

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 Sam, Ann, Rose,
 Ann, Jackson, Rachel, Ruffin, Ellen, Samina, 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 Milla 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 Peter

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, Jeroma
 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

age being present, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath Pullum, Leaver, Morgan Sanders and William H. McPherson the subscribing witnesses to said Will, touching the legal execution thereof, and thereupon 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 the same is hereby returned and established as the last will and testament of the said William H. Hinton deceased and ordered to be recorded.

Attest A. R. David Clerk

1810 In the name of God Amen; I, Jesse H. Brown of the County of Greene State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following; that is to say, - 1st In the first place I desire that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as practicable after my death, - 2^d Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture and the family Carriage and Carriage boxes, which I may own at the time of my death, one years supply of Corn and pork for her family, five hundred dollars in money, fifty bushels of wheat, four good average mules from my stock, one brood mare, six Cows and calves, ten sows and pigs, also six ploughs, six weeding hoes six grubbing hoes, six axes, one road wagon and harness, twenty head of sheep, and four thousand pounds of Fodder, I also give and bequeath to my wife a child's part of all the slaves I may own at the time of my death, The descendants of such of my children as may be then dead to stand in the place of their deceased parents, for the purpose of this distribution and all other purposes of this my will. 3^d Thirdly, I give and devise to my wife for and during the term of her natural life the house and lot on which we now live near Greenstone Greene County Alabama, together with all the improvements thereon, and also the poultry and the crops of whatever kind which may be growing on the said lot at the time of my death. I also give and devise unto my wife for and during the term of her natural life the following described tracts or parcels of land, to wit; The north west quarter of section

thirty, township eighteen, range five east, and the west half of the north east quarter of section thirty, township eighteen, range five east, being a part of my tract of Alabama, It is also my will and desire, that my wife shall have the use of the horse mill and the cotton gin on my said plantation, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of ginning for her family and plantation and giving her crops of cotton, while she remains single, and that she shall at all times during her widowhood be allowed free access to the said mill and gin for the purposes aforesaid. - 4th Fourthly, of the tract of land on which I am now planting lying in the said County of Marengo, including the reversions of the lands devised to my wife during her life (the house undivided half part thereof to my son, Jesse H. Brown thereof, I give and devise to my daughter Emily H. Norris and such of her children as she may have living) at the time of her death, for her and their sole and separate use maintenance and support, and to be free from the debts, contracts or control of the present or any future husband of my said daughter, But these devises are not to interfere with the devise to my wife during her life time, and are to be subject to the provision which I shall hereinafter make for my other children, 5th Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Jesse H. Brown and his heirs one undivided half part of all the personal estate belonging to me at the time of my death except that part which I have given to my wife; and the other undivided half part I give and bequeath to my daughter Emily H. Norris, and to such of her children as may be living at the time of her death, for her and their sole and separate use maintenance and support, and to be free from the debts contracts or control of her present or any future husband; and in the event that my said daughter should die without leaving heir of her body, it is my will and desire that all the property both real and personal given and devised to her shall revert to my other children or their descendants, But the bequests and devises to my said son and daughter are to be subject to the provisions and conditions hereinafter mentioned. 6th Sixthly, It is my will and desire that my entire estate, both real and personal, except that portion thereof

given and devised to my wife shall be valued as soon as practicable, after my death, by three disinterested persons to be designated and appointed by the Judge of the Orphan Court of the County in which this will may be admitted to probate, and that the said persons so appointed shall make a schedule and inventory of my said estate, estimating the value thereof in cash to the best of their judgment and belief, which said schedule and inventory carefully summed up shall be taken and received as the value of my estate as ordered to be valued, and shall be returned and filed in the office of the clerk of the court, by which the said three persons may be designated and appointed - It is further my will and desire that my estate so valued both real and personal shall be kept together by my executor until from the proceeds thereof (after defraying the necessary expenses of the plantation and property, and the expenses necessary for the maintenance and education of my son Jesse H. Brown, and other children I may have hereafter) the payments hereinafter specified shall be made, that is to say that my said executor from the net proceeds of my said estate so kept together as aforesaid, shall pay to each of my other children being Harriet C. A. Hoskins, Nancy P. Sparrow, Richard H. Brown Benjamin F. Brown and any other child or children which I may hereafter have, as sum of money which shall be equal to the respective shares to be valued as aforesaid, as given and devised to my son Jesse H. Brown, and my daughter Emily H. Morris, even to make the gift and devise to each of my children equal, and shall moreover from the net proceeds of my said estate pay over to my son Jesse H. Brown and any other children I may leave younger than he each Twenty five Hundred Dollars worth of property more than Harriet C. A. Hoskins, Emily H. Morris, Richard H. Brown and Benjamin F. Brown shall receive, which said bequests to my said children Harriet C. A. Hoskins, Nancy P. Sparrow, Richard H. Brown Benjamin F. Brown, Jesse H. Brown and such other child or children as I may hereafter have, shall be paid over to each of them, or to their proper representatives before the final settlement and division of my estate provided nevertheless that any advances of property or money which I have or may hereafter make to any of my children, shall be charged to the one to

whom any such advancement may have been made on the principle of hotchpots, and so far diminish the amount to which, without such advance, such child would have been entitled - Any memorandum or charge in my hand writing, of money or property given or advanced to any of my children, shall be taken as evidence that the money or property so charged by me, has been received by them against whom the charges are made, and the value put upon the property so charged by me, shall be taken as the true value thereof, and all such charges shall be deducted as herein before directed, but this evidence shall not preclude the production and use of other may hereafter be made by me to any of my children in the sixth clause of this will, no interest shall be taken into the amount either for or against those to whom the payments are directed to be made, It is further my will and desire that the bequests made to my daughters Harriet C. A. Hoskins, Nancy P. Sparrow, and any other daughter that I may have at my death, or any other property or money, which they may become entitled to under the provisions of this will, shall never at any time be subject to the debts, contracts or control of their present or any future husbands, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding, but that the same shall be, by my executor paid over and delivered into the hands of my son Richard H. Brown in trust for the sole and separate use maintenance and support of my said last mentioned daughter and their children during their lives, and after their deaths, or the death of either one of them, the part to which the one so dying shall be entitled, shall be equally distributed among her children or issue in being at the time of her death, and so in like manner of the others mentioned, should die without heirs of their, or her body in being, the amount which may remain in the hands of the said Richard H. Brown as trustee as aforesaid, belonging to the one so dying without heirs of her body as aforesaid, shall revert to my estate for the benefit of all my heirs and distributives then in being, whatever sum or sums of money which may come into the hands of my son Richard H. Brown in trust as aforesaid he is hereby authorized and requested

To invest in such manner and in such property as my said last mentioned daughters, or the one interested and entitled to such moneys in writing may authorize and request, keeping a separate account with each, and making separate investments of their respective funds, and the property in which such investments may be made, may be sold, and other property either real or personal purchased with the funds, not however without the approbation and consent in writing of my said last mentioned daughters, or the one who may be interested in the transaction, and the property so purchased, shall be subject to precisely the same provisions which apply to the original fund.

8th Eighthly, the foregoing legacies and devises are subject to the following stipulations, which I have made and entered into with my son-in-law Calvin Norris, in substance to the effect, that he shall be jointly interested with me, in the business of planting on my plantation in Maryland County, he to draw and receive a proportion of the crops or proceeds thereof pro rata according to the number of hands furnished by him on my estate, he agreeing to pay a pro rata proportion of the necessary annual expenses of the plantation, each to share in the net profits of the plantation in proportion to the number of hands respectively furnished, and each to bear a proportion of the expense according to the same ratio. But no rent is to be charged to the said Norris, it being in consideration of his services in carrying out the provisions of the said contract, It is my will and desire that this arrangement shall be continued after my death until the final settlement of my estate that is to say, until all the payments herein provided for shall be made, that the said Calvin Norris in accordance with the foregoing provisions, and as the Executor of this my will, shall have complete control of my estate after my death for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions in this clause of my will, except only as to the bequest and devise to my wife, and also for the purpose of carrying into effect my wishes as expressed in this will, and particularly as expressed in the sixth clause. If at any time the hands employed on my said plantation should become too numerous for the quantity of land, then and in that event it is my further will and desire, that the said Calvin & Norris should

either purchase a sufficiency of land to employ the force so increased or withdraw a part of his individual force or hands, and in the event of his death, the copartnership between us in planting shall cease so far as he is individually concerned. 9th Ninthly, So long as my wife remains my widow and may desire it, it is my will that the hands or slaves which I have given to her, together with such others as she may from time to time add to the number, be permitted to remain on my said plantation; to labor with the hands furnished by my estate, and the said Calvin Norris as mentioned in the last foregoing clause, indiscriminately on my said plantation, including the lands devised to her for life, and that so long as this arrangement continues she shall receive a proportion of the annual net income of the plantation (paying however a proportion of the necessary annual expenses according to the number of hands furnished by her as complained with the number of hands furnished by Calvin Norris and my estate) but while this arrangement continues there is to be no allotment to her of any portion of my lands nor is any rent to be charged to her. If my wife should marry again, her interest is to be separated from my estate and the allotment of land made to her as provided for in the third clause of this my will, and the same is to be made at any time she may desire it, although she may not marry again. 10th Tenthly, The slaves bequeathed to my wife shall be set apart and allotted to her by the same three persons, who may be appointed to value my estate as provided for in the sixth foregoing clause, giving her a fair average in ages and quality, estimating their value according to the whole number of my slaves, and the allotment so made shall be certified by the persons so making it, and returned by them to the Court from whom they receive their appointment to be filed with the schedule of the residue of my property provided for in the sixth foregoing clause, and the said certificate shall be evidence of the allotment provided for as aforesaid. 11th Eleventh, In estimating the amounts to which my daughters Harriet & A. Holkins and Nancy R. Sparrow and my sons Richard A. Brown and Benjamin A. Brown, may be entitled under the provisions of this will, no reference shall be had to, or account taken of the increase of my estate by the birth of slaves or otherwise, after the making of the schedule and valuation provided for in the sixth clause

of this my will. - 12th Dec^r 1844. It is my will and desire that in making the payments directed by the sixth clause of this will, that payments be first made to such of my children as shall have received the smallest amount of property before my death so as to make the amounts received by each equal, and that then the payments to be, made of them alike from the annual income of the estate until they shall each, have received an amount equal to the shares willed and allotted to my son Jesse H. Croom and my daughter Emily H. Norris. - 13th Dec^r 1844. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son in law Calvin Norris Guardians of the person and estate of my son Jesse H. Croom during his minority, and also of such children as I may have born after this time. - 14th Dec^r 1844. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son in law Calvin Norris in whole, integrity, judgment and skill, I rep^r the fullest confidence, Executor of this my last will and testament giving him full and ample powers to carry the same into effect. - But should my said son-in-law Calvin Norris die before this will is executed in all its parts and provisions, then and in that case I nominate and appoint my sons Richard H. Croom and Benjamin S. Croom, together with some other competent persons whom the Court having cognizance of the same shall appoint to carry out this my last will and testament, In witness whereof I Jesse H. Croom have to this my last will and testament contained in this and the seven preceding pages set my hand and seal to wit, my hand to the bottom of each of the seven preceding pages, and my hand and seal to this the last page this the 26th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Memo. 1st page 2nd line from bottom the word "my" interlined, and 8th page 3rd line from top the word "and" interlined all before signing,
Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jesse H. Croom as his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence have attested the same

