

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.

Chief Magistrate 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 A.D. 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 23d. 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.

Chief Magistrate Clerk

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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

lands by purchasing in the neighborhood, they are hereby empowered to sell the real Estate which I now own in Greene County, if they think it best & to lay out the proceeds in other lands so as to obtain a sufficiency for my slaves to cultivate and to supply my sons as they become of age & the one now of age with fifty acres each to cultivate for himself. 4th It is further my will and desire that the proceeds of my whole Estate beyond what may be necessary for the purposes above mentioned be paid over to my children or their guardians in sums of five hundred dollars each, commencing at the oldest and so on to the youngest in rotation so long as there is any thing to pay until my youngest son arrives at the age of 21 years or until the Estate is divided as hereinafter directed. 5th It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife that my whole Estate both real and personal be equally divided among my children now living or their descendants, in which division each child to account for may have been paid to him by myself or my Executors but if my wife should die before my youngest son arrives at the age of 21 years it is my will and desire that my Estate be kept together until he arrives at age & then to be equally divided as before described. 6th I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends Erasmus & William Wynn Executors and my wife Mildred, Beneficiary of this my last will & Testament and guardians of my children until they arrive at the age of sixteen years who if they think proper they may choose guardians for themselves. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this second day of February, A.D. 1838.

Executed in presence of
 Alonzo H. Salemer
 Martin Rosee
 Wm. J. Pierce

Robert Wynn

Orphans Court

October 22^d 1849

This day the last Will and Testament of Robert Wynn senr. deceased, was presented to the Court for Probate by Erasmus Wynn one of the Executors therein named, and proof being made and sworn in open Court, that 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, And thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Alexander H. Salemer and William J. Pierce 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 said Estate to be received as the last will and Testament of the said Robert Wynn senr. died.

Eleanor In the name of God amen. I Eleanor Wynn at present of Wynn in the County of Greene State of Alabama, being in full health of Mind body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, make obtain and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby writing and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and as to such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to entrust to me, I dispose of the same in manner following, that is to say, First. I do give and bequeath to each of my four sons herein after named, to wit, Edmund A. Wynn, Erasmus Wynn, William Wynn and Robert Wynn, the sum of eight hundred Dollars, to be allotted to them respectively, in a settlement of accounts with my Executors and to be deducted out of any debts or demands which may be due and owing to me from them or either of them at the time of my death, it being my intention that any indebtedness to me by either of my said sons herein before named to the amount of eight hundred Dollars shall be fully and forever annulled, and can called by this bequest, and if the indebtedness of either of them shall be found not to amount to so much, then my Executors shall and they are hereby directed to pay to such one the difference or amount which it shall fall short of eight hundred Dollars in cash. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Salina Ann Eleanor Ferrell the sum of eight hundred Dollars to be allowed & paid her by my Executors in all respects in like manner with the said sum of eight hundred Dollars by me herein before given to each of my said sons. I furthermore give, grant, and bequeath to my said daughter Salina Ann Eleanor Ferrell all my real Estate consisting of three hundred and sixty acres of Land the disposition of which will more fully appear by reference to a Deed from James Ferrell to me, it being the same I have purchased from him the said James Ferrell. I furthermore give grant and bequeath to my daughter Salina Ann Eleanor Ferrell, following negro slaves, that is to say, Ned aged about fifty three years, and Maria wife of Ned aged about forty eight years, Fanny daughter of Maria aged about twenty seven years, Martha daughter of Maria aged about twenty four years, Charles son of Maria aged about eighteen years, Suffer son of Maria aged about twelve years, Sissy daughter of Maria aged about eight years, Rose daughter of Fanny aged about eight years, Mary daughter of Fanny aged about six years, Martha Ann daughter of Fanny aged about four years, Virginia daughter of Fanny aged about two years. Ned son of Martha aged about eleven

seven years. George son of Martha aged about five years.
David son of Martha aged about three years. Malinda aged
about sixteen years. Jeremiah son of Malinda aged about four
months. Crick aged about forty two years. Redlick aged about
twenty two years. Thomas aged about twenty five years. Jack
aged about twenty three years. John aged about thirty years.
Harry aged about thirty six years. Isaac aged about thirty
eight years. Caroline aged about sixteen years. together
with all the offspring or natural increase of the female negro
slaves and each and every of them, to have and to hold the
said slaves and all their increase as aforesaid to her the
said Salina Ann Eleanor Ferrell for heirs and assigns
forever. Furthermore, I do give grant and bequeath to my
said daughter Salina, Eleanor Ferrell all my personal and
portable property, which I may have at the time of my
death, and not specially added or willed away. And
the said property herein before given and bequeathed to my
said daughter Salina, Ann Eleanor Ferrell, shall in no manner
be subjected to the title, management or control or benefit of
William A. Ferrell, husband of Salina, Ann Eleanor Ferrell
or the said property, real, personal, or mixed, or increase or
proceeds or profits or any investments or purchase made with
any funds arising therefrom. But the same and every part
and parcel for the sole entire and exclusive use and benefit of
the said Salina Ann Ferrell, her heirs and purposes as
if she were a feme sole. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to
my grand daughter Martha Savinia Ferrell, daughter of William
A. Ferrell and Salina Ann Eleanor Ferrell, a negro girl daughter
of Danny, named Sarah Ann, aged about nine years.
The negro girl named Mary, aged about thirteen years, the last
mentioned of the said negro girls, I have previously given to
the said Martha Savinia Ferrell by deed of gift the same
having been recorded in the County Court Clerk's office at Putnam,
as will more fully appear by reference, and all the offspring,
or natural increase to her the said Martha Savinia Ferrell,
of the said female negro slaves and each and every of them
to have and to hold the said slaves and all their increase
as aforesaid to her the said, Martha Savinia, Ferrell for heirs
and assigns forever. And lastly, I do hereby make and
ordain Erasmus Wiggins and William A. Ferrell Execu-
tors of this my last Will and testament. In witness of
all which I Eleanor Wiggins the Testator have to this my
will, written on three half sheets paper, set my hands and seals
this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and forty eight.
Signed sealed and published by the said Eleanor Wiggins

as her last will and testament, in the presence of us and
at her request in her presence, and in presence of each other
have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

B. J. Ferrell
Alfred Perry
John A. A. Alvarado
Eleanor Wiggins
her mark

The State of Alabama = Orphans Court
Greene County November 26th 1849.
This day the last will and testament of Eleanor Wiggins deceased,
was presented to the Court by William A. Ferrell one of the Exe-
cutors therein named for Probate and Registration, and it
appearing to the Court that all the heirs at Law of the said
deceased resident in this State have had due and legal
notice of this application, and no objection being offered
and Erasmus Wiggins one of the Executors therein named,
having been in open Court declined to qualify as one of the
Executors of said will, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine
on oath Benjamin P. Ferrell and Alfred Perry, two of the subscr-
ibing witnesses to said will, touching the legal execution thereof,
and being fully satisfied from the testimony of said witnesses
it is ordered that the said will be admitted to Probate and
the same is hereby received, established and ordered to be re-
cords as the last will and testament of the said Eleanor Wiggins
deceased.

Will of J. John Smith at present of the town of Granstonough in the County
of Greene and State of Alabama being desirous of making a proper
disposition of my worldly effects after my decease, do hereby make, make, make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form
following. In the first place I deem that my Executor do proceed
and make payment of all my just debts. In the second place I
will and bequeath unto my nephew John Owens of the State of Penn-
sylvania the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid by my Executor
hereinafter named. In the third place I will and bequeath unto
my sister Mary of the State of Ohio the sum of five hundred dollars.
In the fourth place I will and bequeath unto the children of my sister
Mary of the State of Ohio the sum of five hundred dollars to be equally
divided between them. In the fifth place I give and bequeath unto
my half sister Margaret of the State of Ohio the sum of two hundred
dollars for her sole and separate use. In the sixth place I give and
bequeath and devise unto my Brother Alexander Smith now of the State
of Tennessee all the rest and residue of my estate, real personal and
mixed of every description and whatsoever situated, for his own use
and as his own absolute property. In the seventh place I do hereby

appoint my said Brother Alexander Smith to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 20th day of November A.D. 1849.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator as & for his last will & testament, in presence of us the undersigned who have subscribed our names as witnesses hereat at his request & in presence of each other and of the testator

Mary Nelson

Mrs. Kenna

Robt. W. Wilkins

John Smith Test

Orphans Court

February 25th 1850

This day the last will and testament of John Smith deceased was presented to the Court by Alexander Smith the Executor therein named, for Probate and it appearing to the Court that the said Alexander Smith is the only heir at law of the said decedent, resident in this State, and no objection being offered, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath Robert W. Wilkins 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 witness, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted to Probate, received, established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said John Smith deceased.

