his lifetime and their increase
 to her and her heirs forever, I give the sixth I give to
 my last grand son William S. Hinton son of Joseph
 H. Hinton, and William S. Hinton son of James
 Hinton deceased three hundred and twenty acres of
 land lying in Pickens County, Alabama on Sipsey
 river, that I bought of James S. Coleman to be equally
 divided between them in point of value to them and
 their heirs forever, I give the seventh, I give to my
 grand children, being the children of James Hinton
 dec'd viz, Polly Ann Hinton, Esther S. Hinton, Jeronima
 Hinton and William S. Hinton six negro slaves as
 follows, Wilson, Sampson, Dimpsey, Henry, Adam &
 Laura to be equally divided amongst them in point of
 value to them and their heirs forever. I give the eighth
 I give to my grand daughter Louisa S. Hinton one
 negro woman named Mary and her increase to her
 and her heirs forever, I give the ninth I also direct
 that the remainder of my property, be sold on twelve
 months credit and after paying my debts that the proceeds
 shall be divided into five equal shares, and I give one
 share to Joseph H. Hinton, one share to Willie S.
 Hinton one share to Sarah E. Hinton and one share
 to Phoebe Paschal, and the other share to be equally
 divided between James Hinton children to them
 and their heirs forever, And my will is that Joseph
 H. Hinton, Willie S. Hinton and Phoebe Paschal
 see that he is well clothed and supported as long
 as he lives, And I William Hinton do
 appoint my son Joseph H. Hinton as my lawful
 Executor of this my last will and testament
 signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
 us 22 September the 13th 1847.
 Fullum, Leaver
 Morgan Sanders
 Wm H. Upchurch

Wm Hinton Seal

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court October 13th 1847
 Greene County, This day the last will and
 testament of William Hinton deceased was presented
 to the Court for probate by Joseph H. Hinton the Executor
 therein named, and it appearing to the Court that the
 heirs at law of the said decedent, have had due
 and legal notice, and the heirs who are of lawful