Stephen Davis
John Little
John D. Moore

J H Croom

Codicil

Whereas I Jesse H. Croom of Greene County Alabama having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 26th day of August 1844. Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be as a Codicil to my said will and direct thereof, And I do hereby give and bequeath unto my wife Hester, during her widowhood, the following negroes bearing those negroes which I keep on my lot where I now reside near Greensboro, viz, Old Gilbert and Hagar and his wife, Lou and Rachel, his wife, Tom Little Gilbert, Peter, Jane, and Nelly, And I also give and bequeath unto my wife Hester during her life, the lot or parcel of land lying near Greensboro which I purchased of John Wm S. Little, containing about forty two acres more or less. These bequests embraced in this Codicil, I make to my wife in addition to the provisions made for her in my said will. - In testimony whereof I the said Jesse H. Croom have to this Codicil set my hand and seal this the twenty ninth day of October 1845.
Signed sealed and published by the said Jesse H. Croom of Greene County Ala, as and for a Codicil to be added to and be considered as a part of his last will and testament, in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in his presence, this the twenty ninth day of October 1845.

Wm S. Croom
Stephen Davis
J H Croom

J H Croom

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court November 23rd 1847
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of Jesse H. Croom deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Calvin Norris the Executor therein named, and the widow of said decedent having had due and legal notice of said application and thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Stephen Davis one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, and also to the Codicil thereto attached, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will and the Codicil

thereunto attached, he and is hereby admitted to probate received established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Jesse H. Combs deceased

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

W. H. Hurley The State of Alabama, Greene County, I, William H. Hurley of the County and state aforesaid, do make & publish this my last will and testament, I do give devise and bequeath my whole estate to my wife Mosey Hurley for and during her life, and at her death I give devise and bequeath the same to my grand daughter Mary Elizabeth Howard and her heirs forever. - I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and do hereby appoint my wife Mosey Hurley executrix of this my said will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 20th day of May, 1847. Signed published and pronounced to be the last will of the said W. H. Hurley in his presence and in the presence of each other on the day of the date
J. A. Chapman
J. M. Harkney
Thos. S. Ratcliffe

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County, October 25th 1847.
This day the last will and testament of William H. Hurley deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Mosey Hurley the Executrix therein named, and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of said decedent have had due and legal notice, and James S. Crauford heir at law of said decedent appeared in Court, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath Foster M. Harkney one of the subscribing witnesses thereunto touching the legal execution of said will, and thereupon 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, William H. Hurley deceased

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

B. Sample The State of Alabama, Greene County, I, Barbara Sample of the County of Greene and state of Alabama do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament. First I give my soul to Almighty God; 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Samima Ellis all my beds to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever 3^d I direct that my bed clothing, be equally divided between my daughter Mary Davis and Samima Ellis and Louisa Sample wife of my son Daniel B. Sample 4th I direct that all my negroes be sold by my executor, within one year after my decease, at public sale on a credit of twelve months, and that when collected the proceeds of the sale be divided into four parts or shares, and that one share so divided be and the same is hereby given to my son Daniel B. Sample one to my daughter Mary Davis and another to my daughter Samima Ellis and the remaining fourth share to be equally divided, between the children of my deceased son John B. Sample share and share alike. All the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give devise and bequeath to my son Daniel B. Sample and he heirs forever - I nominate constitute and appoint my son Daniel B. Sample Executor of this my last will, and do hereby revoke all former wills by me made. Signed sealed, pronounced and declared in the presence of the testatrix, who in her presence and the presence of each other have subscribed the same as witnesses,
William Kennedy
John C. McIntyre

B. Sample (Sd)

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County, October 25th 1847.
This day the last will and testament of Barbara Sample deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Daniel B. Sample 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 of said application and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath John C. McIntyre and William Kennedy

two 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 the said will be and is hereby admitted to probate, received established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Barbara Sample deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the presence of John King, I John King considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Winnyfred King, the East half of South east quarter of section eighteen in township twenty one of range four east in the district Lands office at St. Stephens, and west half of the South east quarter of section seventeen in the same township and range, to have and to hold her life time, then to be equally divided between my two sons Drexley E. King and Thomas W. King. And also to her a negro fellow named March and negro woman by the name of Esther and negro boy named Lehar's and three three negroes after her death are to be equally divided among all of my five children. I give and bequeath to my eldest child Sarah Williams wife of David Williams, a negro girl named Charlotte her life time and her bodily heirs, I give and bequeath to my son Drexley E. King a negro boy named Billy. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas W. King a negro boy named Solomon, to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Zeldyminah Parr wife of Henry Parr a negro girl by the name of Jane her life time and them to her bodily heirs. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rosanna King wife of John King Susa and Etiza negro girls of mine, her life time then to her bodily heirs. I further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Winnyfred King all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever lands and tenements her life time, or so long as she bears my name, then this remainder to be equally divided among all five of my children. In witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty,

John King x Mark [unclear]

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet and a third was now here subscribed by John King the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament, and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

Elizah Willingham
Paul Williams
George W. Roberts

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court November 8th 1849
Greene County, This day the last will and testament of John King deceased was presented to the court for probate by John W. King, and it appearing to the court that the heirs at law and widow of said decedent have had due and legal notice of said application, and the following named heirs at law of said decedent being present in court namely Henry Parr, Drexley E. King, Thomas W. King, John W. King, and David Williams, and no objection being offered the court proceeded to examine orally Elizah Willingham and Paul Williams two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of said will, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, 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 John King deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Ransom Mitchell of the County of Greene & State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory do constitute make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following viz. I give & bequeath to my son Greenberg Mitchell all of the property previously put in his possession to him & his heirs forever. I give & bequeath to my son-in-law Elzabur Ditch all of the property previously put in possession to him & his heirs forever. I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret S. Mitchell all of property

previously put in her possession to her & her heirs forever, - I give & bequeath to my son William H. Mitchell all of the property previously put in his possession to him & his heirs forever - I give to my son in law Thomas Allen all of the property previously put in his possession to him & his heirs forever, - I give & bequeath to my son-in-law Isaac Wheeler all of the property put in his possession to him & his heirs forever - I give & bequeath to my son James M. Mitchell one negro boy named Sam, one horse, bridle & saddle & one feather bed & furniture, which is now put in his possession to him & his heirs forever & one fourth part of a tract of land lying in the State of Mississippi, or one fourth of the money arising from the sale thereof - I give & bequeath to my wife Nancy Mitchell the following negroes, Isaac & his wife Fannier & their five children, Scatlawn, Jordan, Linda, Ann, & little Isaac & two boys Dick & Tom two feather beds & furniture one horse, bridle & saddle during her life & after her death to descend to my daughter Martha M. Mitchell to her & her heirs forever I lend to my wife Nancy Mitchell during her natural life or widowhood, the tract of land whereon I now live, containing two hundred & eighty acres more or less, with all of the appurtenances thereto belonging, adjoining the lands of Thomas Webb, Warren Kennedy & Martin Stewart to all of the household & kitchen furniture, plantation tools, the stock of hogs, mules, cattle, sheep & hogs & two negroes Jack & Anna at her death, or in case she should marry, to be sold & the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between all of my legal heirs excepting Martha M. Mitchell my youngest daughter to them & their heirs forever - It is my will that all of the balance of my estate real & personal not before willed shall be sold & the money arising from the sale thereof after paying all of my just debts to be equally divided between all of my legal heirs (excepting my daughter Martha M. Mitchell) to them & their heirs forever, - I appoint my wife Nancy Mitchell executrix & James Brantley Executor to this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 31st day of August A.D. 1848

Witness Thomas Webb
Warren E. Kennedy
George Mc Sims

Ransom Mitchell

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court November 22^d 1847.
Greene County. This last will and testament of Ransom Mitchell deceased having been presented to the court for probate, and it appearing to the court, that the widow and heirs at law of the said decedent have had due and legal notice and no objection being offered, the court proceeded to examine on oath Simon 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 and is hereby admitted to probate received, established and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Ransom Mitchell deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

The State of Alabama, I have made a deed of gift in Greene County, which I gave all the children by my first wife, the portion I intended for them, in this my last will & testament I give to my present wife Amelia E. McShan the negro woman Mary & her child Ann and the bed which she bought with her at our marriage & also the bed which she has since made, together with the clothing belonging to them - I give to my daughter Penelope E. McShan the negro woman Sally & her child Binda, And to this will I put my hand & seal this the 26th day of September A.D. 1847.