Attest: M. D. Jones Clerk

Will of
John Kenna

Greene County 20th October 1849.

I James Kenna do constitute and make this my last will and testament, that is to say, I will and bequeath to my son Thomas S. the following negro slaves, Esther, Lott and Ann, I will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca A. Freeman the following negro slaves Rachel, Ben and Sarah, I will and bequeath to my son William M. the following named negro slaves, Fred, Harissa and Mary, I will and bequeath to my son James T. the following negro slaves, Sam, Margaret and Eliza, I will and bequeath to my son John L. the following negro slaves, Peter, Wiat and Mary, and I will and bequeath to my son Joseph S. the following negro slaves, Burren, Sam and Sela, I will and bequeath jointly to the above named children all my Stock Horses, mules cows, hogs, together with my household and kitchen furniture, farming tools and chattels, I desire and will that they be kept together in charge of my seven-year William Freeman, who I hereby constitute and appoint Executor to this my last will and testament, as well as to be the Guardian of my aforesaid children, until the youngest child becomes of age, then such furniture Stock and Chattels as have not been necessarily consumed by the raising of the aforesaid children, to be equally divided between them

It is my will that my said Executor William Freeman keep together and control all the above named negroes, until all my debts are paid, then to deliver to my children as they come of age, the negroes as above bequeathed. I desire my said son in law William Freeman to be reasonably compensated for his trouble in keeping all this property together and raising my children above named, I have under my hand and seal the day and date above written, In the presence of

John M. Bates

A. W. Guley

C. W. Ricard

Thos. Collins

James Kenna Test

Orphans Court

February 25th 1850.

This day the last will and testament of James Kenna deceased was presented to the Court for Probate by William M. Freeman the Executor therein named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all the heirs at law of the said decedent are minors, and no objection being offered thereupon the Court proceeded to examine on oath C. W. Ricard 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 witness, It is therefore 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 Kenna deceased.

Attest: M. D. Jones Clerk

Will of
James Watson

The State of Alabama of Greene County, I James Watson of Greene County and State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I desire that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of the present crops, secondly, I give and devise to my daughter Nancy wife of John L. McAlpine the East half of the N. W. quarter of Section 24 Township 21 Range 1 East, Thirdly, I give and devise all the rest of my lands consisting of 22 half quarters or four hundred and eighty acres in section 27 Township 21 and Range 1 East, to my son James Alexander Watson and my said daughter Nancy to be divided between them, so that each shall have an equal share of said my lands including the aforesaid eighty acres specifically devised to my daughter Nancy, Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my said daughter Nancy and to my said son James Alexander all the rest and residue of my Estate real and personal, equally to be divided between them share & share alike, Lastly, I appoint my said son James Alexander and my son in law John L. McAlpine Executors of this my last will & testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine Signed sealed and published as his

last will and testament by James Watson in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Richd. L. Holt
J. H. Hensons
W. C. Williams

Orphans Court

April 1st 1857

This day the last will and testament of James Watson deceased was presented to the Court by James Watson Jr and John C. McAlpine the Executors therein named for probate, and proof being now here made in open Court that all the Heirs at Law of said decedent have had notice of this application, and no objection being offered, thereupon the Court proceeded to examine in court Richard L. Holt 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, record established and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said James Watson deceased.

Attest J. H. Hensons Clerk

Age of In the name of God, I Robert B. Beverly, late of Greene County, Ala. Beverly in the State of Alabama now of the County of Chautauque in the State of Mississippi being of sound disposing mind & memory do make and order this to be my last will and testament in the words following viz.

After paying off all my just debts I do hereby give, bequeath and devise unto my brother Carter B. Beverly of Morgan County, Alabama and his Heirs forever all the real and personal estate of whatever nature or kind I may be seized or possessed of, consisting of lands my cows and stock of all descriptions now in the County of Chautauque and State of Mississippi bonds, debts, judgments and all other claims for money ^{whether} now due or running to maturity. I nominate and appoint my brother Carter B. Beverly Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal this 25th day of January A.D. 1848.

Signed, sealed and returned by the testator in his presence and in presence of each other. Henry J. Barnett of Va
And H. Kiffin of Ala

Robt. B. Beverly Test

Orphans Court Special Term

April 20th A.D. 1857

Be it remembered that on this day the 20th of April 1857 before the Judge of the County Court of Greene County holding the Orphans Court of said County, personally came Carter B. Beverly who says that he

is nominated sole Executor of the last will and testament of Robert B. Beverly deceased, and produces here to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Robert B. Beverly, and proponds the same for Probate as a will of personal property only, there appearing to be but two subscribing witnesses thereto, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now here upon proof that the said testator was never married, and left neither widow nor children nor any heirs at Law residing in this State except Mrs Ann J. Randolph who has been regular, notified of the above application, as also her husband and offered no objection to the same, and it also appearing upon proof to the satisfaction of the Court that the testator had no fixed known place of residence within any County of this State, but that there were large sums of money due to him from debtors residing in the said County of Greene in this State, thereupon the Court caused to come before it James H. Kiffin one of the subscribing witnesses to the said will, who being first duly sworn says that he was present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said Robert B. Beverly, said witness further says that Henry J. Barnett the other subscribing witness was also there and then present, that the said testator signed and sealed the said will in the presence of the said Kiffin & Barnett and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and requested the witnesses Kiffin & Barnett to sign their names as witnesses to the said will, and the said Kiffin now here swears that he and the said Barnett subscribed their names in the presence of each other and of the testator, to the said will, and that their signatures to the paper propounded, are the genuine hand writing & signatures of him the said Kiffin & Barnett, he further states that the said Barnett was then and is now a non-resident of this State and is not now within the same, the hand writing of the said subscribing witness Barnett was fully proved, and that at the time of making and publishing the said writing as his last will and testament the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and of the age of twenty one years. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said will of the said Robert B. Beverly be admitted to Probate as the last will of the personal estate only of the said testator, and that the same be recorded, and the original remain in office as required by Law, the said will having been proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest J. H. Hensons Clerk

In the Name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Edkins of the County of
Greene, and State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing
mind and memory, but in failing health and mind, and
of the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will and
testament, hereby bequeathing all others by me at any time
heretofore made.

Item 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts
shall be paid.

Item 2nd I desire that my Buggy and horse, and watch shall be
sold by my Executor, either publickly or privately, as to him
may seem best, and the proceeds thereof together with all moneys
collected upon the notes and accounts due me shall be applied
to the payment of my just debts which I may owe at the
time of my death.

Item 3rd If after the sale as aforesaid, and the collections as
above mentioned, a sufficient amount should not be realized
to pay and discharge all my debts, then my wife and son
shall pay my negroes, Maria and Alfred, disposed of, shall be to each
and make a sufficient amount, is paid thereby to repay
all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Item 4th After my just debts are paid, it is my will and desire
that my three slaves, viz. Sam, Oliver and Sam shall be
disposed of as follows, to wit, to give and bequeath unto William
McAdams (my beloved brother) the said slave Oliver, unto my
beloved brother James Edkins to give and bequeath the slave
Sam, and unto my beloved nephew, Albert P. Lipscomb, to give
and bequeath the said slave Sam, also one feather bed.

Item 5th To give and devise unto my brother in Law William
C. Lipscomb of Morgan County, My tract of land lying in
Sumter County, and also desire that my nephew, Albert P.
Lipscomb shall pay unto the said William C. the sum of
one hundred dollars, and I hereby charge the Legacy herein
before given unto the said Albert P. Lipscomb, to pay the
said boy Sam with the payment of the said sum of one
hundred dollars, and desire that the said boy Sam shall
not be delivered up unto the said Albert P. Lipscomb until
the said sum of one hundred dollars is paid by him as
above directed, the same being intended to equalize as near
as can be, their share of my estate.

Item 6th It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue
of my estate, except as before mentioned shall be equally
divided between my beloved brothers William M. Edkins and
James Edkins.

Item 7th I do hereby constitute and appoint William C. Edkins
the Executor of this my last will and testament, and author-
ize him to do every necessary thing in carrying out the provisions

of this my will, without any orders from Court.

My testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the twentieth day of February, A.D. 1880.
Signed in the presence of us.

and by in the presence of each other
Eugene Moore.
William Walker
James P. Robert

The State of Alabama Probate Court, Greene County
March 27th 1880.

Upon the application of William M. Edkins for Probate of a
certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the
last will and testament of Thomas Edkins deceased, late a
resident of this County, and for Letters Testamentary thereupon,
and on taking the testimony of James P. Robert, one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, and maturely considering the same,
being now satisfied that the said instrument is fully and legally
established as the true and original last will and testament
of the said Thomas Edkins deceased, and that the said Thomas
Edkins was on the day of the date of said will that is today,
on the 16th day of February 1880, of lawful age to devise, and
of sound disposing mind and memory, and of right and in
law entitled to make, said will, and to further appearing
that all the heirs at Law of said deceased residing in this
State have had due and legal notice of this application, and
no objection being offered, it is therefore, ordered, adjudged
and decreed, that the said instrument of writing be admitted
to Probate, established, and recorded, as the true and original
last will and testament of the said Thomas Edkins de-
ceased.

Attest
J. H. Evans, Judge.

To the Honorable James H. Bruce, Judge of the Court of Probate
in and for said County.

The Petitioner of Mary, Jane Croft of said County, do hereby
represent to Your Honor that Henry, Croft late of the County of
Greene, and State of Alabama departed this life, on the fifteenth
day of May, last in said County leaving a last will and testament
duly signed, published and attested as her petitioners believe, and
which she, in pursuance of the statute herewith presents to the
Court for probate. The said last will is subscribed by Sarah E.
Hickory, William McConry, David Butler and Thomas J. Chiles as
witnesses to the signature and publication thereof. All of whom
as Your petitioner knows live in said County. That said estate
in his said last will and testament nominated and appointed
Your petitioner executrix thereof, and requested that no bond
or security should be required of her by the Court. Your peti-
tioner further shows that she is willing to accept said trust
confided to her. Your petitioner prays that a subpoena may issue
to the said Sarah Hickory, Wm. McConry, David Butler and Thomas
J. Chiles commanding each of them to appear in Court hereafter
at the next regular term thereof to testify. Concerning the
execution of said will, as the Court may direct, and that probate
of said will may be thereupon granted, and the same be entered
to record, and that Letters testamentary may be granted to Your
petitioner according to Law, and Your petitioner as in and
about well may pray, &c.
June 1st 1830, Mary Jane Croft
By Sarah & Thos. Chiles

To the Honorable James H. Bruce, Judge of the Court of Probate
in and for said County.

The Petitioner of Mary, Jane Croft of Greene County, and State of Alabama
believing that My Natural life is near at its close, and being
desirous of arranging as far as I am able, all My business
affairs, and to give direction in reference to My Estate,
Do hereby make and declare, this to be, My last will and testam-
ent. And first, I do My Will that My lands and personal property
not including negroes, shall be sold at public auction or at
private sale, as may be thought best for the interest of My
Estate, by My Executor and the proceeds, together with the present
growing crop, appropriated to the payment of My just debts.
And if there should be a deficiency of funds from these sources
to meet My debts, then so many of the negroes as may be
necessary to raise the amount of the deficiency, shall be sold
and the proceeds appropriated for the liquidation of said debts.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to My beloved wife Mary Jane
Croft, all and every part of My Estate remaining, after the
payment of My just debts, to be by her used and appropriated
to her use and benefit and to the support, raising and educa-
tion of our seven children, and to be disposed of for their

benefit according to her own judgment and directions, and it
is further My Will that she shall not be required to give any
guarantee or bond for security for performing or carrying out
the trust hereby imposed upon her, having full confidence in her.
I leave the use, management and disposal of the whole estate to
her discretion.

Thirdly, As I have secured most of My Creditors by deed in said
County property, it is My Will, if the Creditors will give their
consent that the sale of My property be made by My Executor
and the proceeds paid over to My Creditors as above directed.
But in Case My Creditors prefer to sell under the Deeds, in that
then it is My Will and request that they proceed first to
sell My lands and stock, and if these fail to raise the necessary
amount for the full payment of their debts, then they ^{shall} ~~may~~ ^{shall}
proceed as may be directed by the Executor until a sufficient am-
ount is sold, to cancel their claims.
Fourthly, I do My Will, & desire that My son, Augustine shall take
charge of My plantation until the present crop is secured and
ready for market.

Given under My hand & seal, this 11th day of May,
1830.

Henry, Croft.
Sarah E. Hickory
Wm. McConry
David Butler
Thos. J. Chiles

Henry, Croft.

The Judge of Alabama, Probate Court, Regular term
Greene County, June 10th 1830.

We do remember that on this day the 10th day of June, A.D. 1830,
before the Judge of the Probate Court, of Greene County, Alabama,
came Mary Jane Croft who says she is nominated sole executrix of
the last will and testament of Henry, Croft deceased, and pre-
sents here to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will
and testament of the said Henry, Croft, and proffers the same
for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court,
that the said Estate was a resident Citizen of the County of
Greene, aforesaid, and departed this life in said County on the
fifteenth day of May, 1830. Thereupon the Court caused to
come before it William McConry, and Thomas J. Chiles two of
the subscribing witnesses to the said will, who being first duly
sworn say and testify that they were present and the day when
the said will purports to have been signed by the said
testator that the said testator signed the said will in the
presence of the said witnesses, Henry and Chiles, and the other
subscribing witnesses Sarah E. Hickory, and David Butler, and

published the same as his last will and testament, and the said testator signed their names in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other and they the said testators further declare, and oath that at the time of making and publishing the said writing as his last will and testament the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and above the age of twenty one years. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and Decreed by the Court that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said Henry S. Kraft deceased, that the same be recorded and the original remain in office as required by Law, the said will having been duly proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest. M. Evans, Judge.

Elizabeth Redway, in the name of God, Amen, I Elizabeth Redway being weak and sick of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills in whole or any part made.

In the first place I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executor hereinafter appointed. I then give and bequeath to my only daughter Mary Redway the following Slaves to wit, Simon & his Mother Charlotte, and also the following personal property to wit, one horse & buggy, one bedstead, one box, and furniture, two small tables, one trunk, the Carpet and chairs which constitute a parlor, the furniture of my room, the safe and its contents, the clock, one half of my linen and one cow, said property however to be charged with the reasonable support of my husband Henry Redway during his life.

I then give and devise to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Redway one hundred dollars in money to be raised out of my estate in any manner which my executor hereinafter appointed may think most advantageous for the interest of the estate, and those who are hereafter to succeed to it.

I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Redway, the wife of Bradley Redway the following negro Slaves to wit, Cassy, this will convey.

I also give and bequeath to my friend Philip P. Hart, in trust for the use and benefit of the children of William T. Bell, now born and hereafter to be born, the following property to wit, seven Acres Pleasant Eye and Spring, the Mules and Cattle I am upon the plantation on which I now reside, two mules, and one horse, and the truster is hereby empowered if in his opinion it be advantageous to the beneficiaries of this trust to sell the property and put the money out at

interest, or reinvest the same said property however to be charged with the reasonable support of my son William T. Bell, during his life, and at the death of the said William T. Bell, it is my wish and desire that the property aforesaid shall be equally divided among his children, *How being?*

I will and devise to my friend George & Perina the following Slaves to wit, Sam and her two children and children & the future increase of Sam & Eliza, and Rolly, to be held in trust for the use benefit and behoof, of Ennis Bell during her natural life, and at her death in trust for the use and benefit of Matthew R. Bell, and at the death of the said Matthew R. Bell, it is my wish & desire that the aforesaid property and its increase up to that time, shall go to the child or children now living of the said Matthew R. Bell, equally to be divided. But in the event the said Ennis Bell shall survive her husband the said Matthew R. Bell, that then and in that case, it is my wish & desire that the said property at the death of the said Ennis Bell, shall pass to the child or children the offspring of the marriage of the said Matthew R. Bell & Ennis Bell, there being equally to be divided, should the said Matthew R. Bell die leaving no children at the time of their death, I desire that the property aforesaid shall go to my Grand son Percy Bell.