Pub. John Pomeroy

Daniel White

Wm H. Birchett

J. H. McShan

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court December 22^d 1847.
Greene County. This day the last will and testament of Ferdinand H. McShan deceased was presented to the court for probate by Amelia E. McShan the widow of said decedent, and thereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath, William H. Birchett one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said will, and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witness, It is therefore ordered by the court, that the said will be and is hereby admitted to probate, received, established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Ferdinand H. McShan deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

State of Alabama, I Norman P Dunham do make and
 will be in force
 Green County, publish this my last will and
 testament hereby revoking and making void all former
 wills by me at any time heretofore made, First I
 direct that all my just debts be paid out of the first
 money that shall come into the hands of my Executor
 and as to such other estate or property as I may die
 seized or possessed of after the payment of all my just
 debts, I dispose of the same in the following manner
 viz, I give to my dearly beloved mother the sum of
 Five thousand Dollars, to be used or applied by her
 as she may think best calculated to promote her comfort
 and interest, during her life time, and after her death
 the same or any remaining portion thereof to be equally
 divided between my brother Norris P. and my sister
 Jane P Dunham, - I give and bequeath to my
 brother Norris P Dunham all my entire interest
 and to the farm or estate or other property lying or being
 in the state of Connecticut and wherein my mother
 now resides - I give to my brother William Dunham
 the sum of Five Dollars, not that I love him the less
 but, because I will know him to be in independent
 circumstances, (and all the residue or remainder
 of my property, or estate either real or personal,
 I give and bequeath to my brother Norris P and my
 sister Jane P Dunham to be equally divided between
 them, And may God prolong the days of all my
 dear relation and friends, and may peace and happiness
 attend them through life, And lastly, I do nominate
 and appoint my brother William Dunham, the
 Executor of this my last will and testament, and it
 is my will and desire that James Sack and George
 S Sexton should act as appraisers also as agents for
 my Executor at any and all times during his absence
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this twenty seventh day of August A.D
 one thousand eight hundred and forty seven
 Signed and sealed
 in the presence of us
 J G Custer
 B M Pastors
 George S Sexton

Norman P Dunham

The State of Alabama, Orphan Court January 7th
 Green County, 1848. This day the last will
 and testament of Norman P Dunham deceased was

presented to the court for probate by William Dunham
 the executor therein named and the only heir at law of
 said decedent, residing in this state, and thereupon
 the court proceeded to examine on oath Lorenzo S Sexton
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereof 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 admitted to probate, received established
 and recorded as the last will and testament of the
 said Norman P Dunham deceased,
 Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

May Sen. This is to certify that J. Sarah Jane Sipcomb heard Pleasant
 will May Sen. say on Sunday the 9th of January, in the
 presence of Jane Bindel and Dr May, that he
 wished all of his negroes with the exception of a negro
 man named Finc to be equally divided, between
 Gen Patrick May and Mrs Sarah Bindel and
 her children, He said he would rather they should
 stay at the mill, but he did not reckon it could
 be so, He wanted the man Finc to belong to Dr
 May as he owned his wife, He said "Now Sarah
 mind, I want Patrick and Sally (meaning
 General May and Mrs Bindel) to have it, as they
 need it & most, they both have large families, and
 I have done a good part by nearly all of the balance
 of my children, I would prefer Mrs Bindel paying
 Patrick the full value of his half of these negroes
 and keep them together as they are all one family,
 There as nearly as I can recollect were his exact
 words, He first said let Bindel instead of Mrs
 Bindel, but afterwards, corrected himself and said
 No my old Bindel, I do not want him to have
 a thing I have got, I want Mrs Bindel and her
 children to have it and hold it as she does the balance
 of her property, Jan 13th 1847.
 Sarah Jane Sipcomb

The State of Alabama,
 Green County, Orphan Court January 1st 1848.
 This day the nonexecutive will of Pleasant May Senior
 deceased was presented to the court for probate by Patrick
 May, and it appearing to the court that all the heirs
 at law of the said decedent, resident in this state
 have had due and legal notice by citation requiring

them to appear and contest the same if they see cause and no person appearing to contest said will, and thereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Sarah Jane Sipprent and James May witnesses introduced to prove the same (the said James May having related his interest to the legist therein) And it appearing to the court from the testimony of the said witnesses that the said nuncupative will was made in the time of the last sickness of the decedent at his habitation, where he had resided for more than ten days next preceding the time of making the same, and that the testator called on them at the time to take notice that the same was his will, and that fourteen days have expired since the time of the decease of said testator and that the words here presented were reduced to writing within six days after speaking the same. It is therefore ordered by the court that the said words purporting to be the nuncupative will of Pleasant May Senior deceased be admitted to probate as such and is hereby received established and admitted to record as the nuncupative will of the said Pleasant May Senior deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

McI. Neal In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, at Mobile I Street a citizen of Green County State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament to wit, First, I will and bequeath my said to her who gave it, and my body to the dust, Secondly, I will and bequeath to my well beloved sons Joseph M Street and Sidney B Street all my real and personal property to be equally divided between them after all my just debts are paid, to wit, Patsy and all her children Margaret Henry, Catherine Maria and Levi, also my man Kelly, Hannah and Ellen likewise my house and lot in the town of Greensboro and all my other property notes accounts and all other kind of property of what ever it may consist in case Joseph M Street and Sidney B Street shall not live to the age of maturity say twenty one year then my property both real and personal shall be equally divided between my well beloved mother Charlotte Street and John Street, to them and their heirs forever, I will and bequeath to my wife Eliza Ann Street, who has treated me

in the most early & proper manner by living in open fornication with other men, and in violation of the laws and ordinances of God and man, and has there by forfeited all claim or title to any thing I possess, her Bureau, work table and bed and bedding and all her clothing as they were given to her by her father and five dollars in money, I further appoint my well beloved brother John Street, in whom I have full faith and confidence, Administrator and Guardian for my two sons Joseph M Street and Sidney B Street, to take them, He and my well beloved sister Elizabeth F Street, and educate them and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and treat them well for their dear Brother's sake, and when they have arrived to the age of maturity to divide the property equally between them share and share alike, after my brother John Street shall have satisfied himself for all trouble and expense that he may have been at in educating and rearing them, as his circumstances are limited, and he has a helpless family, to support, as I should not desire him to do it out of his own funds, and it is my further desire that my well beloved brother John Street should pay out of my Estate to my dear, beloved sister Elizabeth F Street a fair and reasonable compensation for kindness and trouble with my children, and it is further more my desire that my beloved sister Elizabeth F Street wife of John Street should exercise and have the control of the moral training of my children, to wit, Joseph M Street and Sidney B Street and that she should act the part of a mother towards them.

Dec 17th 1846 witnessed my hand & seal

Test J. J. Stockton

Solomon George

St. Men. Atto

McI Street Seal

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
Greene County 3 April 18th 1848

This day the last will and testament of Mumford S. Street deceased was presented to the court for probate and it appearing to the court that the heirs at law of the said decedent are minor and no objection being offered the court proceeded to examine on oath Solomon George 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 admitted to probate and is hereby received established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Montford S. Street deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis Clerk

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas R. Scooper of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, being in an infirm and declining state of health, but of firm and disposing mind and feeling anxious to provide well and safely for the welfare and comfort of my beloved wife and child, do publish and declare this my last will and testament, as follows, to wit: 1st. As my liabilities are of such a nature that my property might be encumbered and involved, my wife and child is, that my tract of land be sold by my Executors immediately after my death or such terms as will seem best to them, and the proceeds arising therefrom be applied forthwith to the liquidation of my just debts, and in the event that the proceeds of my land should prove insufficient to pay my debts, I wish all my stock, tools, crops and all such articles as can be of no immediate use or benefit to my beloved wife & child, sold forthwith and the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts. As in order that the whole of my negro property be preserved, retained and kept together, exempt from sale or execution but used as is hereinafter set forth. 2d. My Will is that my negro property entire be kept together as one property, one estate, and as my own estate & is hereinafter named. And that all my felt hands be hired out annually by my Executors and the proceeds arising from their hire after paying all necessary expenses of my wife and child which is felt to be done, and in the fortunate event that my negro hire should accumulate into a fund above and beyond the necessary expenses of my beloved wife & child, I wish said surplus loaned out at interest till a sufficient sum accumulates to purchase a negro or negroes that will live well and profitably, I then wish said purchase made and so continued from time to time as the fund may increase. 3rd. My wife and child is that my beloved child Thos. R. Scooper be reared and liberally educated and equally to enjoy all advantages and privileges of my property and will and desires

that all my property left after paying all my just debts may & should be kept together until my child becomes seven (7) years of age, unless my wife again marries, in which event, I wish my property to be divided as the law directs, that is one half to my wife the remaining half to my child. But in the event that my child should die before she marries or becomes of age, then I wish my little and should my wife die, my widow then I wish my child to have and enjoy all of my property money &c. &c. And further in all and any event when my child arrives to seven (7) years of age, an equal division must take place, and a guardian appointed for her my child. 4th. My Will is that my beloved wife Sarah may retain the use of any servant she may wish for the use of herself and my child at any time and also that she may be conversant of herself and my dear child as in the purchase of a horse, carriage, furniture &c. as her sickness may dictate, believing all will be done for her part for the welfare and comfort of my beloved child. 5th. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah my Executors and Rufus H. Bird my Executor of this my last will and testament, trusting they will use all and every effort to render my estate useful and profitable to my beloved wife & child, and carry strictly into effect, the provisions of this my will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 28th day of May A.D. 1848.

Witness
A. Kendrick
Samuel Bird
J. B. Scooper

J. B. Scooper Seal

The State of Alabama, Supreme Court
Greene County, July 16th 1848.

This day the last will and testament of Thomas R. Scooper deceased, was presented to the Court for probate by Rufus H. Bird the Executor therein named, and the Will of the said deceased having again the notice required by law and assented to said will being admitted to probate, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine in oath Andrew Kendrick one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of the said will, and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witness, It is therefore ordered by the Court

that the said will be admitted to probate, and the same is hereby record established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Thomas P. Hooper deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis, Clerk

In and for the State of Alabama
Greene County
Orphans Court
August 28th 1868

This day the last will and testament of the said deceased was presented to the Court for probate by Theodore B. Randolph one of the Executors thereof named, and it appearing to the Court that the heirs at law of the said deceased residing in this State have had due and legal notice, and no objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine and read the same, and the Court being satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses, it is ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to probate and the same is hereby record established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Thomas P. Hooper deceased.

Attest A. R. Davis, Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I, Thomas P. Hooper of the County of Greene in the State of Alabama, being of sound mind and of disposing memory, and desiring to make a proper disposition of my worldly effects after my decease do hereby make and contain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Firstly I do nominate and appoint my friends Theodore B. Randolph and James W. Witherspoon of the County of Greene to be the Executors of the my last will and testament within the limits of the State of Alabama and do desire that they shall have the dispositions of funds of my property and estate as may be in said State at the time of my death as hereinafter directed and that they do proceed to execute this my last will as hereinafter directed.

Secondly I desire my death take place in any place after the Corps of Cotton and Corn are planted upon my plantations and before they are gathered I desire that my said Executors do proceed to cut, stack and gather the Corps then growing and keep my estate together for the purpose until the Corps are gathered.

Thirdly I do direct and desire that my said Executors shall as soon after my death as the same can be conveniently done, Consistently with the provisions of the last clause hereof, proceed and sell and dispose of all my estate lying within the State of Alabama, my plantations, negroes, horses, hogs, cattle, Corn, feed, Cotton and other property real and personal of every kind as descriptions, at public auction or at private sale, and either for cash or upon credit as they in their discretion shall deem best to the interest of my estate. I do proceed to collect such monies as shall be owing to me in

said State and convert the whole of my estate of every kind within the State of Alabama into money.

Fourthly I desire my said Executors from the funds that may come to their hands to pay and satisfy all my just debts.

Fifthly - After my said Executors shall have sold my property, disposed and collected the proceeds and collected such of the debts due to me, as can be collected and have paid my debts, I wish the nett amount found remaining, in their hands upon final settlement of their account shall be paid over by them to my friends Lewis Webb and John L. Blair of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia, and I do hereby declare and direct that the payment of the same to said Lewis Webb and John L. Blair shall discharge them my said Executors from all further liability on account thereof.

Sixthly I do hereby appoint my said friends Lewis Webb and John L. Blair to be the Executors of this my will, as far as the same concern property out of the State of Alabama, where ever else the same may be, and direct that they shall hold such effects as may be in their hands or under their control, as in the hands or under the control of either of them at the time of my death belonging to me, and also such as they may at any time afterwards as hereinafter directed, receive from my Executors in the State of Alabama, and all other my estate, in trust for the following purposes, that is to say, that so much of the same, as may be necessary to raise the amount monies and charges to be paid, named in stocks (as they may deem most safe, and advisable) and that from the interest on the monies received therefore they do pay to my sister Mary Anne, Wife of Samuel Greene, the sum of two hundred Dollars yearly for each and every year, after they shall receive the said monies from my said Executors in Alabama, during the term of her natural life. And to my sister Rachel Rucker Wife of John Rucker the sum of two hundred Dollars yearly for each and every year, after they shall receive the said monies as aforesaid, during the term of her natural life. And to my sister Jane Ann, Wife of James P. Davis, the sum of one hundred Dollars yearly for each and every year, after they shall receive the said monies as aforesaid, during the term of her natural life. I request my said last named Executors and Trustees after receiving and selling apart a fund reasonably sufficient, when needed to produce by way of interest or dividend and amount sufficient for the payment of these annuities, to pay over the remainder of my estate in their hands whenever received or access to the youngest of my Son, George H. Carter thus being to whom I bequeath the same. The same to be divided equally between such of his children as at the time of such payment and distribution shall be living, and to be paid in equal proportions to them, so long as any one or more of my said three Sisters shall live, and before my decease, or before the receipt of said funds from my

Deceased in Alabama. My wish is that only so much shall be retained of said Estate as will suffice for raising the annuities of the survivors or survivors and that the remainder shall belong to the daughters of my said brother George H. Carlton, then living, and after the said annuities shall have been so first retained or invested, before the passage at any time after the death of any one of my said sisters for raising their annuities it was retained or invested I desire that the fund shall be reduced in proportion to such of the daughters of my said brother George H. Carlton as at the time of said reduction shall be living and so again after the death of another of my said three sisters. I wish the said fund to be again reduced and the amount of the reduction paid in equal proportions to such of the daughters of my said brother, as may be living at the time of such last mentioned reduction, and so when the last one shall have died, I desire the remainder of said fund to be divided equally between the daughters of my said brother George as may be then living.

Finally, I hereby revoke all former Wills at any time heretofore made by me.

In testimony of all which I the said Geo. Carlton have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the 18th day of November 1847

Signed Sealed published and
declared by the said Testator as and
for his last Will and Testament
on the day of its date in presence
of the undersigned who in the presence
and at the request subscribed our names
as Witnesses thereto in the presence of each
other.

John Atkins
Henry Walker
William S. Emerson

In Carlton

Sally Maye, I, William Maye of Greene County in the State of Alabama, being of sound Mind and Memory do make and publish the following to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that to wit: First I Will that my personal expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon as they be lawfully due. Second I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Maye during her natural life the following described tracts of land to wit: The W. 1/2 of the W. 1/2 of Section 33 Township 24 Range 2 East and the W. 1/2 of the E. 1/2 of Section 33 Township 24 Range 2 East and all the appurtenances thereto belonging, and the following Negro Slaves to wit: Negro Man Frank Negro Man Geo. Negro Man Anderson and Negro Woman Rob. and her two children Lucy, Mary and all my household and kitchen furniture except as herein

therwise disposed of?

Third - It is my Will that my daughter Lucinda Walker have and hold the Negro Woman Charity heretofore given her by me by Deed of Gift of State of Greene County in full of the distributive share of my Estate and her increase to her sole and separate use free from the debts contracts and claims of her husband Henry Walker surviving or both as may hereafter be made done or suffered by him as though she were a feme sole with? I Will and bequeath unto my daughter Ruth Elizabeth Maye a Negro Girl named Harriet and her increase to have and to hold the same to her and sole and separate use benefit behoof free from the debts contracts or engagements of her husband Robert Maye surviving or both as may hereafter be made done or suffered by him to all intents and purposes as though she were a feme sole.

Fourth - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elmina Anne Maye a Negro Girl named Margaret aged about seven years.

Fifth - I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann Maye a Negro Girl named Minerva aged about six years.

Sixth - I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Louisa Maye a Negro Girl named Lavinia aged about five years. It is my Will that the Negroes herein bequeathed to my three daughters last mentioned to wit: Margaret Minerva & Lavinia shall in case they marry or either of them be held by them to her or her and sole and separate use benefit and behoof free from the debts contracts or debts of their husband. Posthumously to all intents and purposes as though they were feme sole. It is my Will further that my daughters each have a bed of furniture not to be estimated in the division of my Estate.

Seventh - I Will and desire that all the balance of my Estate both real and personal be sold and equally divided among my children or if by the judgment of my Executors the balance of my Negroes can be judiciously divided they may so divide them.

Eighth - It is my Will that all my children be made equal in the distribution of my Estate. Which I desire shall be done as soon after my decease as may be so long as to my daughter Lucinda Walker. Ninth - That the Negroes herein bequeathed to my daughters Elmina Anne, Sarah Ann, and Maria Louisa shall be valued at the time of the division of my Estate and taken at such valuation as so much of their distributive share and the one bequeathed to Ruth & Maye to be taken at the time she receives her & to be estimated to her accordingly. I also desire that the share which I have given to each of my sons and that each have a bed. I will not be taken into the estimate in the division of my Estate.

Tenth - It is my Will and desire that after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Maye that the portion of my Estate herein bequeathed to her be sold and equally divided among my children except as to the

daughter, Lucinda Walker, provided for hereinbefore, and Lastly -
Mersey Wiggins, and official My executor, sons, Albert B. Wiggins
and Daniel Wiggins, My executors in this My last will & testament
also constitute them trustees to look after my daughter as hereinbefore
as may hereafter appear, to whom I have bequeathed property to their
sole and separate use, Mersey receiving all other and former bills
and testaments heretofore by me made, in and about Alabama, & have
her own to do by hand and seal, this the tenth day of March 1847,
Signed & published in the presence of

John H. White, S. Anthony Wiggins, Esq.
Luther C. Johnson
Robert C. Ashman

and also S. Anthony Wiggins will and desire that my said daughter Wiggins have out
of my estate during her life her horse, two cows & calves her large two
acre lot of ground & farming tools enough for two horses & three hands. This
bequeath to be made a part of my last will & testament by the said
& published on the 10th inst. to all intents & purposes.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th
day of March 1847.
Attest, John H. White, S. Anthony Wiggins, Esq.
Robert C. Ashman

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, October 23rd 1848.

This day the last will and testament of S. Anthony Wiggins, deceased was
presented to the Court by Albert B. Wiggins and Daniel Wiggins, the
executors therein named, for probate, and it appearing to the Court
that all the heirs at law of the said deceased residing in this State
have had due notice and legal notice, and no objections being offered,
the Court proceeded to examine and read the said will, and the said
Luther C. Johnson, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, testifying the
legal execution of said will, and being fully satisfied from the
testimony of the said witnesses, it is therefore, ordered by the Court
that the said will, and the bequest therein, be admitted to probate
and is hereby deemed established and ordered, to be recorded as
the last will and testament of the said S. Anthony Wiggins deceased.
Attest

J. H. Evans Clerk

John B. L. John Locke, of the County of Greene, and State of Alabama, being asked, in
proper disposition of my effects after my decease, do make and express
this My last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

In the first place, I do appoint my friend Polacy Boardman to be
the executor of this My last will and testament, and do request, and
direct that he shall become the Guardian of My children & so continue
until they arrive at the age of twenty one. I have great confidence
in his honesty, ability and discretion, and desire to confer upon
him much power and authority in & about the settlement & management
out of My estate.

In the second place, I desire that my property shall be kept together,
My slaves work & upon my lands, and the plantations be carried on so far
as it may be, and the income thereof applied so far as may be necessary
for the support of My wife and children, and the education of My
children - should a surplus remain of such income, I wish it to be
invested from time to time at the discretion of My said executor in other
land, or negroes, or other property for the use of My wife and children.

In the third place, I do empower and authorize My said executor
to make sale of any of my lands, and some estate at private sale,
at his discretion, and to convey the same by deed, and also from time
to time, to sell any of my slaves that he may think it to be the interest
of My family, & the interest of the estate, & I desire that he shall
invest in other lands, other slaves, or other property at his discretion
as he may deem most for the interest of My family, and so from
time to time to sell and reinvest at his discretion any other money
which there may be in his hands of My estate, whether from any
cess of income, over the expenses of the plantations & of the family,
or otherwise, I desire that he will also invest in lands, slaves or other
property as he may consider that the interest of My estate may
require.

In the fourth place, I desire that in keeping the accounts of his expenses
incurred hereunder the executor, submitted for the plantations & for the family
& for the children, if it shall be charged against My estate, and that no
separate account shall be kept against My wife or either of My children
so that the whole of My receipts and expenditures shall be in common &
I desire to and full upon all the children of My family, equally, until they
are of My sons shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, after which
time I desire that each and every shall be charged with his or her own
share & proper expenses to come out of his or her share of My estate
and final distribution thereof.

In the fifth place, I desire that My sons shall be put to such schools
and receive such education College, as otherwise, as My said executor
and their mother may deem best suited to their talents & capacities
& habits and as they conduct, with to their interest, during life
& I desire that each shall receive a good education, but not

how extreme death I cannot judge what should be its Character, I leave
the manner & Character of it to the discretion of My said Executors and
of their Exors.
In the sixth place, When My youngest son shall attain to the age of
twenty one years or, in case of the death of one, when the survivors shall
attain that age, I desire that a distribution shall be made of My Estate
and that there be set off to My Wife, the one and improvement during
her natural life of the one third part of all My Land tenements and
hereditaments and also the one third part of all My personal Estate
and that the remaining two thirds shall belong to and be equally
divided between My Children, as belong to the survivors of them, if
either should have died, My will is that the one third part of My
personal Estate set off to My Wife as stated above shall belong to
her absolutely & in her own right.

In the seventh place, Should My Wife at any time prior to the time
designated in the last clause above desire to have her share in My
Estate as above set off to her, then I do direct that the same shall
be set off & distributed and delivered to her, to be under her own
control & at her disposal, after which time she is to have no interest
in the same, proceed as income of the remainder, and I do authorize
My Executors in such case, either to keep the remainder of the property
together for the benefit of My Children, or such as may remain
to divide the same, or make such other disposition thereof as she
may deem best to their interests.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set My hand and seal this
the 22 day of October, A.D. 1848.