I give and devise to my son John R. Bell, two dollars in money to be raised from my estate, the mode of raising which I leave to the discretion and best judgment of my executor hereinafter appointed.

I then give and bequeath to my Grand child Elizabeth Redway the daughter of Bradley T. Redway, my Grand son Eliza Margaret, and my Grand son, to my Grand son William Bell Redway, I give a negro Girl named Clarissa, to my Grand daughter Mary Elizabeth Redway, the daughter of Bradley T. Redway, I give my business.

There is any thing remain undisposed of after the payment of my just debts and the satisfaction of the above legacies, I desire that it may be equally divided between my Grand son P. C. Bell, and my only daughter Mary Redway, the portion thus left to my only daughter the said Mary Redway, to be likewise charged with the support of my husband Henry Redway, as the legacy given her in a previous part of this instrument.

It is my wish and desire that my whole estate shall be kept together until the first of January 1851. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend James B. Corcoran executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

affixed my signature this 9th of March 1850

Elizabeth Ridgway

Signed published & attested
in our presence & attested
between 1848 & 1850 lines 10 & 11 page
"last living" before signature
and "and my last will & testament"
3rd line of this page
James D. Thornton
Madison Johnston

believe I hereby affirm the following Codicil to the foregoing Will,
Signed by Edward and James D. Bell & James D. Thornton
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 11th
day of March 1850
Signed in the presence
of witnesses
James D. Thornton
Madison Johnston

Elizabeth Ridgway

I desire to give to my Grandson James D. Bell the sum of Fifty Dollars
and to have this affixed to my last will and testament
Signed and published in the presence of James D. Thornton and
Madison Johnston
Signed and published in
presence of
Wm. B. Johnston
Elizabeth Ridgway
March 9 1850

believe I do now with my son Alexander Bell the sum of Five Dollars
and I wish this to be affixed as addendum to my last will and
testament. Signed and published in presence of Madison Johnston
and James D. Thornton dated March 9 1850.
Signed and published
in presence of
Philip S. Lightfoot
William B. Johnston
March 11th 1850

Elizabeth Ridgway

The State of Arkansas Probate Court Regular Term
Greene County June 10th 1850

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of June 1850 before
the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County, State of Arkansas
came James D. Thornton who says he is nominally sole executor
of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Ridgway deceased
a feme sole and produced here to the Court a paper purporting

to be the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Ridgway, together
with the Codicils thereto and produced the same per Probate as
a will of personalty. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the
Court now here before me that the said testatrix was a valid
and citizen of the County aforesaid, and departed this life in
said County on the day of 1850. That the most of heirs
to said Elizabeth Bell, William B. Johnston and I, Elizabeth Ridgway,
were and Turner I Bell, being all who reside in this State, and
who would be entitled to the estate of the said testatrix as heirs
or distributees in case of intestacy, have been duly and legal-
ly notified of the above application by citation to them des-
cending to appear and contest the same should they see cause.
And it also appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the
said testatrix came Court was duly and legally authorized and
empowered by a Deed of Marriage Settlement made and executed
by her husband James Ridgway of the one part, the said Elizabeth
Ridgway of the second part and Bradley H. Ridgway Trustee of
the third part on the 22nd day of September 1848, which said
Deed is on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of
the County aforesaid, to dispose of her property and effects by
will duly and legally made and published, and it further
appearing to the Court that the said husband James Ridgway
consented to the disposition of the property as made by the said
last will and testament, and now here in open Court consents
to the Probate of the same. Thereupon the Court caused
to come before it James D. Thornton and Madison Johnston the
two subscribing witnesses to the said will, and one of the Codicils
thereto being first duly sworn say on oath that they have
present, on the day when the said will and Codicils purports
to have been signed by the said testatrix Elizabeth Ridgway, and
that the said testatrix signed the said will and Codicils in the pres-
ence of the said witnesses Thornton and Johnston and published
the same as her last will and testament, and Codicils thereto, and the
said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the
said testatrix and in the presence of each other, that the said
witnesses for the aforesaid say on oath that at the time of making and
publishing the said writing as her last will and testament
and the Codicils thereto, the said testatrix was of sound and disposing
mind and memory, and above the age of twenty one years,
and at the same time the Court caused to come before it
Philip S. Lightfoot and William B. Johnston the subscribing
witnesses to another Codicil to the said will dated the 11th day
of March 1850, who being first duly sworn say on oath that
they were present, on the day when the said Codicil purports
to have been signed by the said testatrix Elizabeth Ridgway,
that the said testatrix signed said Codicil to said will in

the presence of the said witnesses Lightfoot and Bullock, and published the same to be a record to be said last will and testament, and that they the said witnesses signed their names in the presence of the said testatrix and in the presence of each other, then the said witnesses further depose, and oath that at the time of making and publishing the said bequest to said will the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and at the same time the Court caused to come before it John P. Ridgway, one of the subscribing witnesses to another bequest to the said will dated the 24th June 1850, who being first duly sworn depose, and oath that he was present, and the day when the said bequest was made to have been signed by the said testatrix Elizabeth Ridgway, that the said testatrix signed said bequest to said will in the presence of the said witness John P. Ridgway, and the other subscribing witness Robert C. Colchester, and published the same to be a record to her said last will and testament, and the said witnesses signed his name in the presence of the said testatrix and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, to the said witnesses further depose, and oath that at the time of making and publishing the said bequest to the said will, the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and it is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the said bequest together with the above mentioned bequest, be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Ridgway deceased, that the same be recorded, and the originals remain in place as required by Law, the said will and bequests thereto having been proven to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest: J. M. Evans Judge.

21st May
1851

In the name of God, Amen, I Frances Margaret of the County of Essex, and State of Maryland being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament, according to the following Wills:

First, I desire that all my just debts shall be paid by my executors as soon after my decease as possible, and empower them to sell such part or parts of my estate for that purpose, as they may deem most advisable.

Second, I do also empower my executors to sell any portion of the property I shall bequeath to my daughter Abigail. Consider it advantageous to the interest of my said daughter, vesting the proceeds of such sale and sales in property of like kind and value.

Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Matilda Howard Mary, one half of my real estate, and as a special legacy, a Negro Man named Bob, for her years of age.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mariner Keill Mary, one half of my real estate, and as a special legacy, her male servants named Jane and George, sons of my servant, Luke, and aged, the former, eighteen years, and the latter, fifteen years.

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my wife Matilda Howard Mary, and my daughter Mariner Keill Mary, an equal right and title to the following named servants, to wit, Abram aged fully seven years, George aged thirty two years, Peter aged thirty two years, Luke aged thirty years, Sampson aged twenty years, Jack aged thirty four years, Malinda aged twenty two years, Amy aged thirty eight years, Mary aged twenty five, Keill aged twenty five, Nancy aged thirty three, Mary Henderson aged twenty three, Ross aged thirty years, Ross Henderson aged thirty two, Eliza aged twenty one, Henry aged eighteen, Spencer aged twenty three, Frank aged fifteen, Amanda aged thirteen, Mary Jane aged eleven, Harvey aged ten, Arthur aged nine, Thompson aged seven, Lewis aged six, Isaac aged eight, Allen aged seven, Joel aged five, Phil aged six, Matilda aged four, Emma Jane aged four, American aged three, Lewis aged three, Hannah aged three, Agnes aged two, William aged two, John aged two, Edwin aged one, and Estella aged one, and the future issue and increase of said slaves, and also any other slaves, which I may purchase or inherit, and in the same manner, all of my other personal property, consisting of horses, cattle, pigs, and sheep, and town, field and kitchen furniture, bonds, notes or debts, and accounts due me, and any money I may have, at the time of my death.

Now, I require that the property herein devised to my wife and daughter, shall not be divided until my said daughter

shall have attained the age of twenty one years, unless My wife should think it would be advantageous to the interest of My said daughter, and a witness thereto shall be provided, agreeing that Mrs. said wife shall be allowed to sign My said last will and testament, as she may, prefer for herself, taking however the value of one half of the whole only?

Now, I request the Court to appoint My wife, Mabelia Howard May, the Guardian of My daughter, Marina Reita May, till the said Marina shall have attained the age of twenty one years?

Now, I request the Court to appoint My wife, Mabelia Howard May, the sole executrix of this My last will and testament?

Now, I request the Court to order that My wife shall be allowed not to require security of My said executrix, having myself, past, and entire confidence in her integrity and competency to comply in good faith with its provisions?