Signed Seal, published and declared by
the said testator to be his last will &

Testament in presence of the undersigned
who at his request and in his presence,

and in the presence of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

this and the day of the date foregoing.

Henry Waters

J. P. McHenry

Thos. J. Locke

John Locke

The State of Alabama
Greene County

Ex officio Court

November, 6th 1848.

This day the last will and Testament of John Locke deceased was
presented to the Court by Colony Boardman and the Executor thereof
named for probate and Registration. And it appearing to the Court
that the Widow of the said decedent has had due notice and no
objection being offered, the Court proceeded to examine and both
David McHenry, one of the subscribing witnesses, testifies bearing
the legal execution of said will, and being fully satisfied

from the testimony of the said witness. It is ordered by the Court that
the said will be admitted to probate and the same is hereby received, established
and ordered to be recorded, as the last will and Testament of
the said John Locke. Recorded in Court. J. P. McHenry Clerk

To the Honorable Wiley Coleman Judge of the County of Effingham Court of
Greene County. Your petitioner, Andrew Elliott, Sheriff of the
County of Greene, that said Testator heretofore died on the 14th day of
March 1848. Made published and declared his last will and Testament
in writing in the presence of Gustavus H. Hays, R. P. Martin and J. P.
Martin who subscribed their names thereto at the request of the said
said Testator & in the presence of each other, by which he bequeathed
the State of Alabama & resided in the State of South Carolina. His
deceased to carry out the provisions of said last will & Testament
and afterwards on the day of 1848. Deceased this life
and your petitioner for the Sheriff of the County of Greene that the said
said Testator at the time of his death left behind surviving his
Wife Laura P. Testator & his only child George Testator both
in and infant of tender years both residing in Greene County
Alabama. And your petitioner avers that the said Testator
presented in the last will and Testament of the said said Testator
said will in all things executed published and declared according
to Law. Your petitioner therefore prays Court that it should
be granted to the said Laura P. Testator & that a Guardian should
be appointed for the said Testator, and that the paper hereto
attached be ordered admitted and received to be established & recorded
as the last will & Testament of the said said Testator &
to make all such other & further orders & decrees as may be
thought proper in the premises.

Andrew Elliott

By Graham & Hale

I, Andrew P. Davis, Guardian of the Estate of George Testator do
hereby acknowledge notice of the foregoing Application
made 3rd 1848.

J. P. Davis

The State of Alabama
Greene County
This day the last will and Testament of John Locke deceased was
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personal, of which I may be seized and possessed, living and being in the State of Alabama, and apply the proceeds thereof as to income as may be necessary, for that purpose, to the payment of my debts, and the remainder after all my debts shall have been paid to be disposed of as hereinafter provided?

Item 2^d. I hereby authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter named to take charge of and manage my business after my death, and until the end of the present year, in all respects as I myself could do were I living, and especially to take charge of, carry on and manage the Farm, Warehouse and premises owned by me, Brown and P. H. Myers, for the present year, according to my estate for the proceeds?

Item 3. I desire my Farm lying in the northern part of the town of Ravenna in the County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, Alabama to be reserved from sale for the use of my family and as it should be absolutely necessary, to sell the same for the payment of my debts, in that event I authorize my Executors to sell the same, either at public or private sale, & as such terms as they may think best for the interest of my estate?

Item 4. It is hereby expressly provided that my Executors neither of them shall may lawfully and take upon himself the burden of executing this Will, or either of them, that may be at the time acting shall have all the power herein conferred upon both and may fully and freely exercise the same, and he or they are hereby empowered with the most ample powers to sell & convey, as otherwise dispose of, any part of my estate real or personal, either at public sale or privately, as in this or their opinion will best promote the interest of my estate?

Item 5. I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Susan M. Bartlett and my daughter Cora L. Bartlett absolutely and in fee simple forever, all the balance and remainder of my estate real and personal, of whatever character or description that shall remain after the payment of my debts, to be held by them in equal parts, and for their joint benefit use and enjoyment, and to be divided at such time as my Executors or the survivors of them may think the interest of either of them requires, as if each had a portion of them as the Guardian of my daughter Cora L. Bartlett may desire?

Item 6. I in my particular desire and request that my daughter Cora L. Bartlett be married & properly trained up & raised and well educated and for this purpose I desire that only the interest and profits of her part of my estate but also, authorize my Executors to use her whole estate if it should be necessary for that purpose?

Item 7. I especially commend my wife and child to the kind care and attention of my friends, Russell Bartlett and John Hope, will extend the same kindness to them that he has so liberally

extended on me?

Finally I nominate constitute and appoint my Amos P. Russell, James J. Schaner, Mark H. Harkness & my friend Cardue, all of said Alabama Executors of this my last Will and Testament in full confidence that they will in all things execute the same & do to promote the best interest of my family and estate?

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Signatures published and declared as the last Will and Testament of Brown & Bartlett in our presence on this 12th day of March 1848.

A. H. Bartlett

The State of Alabama, Cuyahoga County, December 12th 1848.

This my last Will and Testament of Brown & Bartlett, Brown was presented to the Court by Cardue, Elliott one of the Executors. Thereon ordered for public registration, and the reading of the said Decree, and the Court then ordered the witness being having had the said legal notice and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine and read the said Will, one of the witnesses, William P. Harkness, touching the legal execution thereof, and being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses, it is ordered by the Court that the said Will be and is hereby admitted to probate, received, established and confirmed to be the last Will and Testament of the said Brown & Bartlett deceased? Signed J. H. Brown Clerk

In the Name of God, I, the S. Myers being of sound Mind & Memory & remembering the Mortality of our Common Nature, do make, constitute & appoint this to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, I Will and desire that my wife beloved Sister Elizabeth Jane Myers have all my worldly Estate, as well real as personal, to have & to hold the same forever, I do constitute & appoint my well beloved friend, P. H. Myers, as Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 13th day of January 1847

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of:
A. H. Myers
A. P. Davis
R. W. Kennedy,

Sister Elizabeth Jane Myers

(over)

The State of Mississippi Orphans Court.

Greene County, January, 22nd 1839.

This day the last will and testament of Peter S. Mages was presented to the Court for Probate and Registration. And it appearing to the Court that there are no heirs at law of the said decedent of legal age residing in this State, and the matter not being contested and James H. Evans the Guardian ad litem of the minor heirs of the said testator being present in Court, therefore the Court proceeded to examine on oath Nicholas P. Harris one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of the said will, and being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witness it is ordered by the Court that the said will be and is hereby admitted to Probate, and the same is hereby received and established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Peter S. Mages deceased.

Attest

J. H. Evans, Clerk

I, Samuel Summey know all men by these presents that I, Jacob Summey, do make Will publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament and do hereby revoke in toto, all parts and sentences of any will heretofore made by me. I intend the first. - It is my desire that all my just bills & funeral expenses be first paid. I intend the second. - I do hereby will and bequeath unto my wife Lincy Summey my negro woman Dafney and her son Frank to be by her as kindly and humanely treated and disposed of by her as she may think proper. The balance of my property of every kind and description whatsoever, real & personal, stock goods and chattels I desire to be appraised by five free holders and slave holders to be appointed by the judges of the County Court as soon after my death as practicable and a return thereof to be made to the said Judge. - And I do hereby will, bequeath and give unto my wife Lincy Summey the one half of the same at its appraisement to be by her selected, to be by her disposed of as she may choose. - The other half to be enjoyed by her for her sole and separate use for and during her natural life free from any interest, charge, real or hypothetical, she to be held responsible for the waste, destruction or loss of the same by death when her estate in the same shall cease. - In the event of her marriage she shall give bond and security to the Judges of the County Court for the return of that portion given to her during her life. I intend the third. - I do further will & bequeath that out of the one half part of my property given to my wife for and during her natural life when her estate in the same shall terminate, a reasonable charge for the comfort and support of my aged Mother should she be alive. - At her death

desire the aforesaid one half part of my property, so before given to my wife Lincy Summey for her natural life shall be equally divided share & share alike amongst the children of my Mother John Summey deceased, and the children of my Sister Catherine, Elizabeth and Sarah, and to my sister Ann and Susan if they be living, & if dead then to their children. - I then the fourth I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Lincy Summey and my friend William C. With Executor and Executor charging & asking them to carry out the bequests & requisitions of my will in all things treating my negro with humanity, and it is my request that they shall all be required to give security for their acts as Executor & Executor. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand, this the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1845.

Signed, subscribed, published & declared in presence of

J. J. Harry
John F. Kelly
J. H. With

Jacob Summey

The State of Alabama Orphans Court
Greene County, December 11th 1845

This day the last will and testament of Jacob Summey deceased was presented to the Court for Probate by William C. With the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the Court that the widow and heirs at law of the said decedent have had due & legal notice of said application, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath John F. Kelly and James D. With two of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal execution of the said will, and 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 and the same is hereby received, established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Jacob Summey deceased.

Attest

J. H. Evans, Clerk

In the name of two Jurors, knowing that it is appointed to the said Court, to the effect of the Court of Greene County, Alabama, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby certify and declare this my last will and testament, touching all other matters as follows:

I do hereby constitute and appoint Peter Hamilton and William C. With to execute this my last will. I want all the notes and accounts due me collected, also the Plantation Wm. C. With and also a way for a black horse and eight cows and also a sufficient portion of the land property to satisfy all my just debts, and after my debts are all

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 I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all my
 negroes to wit, Andrew, Hector, Henry, Jack, and Adeline together
 with their increase, and one domestic slave named Anne, and some
 household goods, also all the household & kitchen furniture, and all
 the entire crop, together with all the farming tools and stock for
 the year and bounded at the family during her life and widowhood
 and if the widow should choose to marry, then all the above
 specified property is to be sold and the wife take a child's part.
 I do will & bequeath to my daughter Susan Frances Leatherwood
 one slave Jolly named Andy Jane. I want the balance of my
 children to be made equal with Susan as they become of age.
 to wit, William, Andrew, Leatherwood, Mary, Elizabeth, Leatherwood,
 Jane, Minerva, Leatherwood, Elizabeth, Leatherwood, James
 John, Leatherwood, Mark, Jane, Leatherwood, David, Leverage
 Leatherwood, Indiana, Clementine, Leatherwood, out of the above
 property.

In witness whereof I have to set my hand and seal this
 the 2^d of December 1848.
 James Leatherwood
 James M. Chambers
 Luke Thurston
 Thomas Lockwell

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
 Greene County, December 28th 1849
 This day the last will and testament of James Leatherwood deceased
 was presented to the court for probate by Peter Hamilton and
 William Hamilton the executors therein named. and it appearing
 to the court that the widow of the said decedent was dead
 and legal widow, and no objection being offered, therefore
 the court proceeded to examine on oath Luke Thurston and
 James M. Chambers, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 touching the legal execution of said will, and being fully satis-
 fied from the testimony of said witnesses, it is ordered by the
 court that the said will be admitted to probate, and the
 same is hereby received established, and ordered to be recorded
 as the last will and testament of the said James Leatherwood
 deceased.

W. H. Evans Clerk

State of Alabama In the name of God amen. I Patrick H.
 Greene County, Clerk of the County & State aforesaid being
 in feeble health and sinking condition, but of sound mind and
 disposing memory, and desirous to close up my worldly affairs, do
 hereby make, publish and declare this my last will & testament

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 in words and figures following to wit; 1st It is my will that after
 my decease that my body be decently interred. 2^d That all
 of my just debts be paid and settled as soon thereafter as possi-
 ble. 3^d It is my will that a legacy of one hundred dollars be
 secured and paid unto my friend John Jacob Bush, and I
 hereby direct and authorize him to retain the same, after that
 my funeral expenses, last illness and other debts are paid.
 4th It is my will that the remainder of my effects be reduced
 to cash and paid over to Mrs. Sarah C. Evans wife of Peter Evans
 as a testimony of my gratitude to her for her kindness to me in
 my illness and the care she has bestowed upon me during
 the same. And I do hereby constitute her my residuary legatee
 of all I may have or be entitled, at my decease. 5th It is
 my will that John Jacob Bush be & act as the executor of
 this my last will and testament, and I do hereby nominate
 constitute and appoint him the sole executor of the same.
 In witness whereof I, Patrick H. Wace, have hereunto set
 my hand and seal, publishing, ordaining and declaring
 this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking
 all others.

Signed sealed published and Patrick H. Wace
 declared as his last will & testament
 by Patrick H. Wace, signed in our presence to the making of
 his mark being too weak to sign the
 same. we have subscribed the same as
 witnesses in his presence & in the presence
 of each other. C. K. Wacey
 January 22nd 1849. W. J. Harrison

The State of Alabama, Orphans Court
 Greene County, March 26th 1849.
 This day the last will and testament of Patrick H. Wace
 deceased was presented to the court by Henry H. Evans for
 Probate and Registration and it appearing to the court
 that there are no heirs at law of the said decedent residing
 in this State, and no objection being offered to said will, &c.
 thereupon the court proceeded to examine on oath Calvin R. Wacey
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto touching the legal
 execution of said will, and being fully satisfied from the testi-
 mony of the said witness, it is ordered by the court that the
 said will be admitted to probate, and the same is hereby received
 established and admitted to Record, as the last will and
 testament of the said Patrick H. Wace deceased.

W. H. Evans Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Frances M. Marbury now residing in
Greene County, Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory,
do make this my last will and testament in manner and form
following to wit: Half of my property is already given to my Mother
Sarah Elinger, as will appear by my Marriage Settlement, the remain-
ing half of my property heretofore and that and more I have to
my husband James Elinger Marbury, and his heirs forever.
The property I have given to my Mother is to be her share, to him and
his heirs to my husband James Elinger Marbury and his heirs
forever, to wit: to my Mother and to my husband Sarah Elinger, Executor
and James Elinger Marbury, Executor to this my last will and
testament, as Witness my hand and seal, this Twelfth day of
February, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty nine
Feb 12th 1849.

Witness my hand and seal, this Twelfth day of February, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty nine
Frances M. Marbury
James Elinger Marbury
Sarah Elinger

The State of Alabama, Probate Court,
Greene County, June 3rd 1849.
The last will and testament of Frances M. Marbury, deceased having
been presented to the Court, for Probate, and registered by James
Elinger Marbury, the Executor thereof named, and it appearing to the
Court, that all the heirs at Law of the said deceased have had
due and legal notice, and no objection being offered, the Court
proceeded to examine the said will, and the subscribing
Witnesses thereto, touching the legal execution of said will, and
the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony, of the said
Witnesses, that the said will is the last will of the said
deceased, and admitted to probate, and the same is hereby received, established
and admitted to record as the last will and testament of Frances
M. Marbury, deceased.

Attest: J. M. Elinger, Clerk

Mary Hutchings

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Hutchings of
The County of Greene and State of Alabama being of sound
body and of sound mind and disposing memory, and
desirous of making a proper disposition of the property of
which I may be possessed, have obtained and established
and do hereby make, ordain and established this as my
last will and testament, hereby expressly revoking and
annulling all former or other wills by me at any former
time made or executed. To wit: First I desire that all
my just debts and liabilities be paid. Second I give
and bequeath all my property which may be left after the

payment of my said debts should any be left after the
payment of my said debts, whether the same be real, personal
or mixed, in possession, remainder or reversion; to my
two daughters Ellen M. Stark and Amanda Ann Sims
to be equally divided between them, excepting a negro
man named Madison, which said man I give to my
said daughter Amanda Ann Sims, over and above
her equal half of the residue of my property herein
bequeathed, for and during her natural life, and at
her death I wish that said man be sold by my Executor
and the proceeds of the sale divided equally between
my two grand-sons, H. J. Hutchings son of these Hutch-
ings deceased and James J. Sims son of my said
daughter Amanda Ann Sims. The half of my re-
maining property, as heretofore bequeathed to my said
daughter Amanda Ann Sims I give for her separate
use and benefit during her natural life, and at her
death it is my will and desire that the same be equal-
ly divided between her children to wit: Arthur, C.
Baker, John F. Baker, Thomas M. Sims, Marietta H. Sims,
James M. Sims and Lucy J. Sims, and should my said
daughter have other children born to her, besides the six
above named, then such child or children shall each
be entitled to an equal share of said property at the death
of their said mother Amanda Ann Sims with those named
Fourth. It is my will and desire that my beloved
son Washington J. Hutchings act as the Executor of this my
last will and testament and I hereby appoint him
such Executor in the full confidence that he will act
justly in the whole matter, and see that my desires here-
before expressed are fully carried into effect. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed
my seal, on this 12th day of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.
The foregoing instrument was
signed and sealed by the Testatrix Mary Hutchings
Mary Hutchings in our presence
and at her request we have witnessed the
same in her presence and in presence
of each other on the day and date named therein
Attest: Thomas Dancer
John J. Dancer

June 3rd 1849.
This day the last will and testament of Mary Hutchings
deceased was presented to the Court for probate and
registration and it appearing to the Court that all the
Heirs at Law of the said deceased have had due

and legal notice, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath John T. Dance one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, touching the legal execution thereof, and 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 & recorded as the last will and testament of the said Mary Hutchins deceased.

Attest: P. M. M. Clerk

The Thomas

Will

State of Alabama In the name of God Amen.
Greene County, I, Theophilus Thomas of the above County and taking to mind the certainty of death and the shortness of life in order to settle worldly affairs do make and appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following viz-

Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my lawful debts be paid, for which purpose I leave the crop that is now commenced, and such stock and other things as can be best spared from the farm, if not a sufficiency can be spared from the farm to pay all my just debts. I wish eighty acres of land sold, lying on each side of the road leading from Trussville Tenn. to Putnam to be sold, publicly or privately, which ever my Executors may deem best. 2^d I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth M. Thomas my plantation and Negroes and stock, household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, also one pleasure carriage and horses during her lifetime or widowhood except such property as I hereunto ascribe to my children. 3^d I give to my son Edgar Thomas two Negroes Robin and Emily, one feather bed, bedstead and furniture. 4th I give to my daughter Mary C. Patton one negro girl named Ellen also one feather bed and furniture. 5th I give to my son Thomas L. Thomas two Negroes Dick & Gracie, also one feather bed, bedstead and furniture, also one Rifle Gun, one three year old smil both.

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6th I give to my son John M. Thomas two Negroes, Spencer and Scott, one four year old sorrel colt called "Betty Johnson", one feather bed, bedstead and furniture, one double barrel shot gun. 7th I give unto my son George L. Thomas two Negroes Anthony and Melch, one sorrel horse called "Charley", one feather bed, bedstead & furniture, one large single barrel shot gun. The Thomas

8th. The Negroes loaned to my wife are as follows. - Bob, Ben, Jacob, Glick, Washington, Monroe, Anderson, Ant Nancy, Martha, Sary & Child. I desire, the above named Negroes loaned to my wife with my tract of land, with the balance of my property that is not specially given, at the death of my wife to be equally divided, between my two youngest children Sidney M. Thomas and Henry B. Thomas, If either of them die before they become of age or marry the other to heir his part of the property. It is my will and desire that my two youngest children Sidney M. Thomas and Henry B. Thomas have a classical education given them, my Executor to attend strictly to it, and I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint my son Edgar Thomas Executor to this my last will and testament, disannulling all other wills and whatsoever, and this to be my only last will and testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 3^d day of March A.D. 1849. The Thomas

Orphans Court

July 5th 1849.

This day the last will and testament of Theophilus Thomas deceased was presented to the Court for Probate and registration by Edgar Thomas the Executor therein named and if appearing to the Court that all the heirs at Law of the said decedent have had due and legal notice of the application, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath Thomas L. Hatcliff as to the hand writing and signature of the said decedent (there being no subscribing witness to said will) and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said Thomas L. Hatcliff. 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 Theophilus Thomas deceased.