Now, I require of the Court in which this My will shall be recorded, whether to require a record or final settlement of the accounts of My said executrix, either as guardian of My daughter, or in her executrix capacity?

In testimony whereof I have this the twenty sixth day of January, 1888, signed My name and affixed My seal,

Patience May
William Reita
Elin & May
Joshua Storr

James May Esq

The State of Alabama Probate Court
Escuse County July 10th 1880.

Be it remembered that on this the tenth day of July A.D. 1880, before the Judge of the Probate Court of Escuse County Alabama, came Mabelia Howard May, who says that she is now and sole executrix of the last will and testament of James May deceased and produces here to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James May, and in pursuance the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said testator was a resident citizen of the County of Escuse, aforesaid, and departed this life in said County on the 27th day of June, A.D. 1880, and it further appearing to the Court that the said Mabelia Howard May, and Marina Reita May, a minor, are the only heirs at Law of said testator, themselves the Court ordered, to come before it Patience May and Joshua Storr two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who being first duly sworn, on oath

that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said testator, that the said testator signed the said will in the presence of the said witnesses, Mary, John, and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses William Reita and Elin & May, and published and read and the same to be his last will and testament, and the said witnesses signed their names in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other, and they, the said witnesses, further depose on oath that at the time of making and publishing the said writing as his last will and testament the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and above the age of twenty one years, and therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said James May, deceased, that the same be recorded, and the original remain in office as required by Law, the said will having been duly proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest. J. H. Evans, Judge.

The State of Alabama Probate Court July 22nd 1880
Escuse County

Be it remembered that on this the twenty second day of July A.D. 1880, before the Judge of the Probate Court of Escuse County Alabama, came William M. Sledge, who says that he is now and sole executrix of the last will and testament of the said James May deceased and produces here to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James May, and in pursuance the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said testator was a resident citizen of the County of Escuse, aforesaid, and departed this life in said County on the 27th day of June, A.D. 1880, and it further appearing to the Court that the said Mabelia Howard May, and Marina Reita May, a minor, are the only heirs at Law of said testator, themselves the Court ordered, to come before it Patience May and Joshua Storr two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who being first duly sworn, on oath

Attest. J. H. Evans, Judge.
By J. H. Evans

William M. Sledge at the Court of Escuse County Alabama

Alabama being of sound mind and body, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following. In the first place I desire all my just debts to be paid if possible by the application of the profits of my estate without a sale of property. In the second place I do give and devise all my estate both real and personal, of which I may be seized or possessed at my death, share and share alike unto my beloved wife Margaret Mudge and to my dear children, viz. Judge William Mudge, Belle Bratton Mudge, Corbude J. Mudge, and such other child or children as may be born of my said wife and myself. Third, It is my will and desire that my said estate both real and personal be retained specifically as conveyed into other property real or personal at the discretion of my representatives hereinafter named, and that the profits thereof be applied to the support, maintenance and education of my wife and children, and that the same be kept together without division or distribution until the happening of one or other of the events hereinafter named, and then in the following manner, viz. If my wife should marry or die, then her share of my estate as above devised and bequeathed to her is to be allotted to her or her heirs executors or administrators and the remainder divided between my other Legatee and devisees. And before the happening of either of the above mentioned events that is, the marriage or death of my wife, either or any of my children and Legatee above named and described should marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years, then the share of each to be set apart to her or him respectively, the residue remaining to await the occurrence of said contingencies. I do hereby ratify, approve and confirm and appoint my beloved wife and her father Henry J. Thornton executors and administrators to this my will, and no testimony thereof do this 29th day of September and year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine affix my hand and seal.

Signed and published by the testator
as his will in our presence, and subscribed
by us the day of the date, as testifies
in the presence of each other at the
request of the testator,
J B Clark
& Morgan
James D Thornton

William Mudge.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court, July 22nd 1850.
Greene County } Be it remembered that on this the
20th day of July A.D. 1850 before the Judge of the Probate Court of

Greene County, came Margaret Mudge and Henry Thornton who say that they are, respectively, the entire and sole executors of the last will and testament of William Mudge, deceased and produce here to the Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said William Mudge, and pronounce the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said testator was a resident citizen of the County of Greene aforesaid, and departed this life in said County on the 10th day of July, A.D. 1850, and the Guardians ad litem for Lucy J. Mudge, William Mudge, Belle Bratton Mudge, and Corbude J. Mudge, appearing personally in open Court, and no objection being offered to said will. Whereupon the Court caused to come before it Lemuel Morgan, and James D Thornton two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who being first duly sworn say on oath that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said testator, that said testator signed said will in the presence of the said witnesses Morgan and Thornton, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness James B Clark, and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and the said witnesses signed their names in the presence of the said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other, and they the said witnesses further depose and oath that at the time of making said publishing said writing as his last will and testament, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and above the age of twenty one years. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said William Mudge, deceased, that the same be recorded and the original remain in office as required by Law, the said will having been duly proven to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest, J. M. Evans, Clerk.

John Minton of the County and
Wife } State of Alabama }
Greene County } State aforesaid being of sound mind
and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me:
First: I give and bequeath to my wife Emma Minton my
major share of all my lands and tenements, to have and to hold, absolutely and in her own right.
Second: I give to my daughter Elizabeth Minton the following
named negroes viz. George, Martha his wife & their five children
Franklin, Margaret, Washington, Ruby, and Leane, to have & to
hold to her & her heirs. Third: The balance of my property

of every description, real, personal & mixed I give and bequeath to my wife Susan Winston to hold and use for the benefit of herself & her three sons, Sullivan, Jonathan & Lafayette, Winston during her natural life, and at her death it is my will and desire that said property or so much of it as may remain be equally divided between my said three sons, and if my wife Susan Winston shall think proper, think proper during her life to appropriate off any of said property to my said sons, Sullivan, Jonathan & Lafayette at any time & desire that no equal proportion be given to each so that they may share alike in the said division?

Item 2^d: I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Susan Winston executrix of my last will & testament, and for the purpose of enabling her to settle up my business to the best advantage, I do hereby authorize and empower her to sell and dispose of either publicly or privately, any or all of my lands and execute conveyances for the same, and to sell and dispose of any other property which may be necessary to pay my debts or to advance the interests of myself & children?

Item 3^d: It is my will and desire that my wife Susan Winston be permitted to qualify as my executrix, without security being required of her by the Court.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this eighth day of December, 1850.

Signed & sealed in presence of,

Wm. J. Pierce
Nathanial S. Allen

Susan Winston

The State of Alabama, Probate Court, Regular Term
Greene County, August 12th 1850.

Be it remembered that on this the 12th day of August, 1850, before the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County in the State of Alabama, came Susan Winston, who says she is nominated sole executrix of the last will and testament of John Winston deceased, and produced her to the Court a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said John Winston deceased, and professed the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said testator was a resident citizen of the County of Greene aforesaid and resided this life in said County on the 12th day of

1850, and it further appearing that all the heirs at law of said testator residing in this State have had due and legal notice of this application by Citations served upon them, whereupon the Court caused to come before it, William J. Pierce and Wiley

Carver, two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who being first duly sworn depose and say, that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said testator, that the testator signed said will in the presence of the said witnesses, Pierce and Carver, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, Nathaniel S. Allen, and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and they the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other, and they the said witnesses further depose and say, that at the time of making and publishing said writing, as his last will and testament, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said John Winston deceased, that the same be recorded, and the original remains in office as required by law, the said will having been duly presented to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest. Alexander Ingram, Judge.

Parab Corden, In the name of God, Amen, I, Parab Corden of Greene County, Ala. do hereby being Mindful of my mortality, on this 8th day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred & thirty one, make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following:

First: I wish to be decently and privately buried without any funeral pomp, and as little expense as may be. Also I give and bequeath at my death to my third daughter, Miss Chandler, a certain Negro boy, named Jerry, to be her property for life time, and at her death, to her son James Chandler.

Also I give to my second daughter, Sarah Mary, my bed and the residue of my goods, may be divided between my two daughters.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day and Year, first above written.

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said testatrix as and for her last will & testament, in our presence, who at her request, in her presence, have subscribed our names, as witnesses thereto.

Beaten Seal,
Alexander Ingram

The State of Alabama, Probate Court Regular Term
Greene County, August 12th 1850.

Be it remembered that on this the 12th day of August, 1850

1880. before the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County in the State of Alabama, came James Chandler, and produced here to the Court, a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Gordon deceased, and offered the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said testatrix was a resident Citizen of the County of Greene afore- said and departed this life in said County, and it further appearing that all the heirs at law of said testatrix residing in this State have had due and legal notice of this application by Citations served upon them, and no objection being offered thereto, Whereupon the Court caused to come before it Walter Tate, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will who being first duly sworn depose and testify that he was present on the day before the said will purported to have been signed by the said testatrix, that she signed said will in the presence of the said witness Tate, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness Alexander Ingram, and published and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testatrix at her request, and in the presence of each other, and by the said witness further depose, and says that at the time of making and publishing said writing as her last will and testament the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of Elizabeth Gordon deceased, that the same be recorded, and the original remaining on file as required by law, the said will having been proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest, J. M. Evans Judge.

Gilbert Regulator In the name of God, Amen, I Gilbert Regulator, of the County of Greene in the State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following: In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as practicable? Now I do will devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances Regulator, all my land and which I now reside lying East and South East, of the following described tracts, beginning at the Bridge over Brushy Creek on the State road, and running from thence, nearly South, along said road, to a large pine tree on the brow of the first new hill from said Creek, on the West side of the road, thence West forty rods, thence South to said State road, thence along said road to the

line of my land, containing about one hundred and forty acres, of land, extending to the same more or less, lying in Township 24 of Range two East, in the aforesaid County of Greene, also all of my household and kitchen furniture which may be on hand at the time of my death, also all of my farming utensils including the Cotton Gin, Mill, Wheel, Saw, and Thrasher, and Wagon, Saddle, tools and, bequeath unto my said wife her heirs, or heirs to be chosen by her, out of my stock, that may be on hand, at the time of my death, I also will & bequeath unto my said wife one Negro boy, and one Negro Girl to be chosen by her, out of my stock of Negroes, which may be on hand at the time of my death, and it is here understood that the words, boy and Girl here used are intended to apply to the above Negroes, as well as to those not grown, - I also will and bequeath unto my said wife all of my stock of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, that may be on hand, at the time of my death, - I also will and bequeath unto my said wife all of my possessions, now on and to be chosen, that may be on hand, at the time of my death? Now I do will and desire that all the rest of my property including my land and Negroes, be sold by my executor at public sale, upon a credit of one year and three years, and the proceeds thereof after paying all my just debts, to be equally divided among all my children, namely Alice Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Mary, Effie, wife of Wm. R. Regulator, Eliza Regulator, Gilbert Regulator, Edwin R. Regulator, Helen & Regulator, & Marion Regulator, and it is here understood that in said division all of my children are to be made equal, those who have received an advancement from me, in my life time to render the value thereof in said division, so that they may all share equal, and lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute, appoint and confirm my dear friend Arthur Anderson executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of all of the foregoing I the said Gilbert Regulator, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 6th day of May, 1880, One thousand Eight hundred and eighty.

John Sealer publishes and declares by the testator in our presence,
J. H. Davis
Samuel Morrow
W. P. Allen

The State of Alabama, Probate Court, August Term 1880, do hereby certify that we have taken

day of August A.D. 1880. Before the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County in the State of Alabama, came Andrew Anderson, who says he is nominated sole executor of the last will and testament of Gilbert Reynolds, deceased, and produced here to the Court, a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Gilbert Reynolds, deceased, and proposed the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said testator was a resident Citizen of the County of Greene aforesaid and departed this life in said County, and it further appearing that all the heirs at Law of said Testator residing in this State have had due and legal notice of this application and no objection being offered thereto, Whereupon the Court caused to come before it, William McVie and Edmund Morrow, two of the subscribing witnesses to said will who being first duly sworn, say on oath that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said testator, that the testator signed said will in the presence of the said witnesses Davis and Morrow, and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, Batts, and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and they the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator at his request and in the presence of each other, and the said witnesses further depose and say that at the time of making and publishing said writing as his last will and testament the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said Gilbert Reynolds, deceased, that the same be recorded, and the original remain in office, as required by law, the said will having been duly proven to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest, J. H. Evans Judge,

In the Name of our Sovereign, I Robert Creswell, of Greene County and State of Alabama, being well in health and of sound mind and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: First: Having given to my children, sons and personal property, to be divided among them during the life of myself and wife, desiring that I should have a competent support during our joint lives and the life of the survivor, I now give and bequeath to my wife, during her life all my estate real and personal for her support, (this is to discharge of the profits of the same as the same amount to much of the principal of the debt and we nothing be sufficient to pay the Legacy here given to my children, I direct that amount of estate as collected to be put to interest and well secured for the payment of said Legacy. The interest accruing thereon to be annually collected and used by my wife for her support. And if the principal of said debt shall be more than sufficient to pay said Legacy, I give the surplus to my wife together with the interest accruing and the advances made to my son Samuel & Creswell, to James Crawford in right of his wife, to my son David Creswell, and forty dollars, to be paid annually, by Col. S. Graham, for her support, and to dispose of in any manner that she may think proper? Secondly: I direct all my personal property after the death of my wife to be sold, at public sale, on a credit of six years, to wit: the west half of the north west quarter of section two & three, town ship twenty two, range two east, to be sold to the highest bidder at public sale on a credit of one and two years, I also direct the east half of the said north west quarter, whereon I now live, and ending the north line of said half quarter to the public road, ending from Auburn to Gainesville so as to include the land lying between said half quarter and said road, supposed to contain three acres, which was conveyed to me by James Murphy, also an acre to be laid off at the north west corner of the west half of the south east quarter of said section, beginning at the north west corner where the said half quarter joins the River land, and running east five chains, thence south twelve chains, thence west five chains thence to the beginning, the whole supposed to contain eight nine acres, to be sold to the highest bidder at public sale, on a credit of one and two years, I do hereby authorize and empower my executor to make letters to the purchaser or purchasers thereof upon receiving the purchase money, the legacies herein after given to my children are subject to the last estate of my wife? Thirdly: I have reserved to Samuel Lewis Creswell, last of the property so reserved for our support in negroes and other property the sum of eight thousand dollars, and have taken

his obligation to pay me annually, six hundred and forty dollars during my life, out of my wife's services me to pay to her annually, the said six hundred and forty dollars during her life. I now give bequeath and devise to my said son Samuel Lewis Cresswell his house and aboves therein. The West half of the South East quarter of Ashen Township, Minn. Township twenty, Iron Range, Iron Co. East, except six acres, hereto directed to be laid off at the North West Corner of said half quarter, giving to my said son Samuel Lewis Cresswell, liberty to cut locate such part of the cleared land as said half quarter as he please, and to have, free use of the Woodland during his Mother's life. Upon his dying, taxes on the cleared land, cut locate by him, and the woodland, and his Mother is to pay the taxes on such portion of the cleared land as the May cut locate. I further give to my said son Samuel Lewis Cresswell, one third of the money arising from the sale of my personal property, also the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid out of the debt due to me. Fourthly, I have advanced to Samuel Cresswell, no right at his wife's death at the property so received three thousand one hundred and ninety and seven dollars and forty six cents, and have taken his note to pay me the said three hundred and fifty five dollars and seventy nine cents annually during my life, and if my wife survives me to pay the same to her, annually during her life. I now give my daughter Gemma W. Crawford the sum of four thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and fifty four cents, to make her share equal to that advanced by me to my said son Samuel Lewis Cresswell, to be paid out of the debt due to me. Also the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid from the same funds, also one third of the money arising from the sale of the personal estate, and one half of the money arising from the sale of my real estate hereto directed to be sold. Fifthly, I have advanced to my son David Cresswell, to the first day of January, 1838, the sum of three hundred and fifty six dollars. I have accepted his draft in favour of Samuel Crawford for one hundred and twenty seven dollars and ninety cents due on first day of March 1838, making the aggregate sum advanced to him at that time one hundred and thirty three dollars and ninety three cents. The interest on which to the first day of January, 1838, is one hundred and four dollars and thirty four cents. As my said son David Cresswell has moved from the State and is not here to pay the interest of said advances to his Mother on the first day of January, of each and every year, during her life, I direct the said interest to be taken out at the principal of the Legacies given to Samuel S. Cresswell, and James