Attest: M. M. Clerk

The Thomas

Will

In the name of God Amen. I, James M. M. of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being now possessed with perfect health of body and soundness of mind and memory, but being considerably advanced in years, and taking into consideration the fact that all men must die, and knowing that they may die unexpectedly, and being blessed with some worldly property which must be left behind me, and wishing to direct the manner in which it shall be disposed of, in order that equal justice may be done between all

my children when I am no more with them. To that end, I have thought it proper to make, and do hereby make, ordain and establish this instrument as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and expressly annulling all others heretofore made, in any way, manner, or form, whatsoever. That is to say - I first of all most cheerfully surrender my body to the dust from whence it was taken and my spirit to that gracious God who gave it - in the confident belief that in the great day of the general resurrection, that body shall arise from the slaps of death, and be rendered immortal and that with soul and body reunited I shall see God as he is, and through the atoning merits of a crucified Redeemer, I shall obtain the joys of his presence and a part in the joys of his Kingdom forever. I therefore request that my body may be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner, with such funeral services as may be agreeable to my companion, if she should be living at the time of my decease. And then as to the disposition of such property as I may leave, I desire and direct as follows to wit -

1st I desire that all just debts, if I have any outstanding against me, and the expenses of my funeral may be first paid & discharged. 2^d I first give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Head if she should outlive me, the use, possession, profits & enjoyment of my whole estate, real, personal and mixed, whithersoever in possession remainder or reversion - for and during her natural life to be by her used, possessed and enjoyed, as she may deem necessary to her comfort. Keeping the same together as heretofore, in the confident assurance that she will hallow upon it the same care as though I were still living - and with the same solicitude for the interest of our children hereafter named in this will. My said wife is however to be at liberty, at any time after my decease, if she shall choose to do so, to deliver over to any of the legates named herein, the property bequeathed to them or either of them or any part thereof. 3^d At the decease of my said wife I give & bequeath to my well beloved daughter Cynthia Ann Butler, the wife of Moses H. Butler now residing in the State of Louisiana, the following slaves or such of them as may be living, viz. David and Lucinda, as also the following children of said Moses & woman, Mary, Amanda, Aaron, Caroline and Adam. To Have and to Hold the said slaves with their future increase to her the said Cynthia for her sole and separate use, and for the use and benefit of her children forever, free from all control by her said husband and in no way liable to any of his debts or contracts. 4th At the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath to my well beloved granddaughter Sarah Francis Butler the daughter of Cynthia & Moses, a negro girl named Livia a child of David & Lucinda before named with the future increase of said girl to said Sarah Francis & her heirs forever. 5th At the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath to my well beloved

daughter Harriet N. Williams the wife of William N. Williams the following negro slaves to wit: David, Caroline, Elias, Paul, Emmett, Corolla and Henry, or such of them as may be living at that time. To Have and to Hold the said slaves with all and singular their further increase to her the said Harriet for her own sole and separate use & benefit, the benefit of her children forever free from all control by her said husband and in no way liable for his debts or contracts. 6th At the decease of my said wife, I give & bequeath to my well beloved son William C. Head the negro slaves following to wit: Andy, Tom, Esther, Martha, Albert, Henry and Emily. To Have and to Hold the said slaves or such of them as may be living at the aforesaid time with all and singular their future increase to him the said William and his heirs forever. 7th At the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Burr Woodhead Head the plantation whereon I now live with all and singular the improvements thereon, as also the tract of Land pertaining thereto to him and his heirs in fee simple forever, and I also give and bequeath to my said last mentioned son at the decease of his said mother the following negro slaves - to wit: Henry, Louis, Susan, Charissa, John and Eliza. To Have and to Hold the said negro slaves with all and singular their future increase, to him the said Burr and his heirs forever. 8th I also give and bequeath to my two sons William C. Head and Burr Woodhead Head at the decease of my said wife a negro girl named Maria, her value to be equally divided between them. And it is my wish that by agreement between ^{them} one of them shall take said girl and pay the other, her half value. To Have and to Hold the said girl Mary, with her increase to my said two sons before named and their heirs forever. 9th To my son James H. Head, now deceased, during his life time I had given such sums of money and property, and before his death had conveyed in trust for the benefit of his children certain property described in said instrument which was duly recorded in the proper office in Arkansas that his share or the share of his child or any estate, has been made not only equal but superior to that of my other children. I have therefore nothing further to give or bequeath to the children of my said son, except to confirm to said children forever, the property named in the deed of gift above referred to, and that he, or he, do, To Have and to Hold said property to the lawful issue children of my said son with its future increase forever. 10th It is further my will and desire that at my decease there be no sale of any portion of my estate - but that it remain entire in the possession of my said wife. And at her decease, I wish that all the household furniture, be equally divided without sale, between my daughters and sons - to wit: Cynthia Ann Butler, Harriet N. Williams, William C. Head and Burr W. Head. And that all the kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, stock of every sort, with

ways &c. be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my said four children last mentioned. 11th And lastly I appoint my well beloved sons William L. Head and Burr Workward Head, to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament in the full and perfect confidence that they will most cheerfully and faithfully carry all the provisions of the same into effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, on this the 23^d day of December in the Year of our Lord one Thousand, Eight Hundred and forty seven, at Crestons in the County and State first above named.

The foregoing instrument was subscribed by James Head in our presence and we were requested by him to witness the same, and as such witnesses we have attested the same, in the presence of said James Head, and of each other.

Attest J. P. Kerr,
Wm. Kerr.

James Head

August 3^d A.D. 1849.

Orphans Court.

This day the last Will and Testament of James Head deceased was presented to the Court for Probate and Registration by William L. Head and Burr W. Head the Executors therein named 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 this application and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath William Kerr one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will touching the legal execution thereof and the Court being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said William Kerr. 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 James Head deceased.

Attest William Kerr

In the name of God amen, I William Kennedy of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being in perfect mind and memory blessed be God do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in the manner following viz. First I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to be buried in decent Christian burial. 2^d I wish all my just debts to be paid out of the property I may leave. I leave to my companion Martha Kennedy four Negroes such as she may choose from my negroes that I may not otherwise dispose of and the tract of Land which I now live containing one Hundred and

sixty acres together with all the household and kitchen furniture, two Horses, ten head of cattle, twenty head of sheep and thirty head of hogs, one Hundred and fifty dollars in cash and a supply of provisions for one year. Above property I leave to my companion during her natural life and at her death I leave the land above named to my daughter Harriet Brown and the balance of the above named property or what may remain at the death of my companion I bequeath divided between my daughter Harriet Brown and my son James Kennedy. I leave to my daughter Harriet Brown all of my life's earnings tract of Land. I leave to my son James Kennedy all the lands I own in the tract on which he now lives. The lands that I leave to my daughter Harriet Brown and my son James Kennedy to be valued and which ever has the most in valuation to pay to the other to make them equal in valuation. I leave to my grandson William L. Brown one negro Boy named Newton which he now has possession of. I leave to my grandson William L. Kennedy one yellow boy named Simpson. I leave to my daughter Harriet Brown and my son James Kennedy the balance of my negroes to be divided by Harriet Brown taken one her first choice and James Kennedy the second choice and so on through until all are divided between them. I leave to my servants here named ten dollars a piece viz. Mark, Frank, Elijah, Plander, Hastings, Reuben and Sanders. The accounts I hold against my son in law William P. Brown and my son James Kennedy I gave them and are not to be brought into the division. I leave my son-in-law William P. Brown and my son James Kennedy Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1849.

Henry Thompson

Samuel B. Sample

Bryan Watkins

William Kennedy

August 12th 1849.

This day the last Will and Testament of William Kennedy deceased was presented to the Court by William P. Brown and James Kennedy the Executors therein named, for Probate and Registration and the widow of said decedent having received notice and assented to the Probate of said Will, and no objection being offered the Court proceeded to examine on oath Samuel B. Sample one of the subscribing witnesses touching the legal execution of said Will and being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witness. It is ordered by the Court that the said Will be admitted to Probate

and the same is Heretofore received established and admitted to record as the last Will and Testament of the said William Kennedy deceased.

Wm. Kennedy Clerk

Wm. Kennedy
Clerk

In the name of God amen!

I, Wilby A. Brown of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being at this time in sound health and of disposing mind and memory, and desirous of making a proper disposition of my property and effects after my death do hereby make and ratify the following as my last Will and Testament. To wit:

In the first place I desire that all my just debts shall be paid from such monies as may be on hand at the time of my death, or from the proceeds of the ten growing crops. In the second place I will, bequeath and devise to my ~~well~~ beloved wife Elizabeth Brown such carriage and the carriage business and two carriage horses connected therewith as I may own at the time of my death, and all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, and in addition thereto the one tenth part of my negroes, velos, money, and other personal property of all kinds, to have and to hold in her own right right as her own property; and also the use during the time of her natural life, of the one third part according to quantity and quality of my lands and Real Estate, in which one third part and as part of the same shall be embraced my dwelling house in the town of Givensborough and the land and grounds thereto attached. In the third place I give ^{and} to my son Richard Brown the tracts or parcels of Land which he now has in cultivation or possession to have and to hold as his own property. In the fourth place I give and devise to my son Thomas H. Brown the tracts or parcels of Land which he now has in cultivation or possession to have and to hold as his own property. In the fifth place I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ann Dunstall wife of James S. Dunstall the tracts or parcels of Land now cultivated by or in the possession of her husband, to have and to hold the same and all parts thereof to her sole and separate use benefit and behoof subject in no manner to the disposal of her husband or liable for his debts. It is further my wish and intention in relation to these three last devised that the said Richard Thomas H. and James S. shall not be liable or held accountable to my estate for any rent or other charge for the use and occupation of said lands during my life time and I do hereby release and discharge them from any such liability. In the sixth place I give and bequeath and devise to my sons John S. Brown, Stephen P. Brown and my daughters Harriet H. Brown, Mary S. Brown, Camilla H. Brown and Laura S. Brown

and to such other son or sons, daughter or daughters, as may be hereafter born to me, or such of them as may remain alive at my death, and the children of any such as may die previously, they taking their deceased parents share, all the rest and residue of my lands and real estate, to be divided equally among them the shares of my said daughters to be held by them to their sole and separate use benefit and behoof respectively, free from liability for the debts of any husbands they may hereafter marry, and not subject to be disposed of by such husbands. This clause however is subject to the modification hereinafter to be mentioned in the ninth clause of this my will. In the seventh place my will is, that in as much as I have heretofore divided out and given to my sons Richard and Thomas H. and to my son in law James S. Dunstall by way of advancement a number of negroes which were estimated to be equal in value and efficiency to seven and a half working hands to each and what of their number or ages, were valued and given as equal to seven working hands I desire that after my wife shall have received her distributive share hereunder as aforesaid, and before any further distribution of my negroes that there shall be set off and distributed to each of my other children now born or to be hereafter born alive at the time of my death, or the children of such as may die before the said said children taking their parents share such a lot of negroes to each as in value shall be equal to seven average working hands. The share of the females to be held liable for any debts of their husbands, or liable to be disposed of by them. In the eighth place I desire that the remainder of my negroes money and other ^{personal} property after my debts shall have been paid my wife have received her tenth part, and my younger children their seven average working hands each as prescribed in the last preceding clause, shall be divided among all such of my sons and daughters as may be alive at my death or the children of such as may die before, in the manner following to wit; whereas my Mother Mrs Ann Davis by will did bequeath to my son Jesse H. a negro man, and to my sons John S. and Stephen P. and to my daughter Harriet H. and Mary S. a number of negroes and other property, as by reference to her will which has been duly admitted to Probate will appear, and whereas by a deed of gift heretofore executed by me I have given to my son Jesse H. and to my daughters Harriett H. Mary S. Camilla H. and Laura S. certain negroes to belong to them after the death of my wife (an interest for her life being thereby given to her) which deed of gift and in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Greene County and to which reference is hereby made, and whereas it is my desire that at my death my children should be as nearly as possible