Crawford, for his use, and the interest annually to be paid to my wife during her life. I give to Samuel S. Cresswell, and James Crawford, and the survivors of them, to trust for the use, and purposes hereinafter declared, the following sums, to wit, the sum of three thousand six hundred and twenty six dollars and seven cents to make his share equal to the sum advanced to my son Samuel S. Cresswell, to be paid out of the debt due to me. Also three thousand five hundred dollars to be paid out of said funds, also one third of the money arising from the sale of my personal estate, and one half of the money arising from the sale of my real estate hereto directed to be sold. The above mentioned sums are given to my son Samuel S. Cresswell, and James Crawford for the use, and purposes following, First, to pay to my son David Cresswell, the interest accruing on the above sums on the first day of January, of each and every year, during his life. Secondly, if his wife survives him to pay said interest to her annually during her life and the first day of January, of each and every year. Thirdly, If my son David Cresswell leaves a child or children living at the time of his and his wife's death, then for the use, and benefit of said child or children. Fourthly, Should my son David Cresswell leave no child or children, then in that case for the use and benefit of the children of my son Samuel S. Cresswell, and my daughter Gemma W. Crawford, share and share alike. Fifthly, To relieve my wife of the trouble of collecting the debts due me, and securing the same, to pay the legacies above given to my children, Samuel and James, and any other debts to which they are liable, notes due to me and take their receipts, upon each legatee giving to my wife a note to pay to her, my wife the interest on said legacies on the first day of January annually during her life. Sixthly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Mary Cresswell, sole executrix of this my last will and testament during her life, and after her death I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Samuel S. Cresswell, executor to sell the real and personal property hereto ordered to be sold, to divide the proceeds of said sales, among the Legacies as directed in this will, and to do any other act as executor which may be necessary to execute this will, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills heretofore made by me, relating, disposing and confirming this as my last will and testament. Signed Witnessed whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty.

Signed Sealed, and acknowledged by Testator in our presence.

and by us subscribed in his presence
and in the presence of some other
John F. Clark,
Moses Knebb and
James F. Johnson

The State of Alabama Probate Court, Special Term
Greene County 3^d September 19th 1880.

The it was ordered that on this the 19th day of September 1880 before the Judge of the Probate Court of Calhoun County in the State of Alabama, Anne Mary Brewster who says she is the natural sole executrix of the last will and testament of Robert Brewster deceased and produced here to the Court, a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Robert Brewster and and proposed the same for Probate, and Edmund S. Edwards James Crawford and David Brewster, the only heirs at Law of said testator being present in Court, heard the recital of Citations to them, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Robert Brewster was a resident citizen of the County of Greene aforesaid and resided this late in said County on the day of September 3rd 1880. Whereupon the Court caused to come before it Moses Hubbard and Edmund Edwards two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, who being first duly sworn say on oath that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the said testator, that the testator signed said will in the presence of the said Moses Hubbard and Edmund Edwards and in the presence of the other subscribing witness John T. Clark, and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and by the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator at his request, and in the presence of each other and they the said witnesses, for their solemn declaration that at the time of making and publishing said writing as his last will and testament the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

It is therefore ordered, adjourned and Directed by the Court, that the said Motion, be admitted to Probate, as the last Will and Testament of the said Robert Bennett, deceased, that the same be recorded, and the original remains in office as required by Law, the said Will, having been duly proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

Attest. J. R. Evans Judge,

Nancy
Foster's
Will

I, Nancy Foster, widow of the late James H. Foster deceased, of the County of Greene, and State of Alabama, being of an advanced age, and in an infirm state of health; but at the same time being of a sound and disposing mind, do judge it best to make, and accordingly do hereby make, this my last will and testament, revoking all other heretofore by me made.

It is my will, that all of my just
rights, and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by
my executor or executors hereafter named and appointed, out of
my estate as soon as conveniently may be, after my decease.

I give, bequeath, devise and dispose of all my Estate, both real and personal, (save what may or shall be necessary, for the payment of my just debts and funeral charges,) in the manner following, to wit:— Item 1st. I give and do hereby will and bequeath to my nephew John W. Thompson the following named negro slaves to wit, Silas, Isaac, Jack, Fanny, Richmond and Ned, with all of their future increase, to have and to hold, the same, to him his Executors and Administrators and assigns forever. Item 2^d. I give and

and administrators and assigns forever. — Item 3: I give and do hereby will and bequeath to my nephew Joseph W. Thompson the following described promissory note for the sum of thirteen hundred and sixty eight 23/100 dollars dated the 15th day of March, A.D. 1845 due one day after date payable to myself the said Nancy Foster and signed by the said Joseph W. as principal and by John B. Thompson, and Foster R. Thompson as his sureties, to have and to hold the same to him his Executors and administrators and assigns forever.

Item 8th. I give and do hereby will and bequeath to my nephew
Ester M. Thompson the sum of Two Thousand dollars, to be paid to
him, his Executors, Administrators and assigns by my Executors or Executors
hereinafter named and appointed, out of the first monies which
may come to his or their hands, after the payment by him or them
of all just claims against my estate, and in order to secure the
payment of said legacy, at the earliest possible day, my Executor or
Executors are hereby instructed and empowered to keep ^{pos} of my estate
both real and personal together, until a sufficient amount is
made thereby to enable him or them to pay off, not only all just
claims against my estate, but likewise the said legacy, hereby bequeathed
to the said Ester M. Thompson, his Executors, administrators, assigns

Item 1st. - I give and do bestow with and bequeath to Alexander W. Bates the following named negro slaves to wit, Andy, Warren, Maria and her five children, to wit, Fanny, Vicky, Charity, Peter & Mary Ann, with all of their future increase, to have and to hold the same to the uses following, To wit, The said Alexander W. Bates shall have and hold the said negro slaves with their future increase, first in trust for the sole and separate use and behoof of my niece, Sarah K. Perry, wife of Madison W. Perry as a separate and independent estate from that of her husband the said Madison W. so that all

the profits arising from the labor or other services of said slaves shall belong exclusively to the said Sarah H. during her natural life, and further in case the said Sarah H. should depart this life, and leave issue surviving her, then and in that case the said Alexander R. shall have and hold said negro slaves with their future increase in trust for the use and behoof of said issue as the said Sarah H. may have surviving her at the time of her decease, but in case the said Sarah H. should depart this life without issue surviving her, then and in that case I do hereby will and bequeath all of said negro slaves with their future increase to my niece Elizabeth J. Gates wife of Alexander R. Gates and to her Executors administrators and assigns forever. Item 5th. I give and do hereby will and bequeath to John B. Thompson the following named negro slaves to wit: Sam, Spencer, Frank, Judy, Martha, Cyrus, Rufus and Amanda with all of their future increase, to have and to hold the same to the use following to wit, the said John B. shall have and hold all of said negro slaves, first in trust for the sole and separate use and behoof of my niece Elizabeth J. Gates wife of Alexander R. Gates as a separate and independent estate from that of her husband the said Alexander R. so that all the profits arising from the labor or other services of said slaves shall belong exclusively to the said Elizabeth J. during her natural life, and further in case the said Elizabeth J. should depart this life, and leave issue surviving her then & in that case the said John B. shall have and hold said negro slaves with their future increase in trust for the use and behoof of such issue as she the said Elizabeth J. may have surviving her at the time of her decease, but in case the said Elizabeth J. should depart this life without issue surviving her, then and in that case the said John B. shall have and hold said negro slaves with their future increase in trust for the sole and separate use and behoof of my niece the said Sarah H. Post, wife of the said Madison R. as a separate and independent estate from that of her husband the said Madison R. so that all the profits arising from the labor or other services of said slaves shall belong exclusively to the said Sarah H. and her Executors, administrators & assigns forever. Item 6th. I give and do hereby will, devise and bequeath to my niece the said Sarah H. Post, & Elizabeth J. Gates their heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns my entire tract of land containing some six hundred and eighty acres in which I now reside, together with all of my household and kitchen furniture, books, Carriage & harness, stock including horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep &c. and all of my plantation and farming utensils, including wagons, carts, plows, &c. &c. to be divided between the said Sarah H. and Elizabeth J. share

and share alike. Item 7th. I give and do hereby will and bequeath to my niece Mary S. P. Hale wife of Stephen F. Hale whatever remaining legacy may be coming to me under or by the will of my late husband the said James H. Foster decd. which said legacy has not as yet been received by me from the hands of his Executor, he said legacy more or less. And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint John B. Thompson & Alexander R. Gates jointly and severally to be the Executors of this my last will and testament; and so that in case of the death or refusal to act of one of them the survivor or remaining one of them shall then be the sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness of all of which I subscribe set my hand and affix my seal, and do hereby publish and declare this to be my last will and testament this the 9th day of November A. D. 1856.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who in the presence of each other have subscribed as such