put upon an equal footing as to property, notwithstanding such sale and deed of gift, and I desire that the said remainder of my negroes, money and personal property, shall be so divided that taking into consideration the property each one will receive under said will and the balance of the interest of each one under said deed, the share they receive under this will, will make them equal. To this end I desire that such property as each may then hold under said will or under said deed, or their interest under the same, may be appraised by three persons to be appointed for the purpose of making distribution by the Orphans Court having jurisdiction in which estimate and appraisement reference shall be had to such of said property as may then be on hand belonging to each, without reference to the original amount of each one's share, which may have been reduced by deaths or assigns unless such share has been reduced by alienation of the same in which case the balance of such property so alienated shall be ascertained as near as may be and computed as part of the same; and that the value of the negroes money and other personal property liable to distribution under this clause shall be ascertained in the same manner by means of which the proportional share of each in said property so to be distributed may be ascertained after which the said property is to be by them distributed accordingly. - It is my wish that the shares of the females shall be held for their respective, sole and separate use and not liable to the debts or disposal of their respective husbands. - In the ninth place it is frequently to the interest of minors that their property should consist of negroes for which they will receive hire, rather than in lands to be kept in cultivation, I do hereby authorize and empower my Executors if they shall deem it most to the interest of the parties concerned, and whenever they elect to sell such of my lands and real estate as is mentioned in the sixth clause of this my will or any part thereof, the proceeds of which they shall invest in negroes, and in the event my lands are sold I authorize them to hire, sell such negroes to remain under their charge either at public or private hiring as they may elect, but as there may be old and infirm negroes and women with small children or others which may not hire to advantage in the event all my lands are sold by them, I authorize them if they think best to invest so much of the proceeds of lands sold as may be necessary in the purchase of a tract of land, not to exceed three hundred and twenty acres in which such last described negroes may be placed and worked. And in the event of a sale of said lands and an investment of the proceeds as aforesaid, the proceeds or the property in which it may be invested whether lands or negroes shall belong to my children in the same manner as by the

sixth clause of this my will the said lands were devised and directed to be held. - In the tenth place I do direct that such of my children as shall be of age or shall be married at the time of the distribution of my estate hereunder shall then have their respective shares distributed, set off and delivered to them. The shares of such as shall be under age and unmarried may be set off and distributed to each separately and respectively or may be allowed to remain in common and undivided as my Executors may elect, and the excess of hire or of income over and above the expense of educating and maintaining such minors shall be from time to time invested in negroes to be worked or hired out for their benefit. - In the eleventh place I hereby appoint my son in law James L. Swadlow and my son Thomas C. Brown the Executors of this my last will and testament and I do also appoint them the guardians of such of my children as may be minors and unmarried and request them to take charge of their property and manage the same as herein directed and to superintend their education and provide for their welfare. - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. -

Signed, sealed, published and declared. W. J. Brown Test
by the said Testator as his last will and testament in our presence who at his request have witnessed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other. -

Henry Watson
Stephen Davis
J. A. Hendon

Witness to the last will and testament of Wiley J. Brown. - Whereas on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three Wiley J. Brown did make, sign, seal publish and declare my last will and testament as contained in the foregoing pages, and did in the third clause of the said will and testament give and devise to my son Richard Brown the tract or parcels of land he then had in cultivation to have and to hold as his own property, and whereas the said last will and testament so devised to him has been sold for his benefit and the proceeds of such sale received by him, I do hereby revoke and annul the said devise to my son Richard as contained in the said third clause of my will and declare the same void, and my said son Richard shall take no portion of my real estate under my said will. - And I do hereby alter the seventh clause of my said will and desire that such of my children to whom by the provisions of said clause such a lot of negroes are to be set apart as shall be equal to seven average working hands, and as also

in the eighth clause of my said will are recited to have had a bequest or bequests made to them by the will of my mother, or to whom a deed of gift as in said eighth clause is mentioned was made by myself that these children instead of having seven average working hands set apart for them, shall have set apart to each of them such a lot of negroes as together with the property each of said children shall then hold under the said will of my mother and the said deed of gift in said eighth clause mentioned, shall be equal to seven average working hands. The property and the value of the property so held by the said children under the said will of my mother and the said deed of gift in said eighth clause mentioned to be as contained as provided in said eighth clause. And whereas under said seventh clause my daughter Elizabeth Holliday Wiley Brown, would be entitled to have set apart for her seven average working hands, I hereby alter said seventh clause as to her, and inasmuch as I have executed for her bequest a deed of gift to James L. Summatt and Thomas H. Brown bearing date the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1845, by which said deed I have transferred, assigned and set over to them as Trustees for her a certain note on Richard Brown Jr. for the sum of twenty six hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty two cents dated the 19th February 1845 - due first of January next thereafter, the proceeds to be invested by said Trustees for her as in said deed is provided as will more fully appear by reference thereto than my will is that instead of setting apart for her seven average working hands as in said seventh clause provided, there shall be set apart for her such a lot of negroes as together with the value of the property under the above mentioned deed which shall be then held for her (which value shall be ascertained in the same way and by the same persons as the value of the property mentioned in the eighth clause of my said will is to be ascertained) shall be equal to seven average working hands, and if any of my children who would be entitled under this codicil should die before my death, then the children of such as may die before to take their parents share. The shares of the females who take hereunder to be held to their sole and separate use benefit and behoof, not liable for any debts of their husbands as to be disposed of by such husbands. And I hereby alter the eighth clause of my said will, and desire that of the property held by the children under the will and the deed in the said eighth clause mentioned, and the property or other thing held under the deed of gift to Trustees for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Holliday Wiley Brown, as mentioned in the foregoing clause of this codicil shall have been valued as in said clause is provided, the value belonging to either of these children should be more than seven average working hands such surplus over and above the value of seven average

working hands shall be taken into the estimate in ascertaining the proportional share of each under the said eighth clause. I do hereby will and direct this present writing to be annexed as a codicil to my said will and taken as a part thereof. And I do hereby ratify and confirm my said will in every thing except where the same is hereby revoked or altered or amended as aforesaid. Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Wiley A. Brown as and for W. A. Brown a codicil to be added to and considered as part of his last will and testament, in our presence, who at his request have witnessed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other.
Henry Watson
Stephen Davis
J. F. Hendon

Orphans Court

September 24th 1849.

This day the last will and testament of Wiley A. Brown deceased was presented to the Court by James L. Summatt and Thomas H. Brown the Executors therein named for Probate and Registration and it appearing to the Court that all the Heirs of the said deceased, residing in this State have had due and legal notice of this application and no objection being offered thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on Henry Watson and James F. Hendon two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, touching the legal execution thereof, and being fully satisfied from the testimony of the said witnesses. It is ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to Probate and the same is hereby received, established and admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Wiley Brown deceased.

Wm. A. Brown
1849

J. Frances Whitworth of the County of Grane and State of Alabama being somewhat advanced in life but of firm and disposing mind do make and publish this my last will and testament in manuscript and form following. To wit. My will is that my estate shall be equally divided in two parts at my death, first I give to my daughter Nancy (now Nancy Burton) one half of all my estate both real and personal. Second, I give to my daughter Frances (now Frances Murphy) the remaining half of all my estate both real and personal. I desire my property to be equally divided in value for the above disposition. I desire and wish all moneys, as well as any cash, stock or other property I have or may have on hand (or may be coming to me from any other source whatever, by will or any other way from a friend or friends) at the time

of my death to be disposed of precisely as I have directed my testate to pass. I further give to my daughter Frances and her child Mary Frances Murphy their board so long as my daughter Frances remains single or a widow during my lifetime. I do nominate and appoint John H. Burton and Philip C. Lightfoot my Executors to this my last Will and Testament in the testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of May 1849.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

Francis Marshall

Hopson Lewis

Francis Whitworth

Orphans Court

September 25th 1849.

This day the last Will and Testament of Frances Whitworth deceased was presented to the Court by John H. Burton one of the Executors therein named for Probate and Registration, and it appearing to the Court that all the Heirs at Law of said decedent resident in this State have had due and legal notice of this application and no objection being offered, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Francis Marshall, one of the subscribing Witnesses 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 and the same is hereby received, established and admitted to be recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said Frances Whitworth deceased.

Attest My Hand Clerk

Benjamin F. Dillard. It is my will and desire that all my lawful debts should be first paid, and satisfied out of my Estate. — 2d. It is my will and desire that all my property of any nature and kind after my lawful debts are paid and satisfied, should go to my wife Sarah to belong to her in absolute right forever. 3d. It is my will and desire that Mr. Sunstall of Greene County should act as Executor of this my last will and testament, and manage the disposal of my Estate first paying my debts as herein provided for and then transferring my property to my wife Sarah as herein bequeathed.

The above written Will was made by Benjamin F. Dillard of the County of Greene on Thursday the 20th of August 1849 in the time of his last illness, being the day before he died at the house of Mr. William Jones where the said Dillard had his usual place of residence since the first of November 1848. The deceased called in the undersigned as subscribing Witnesses to bear testimony that the items as above written, or the same in substance, constituted his last will and Testament and he wished them to bear witness to the same. The above items were written down on plain paper the 1st day

of September succeeding the death of the deceased, and embrace all that was said by the deceased in relation to the disposal of his property. In testimony of all which we hereunto set our signatures this September 1st A.D. 1849.

J. P. Roberts.

G. C. Gray.

G. W. Pollard.

Orphans Court.

October 23rd 1849.

This day the Nuncupative Will of Benjamin F. Dillard deceased was presented to the Court for Probate by Samuel S. Sunstall and it appearing to the Court that all the Heirs at Law of the said decedent resident in this State have had due and legal notice by citation requiring them to appear and contest the same, and no person appearing to contest said Will, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath J. P. Roberts George W. Pollard witnesses introduced to prove the same, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of said Witnesses that the said Nuncupative Will was made in the time of the last sickness of the deceased at his habitation where he had resided for more than ten days next preceding the time of making the same, and that the testator called on them at the time to make notice that the same was his will, and that fourteen days have elapsed since the time of the decease of the said testator and that the words here presented were reduced to writing within six days after speaking the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said words purporting to be the Nuncupative Will of Benjamin F. Dillard deceased be admitted to Probate as such, and is hereby received established and admitted to record as the Nuncupative Will of said Benjamin F. Dillard deceased.

Attest My Hand Clerk

16th August 1849

In the name of God, I Robert Wayne of the County of Greene and State of Alabama, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. First, I desire that all my just debts be paid. Secondly, It is my will and desire that my whole Estate both real and personal left to me and managed by my Executors and Executors to the best advantage and the proceeds to be applied, first to the support of my wife and children, Secondly to the education of my children in a suitable manner, My wife to be supported out of the Estate as long as she may live, my daughters until they marry and my sons until they arrive at the age of twenty one years, Thirdly to the purchase of lands for my hands to cultivate. — 3d. It is further my will and desire that my Executors and Executors cannot add to my