George D. W. Foster

J. B. Thompson

J. Jackson Hickey

Nancy Foster

Probate Court Oct. 11th 1858

In the matter of the last will & testament of Nancy Foster decd. Be it remembered that on this the 11th day of October A. D. 1858 before the Judge of the Probate Court of Johnson County, State of Arkansas came Alexander R. Gates who says he is nominated one of the Executors of the last will and testament of Nancy Foster deceased, and produced here to the Court a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Nancy Foster deceased and proffered the same for Probate and John B. Thompson and Madison R. Post, in right of his wife, the only heirs at law of said testatrix who reside in this State being present in Court waived the necessity of Oath, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Nancy Foster was a resident citizen of the County of Johnson aforesaid and departed this life in said County on the 9th day of November A. D. 1856. Whereupon the Court caused to come before it James D. Hickey and James H. W. Foster two of the subscribing witnesses to said will who being first duly sworn say on oath that they were present on the day when the said will purports to have been signed by the testatrix, that she signed said will in the presence of the said witnesses Hickey & Foster and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses George D. W. Foster (who has since died) and published

and declared the same to be her last will and testament and they the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testatrix at her request, and in the presence of each other, and they the said witnesses further depose and say that at the time of making & publishing said writing as her last will and testament the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the said writing be admitted to Probate, as the last will and testament of the said Nancy Foster deceased, that the same be recorded, and the Original remain in office as required by Law, the said will having been duly proven to the satisfaction of the Court.

Elliott H. Perkins Judge.

Year of Our Lord 1881, Oct 9th.

I William W. Hill of the County of Greene in the State of Maryland being of sound mind and disposing memory, through words in bed, being desirous of making a proper disposition of my estate and estate after my decease, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner & form following:— In the first place I direct that my plantations both the one in Greene County and the one in Sumter, Chester & Harrow Counties shall be carried on and cultivated under the direction and superintendence of my wife, Nancy A. Hill, and my sons Luther and Tobias or each of them as will consent to manage them; and that the proceeds & products of the same shall be applied to the payment of my just debts, the support of my family and the education of my children Tobias, Charles, Rufus and John during that time when the surplus of such proceeds & products after paying my just debts and the other expenses therein provided for, shall be considered as part of my Estate to be disposed of as hereinafter directed. In the second place, I give unto my wife, subject to the provisions of the first clause above, the use, enjoyment & improvement of all my lands tenements & hereditaments lying in the County of Greene during the term of her natural life, and I do give & bequeath unto her absolutely to be held by her in her own right and as her own property, like following slaves, Mack and his wife Charcy, and their children Jim, Wadsworth and Lelia his wife and their children and Caroline daughter of Stephen, also all my household and kitchen furniture my library, Carriage, Carriage harness and harness, and also all the tools, edgins, stock of every description, hogs, sheep, cattle & other things and all the farming tools and utensils proper belonging to the said plantation in Greene County, the whole of the property in this said clause mentioned to be held by her, subject only to this one limitation, condition and restriction, that in the event of her marrying again the said property

shall be held by her for her own use, and at her own disposal, and under her own control, not subject to the control of her said husband nor to be disposed of by him nor subject to his debts, contracts or liabilities nor the proceeds and products of the same in any manner. In the third place, I will and direct that after my farms in Greene and Sumter, Harrow and Chester shall have been carried on and cultivated for the space of two years as directed in the first clause of my will, that then the farms lying in Sumter, Harrow & Chester Counties (called the Burns plantation) with all the teams, wagons, stock of cattle, hogs, sheep & other stock, and the corn fodder & other provisions & the plantation tools and utensils shall be sold upon such terms as in the opinion of my Executors and Executors shall seem fair and reasonable, and that to the interest of my Estate, and I do hereby expressly authorize and empower my said Executors & Executors to make sale of the same, and upon such sale to make execute and deliver full and complete deeds of conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, but should they not be able at the expiration of two years to sell the same at a price they may deem reasonable, I do direct that the same shall be still carried on and cultivated for a longer period, and until a sale can be effected, which I desire they may effect as soon after the lapse of two years as the same can be done without too great a sacrifice. The proceeds of the said plantation so long as the same is carried on, to be considered assets of my Estate & to be used and applied as directed in the first clause of this my will, and until the said Burns plantation is sold, and so long as it is carried on by my Executors, I do direct that my plantation in Greene County shall also be carried on and the proceeds applied as directed in the said first clause. In the fourth place when my said Burns Plantation shall have been sold as directed in the last clause I do direct that all the remainder of my Estate not herein bequeathed or devised to my wife, embracing negroes and other property, the proceeds of the Burns plantation and the articles of personal property connected therewith, and the proceeds of the two plantations while carried on by my Executors and Executors as hereinbefore directed and such monies as may belong to my Estate, shall be divided and distributed equally among my children in the following manner viz:— I have already made advances to some of my children, which advances I wish to be taken into the estimate when their shares of my Estate are to be ascertained, and I have to this will appended a list of such advances marked respectively Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C and Exhibit D, and by another clause of this will I do intend to give to my son Luther L. Hill a portion of my estate without requiring him to wait for the space of two years as might otherwise be the case, which portion I desire shall be considered in the nature of an advance. I should my life be spared a few months, I shall give him such portion during my life, in which case it must

be considered as an advance. Now I do direct that such Exhibits shall be taken and held as conclusive evidences that such advances have been made, the said articles & property & money having in fact been delivered to them and they being not in the enjoyment of the same, though the title to the lands and slaves in said Exhibits mentioned have been retained in myself and are only parted with by this Will. In the division of my said Estate I desire and direct that each of my Children shall receive an equal share of my Estate the amounts charged in said Exhibits & the amount to be given to said Luther being estimated as parts of their share, so that the share each shall get hereunder added to the amount so charged against each shall make their amounts equal. When the division and distribution of my Estate among my Children shall be made, I desire that the share of my daughter Ann shall consist in part of, and embrace the following negroes to wit. Peter Parley and his wife Phoebe and such Children as may at the time of the division be born to them and also the Children of Mahala the former wife of the said Peter, which negroes at a fair valuation made at the same time as the rest of the Estate is valued for the purpose of division, shall be set off to her as part of her share, the shares coming to each of my Children whether in negroes or in money or in other property, & no direct shall be disposed of as follows. - 1st I give, devise and bequeath the share which may be set off to my son Thomas M. Hill to my son in Law William B. Lott in trust for the use and benefit of my said son Thomas, the same to be held used and managed by him the said William B. Lott. And I do hereby empower the said William B. Lott, if in his discretion he should deem it advisable and for the interest of the said Thomas & the said trust Estate would be benefited or increased thereby, and the said Thomas shall assent and agree to the said disposition, to sell the said negroes and invest the proceeds in other property or in stocks which may be considered good and promise to pay fair dividends, or in lands, and if desirable in other states than in the State of Alabama. And I do direct that the said William B. Lott do from time to time pay over to said Thomas such part of the incomes of said trust Estate (or the whole thereof if required) as may be necessary for the comfortable and reasonable support of the said Thomas & of his wife and Children should he have any, the same to be used by the said Thomas; and the said William B. Lott is expressly forbidden to pay any of the debts of the said Thomas M. Hill - And should the said Thomas M. Hill die having made a will and testament in due form to be admitted to probate, I do direct that the said trust Estate shall be handed over and disposed of in such manner as the said Thomas shall by his said will have directed, Should he die leaving a family either a wife and Children, or either, that then the said trust shall also cease

and determine and the said Estate be delivered over to such wife or Children or their guardians & the said ^{Wm. B. Lott} to be discharged. Should he die leaving neither wife or Children, I do direct that the said Estate shall then return into my Estate and be distributed among my other Children or their Representatives precisely as though it had not been given for the use of my said son. - 2^d I give, devise and bequeath the share or portion of my Estate which may be set off to my daughter Louisa C. Inigo, which share or portion is to include the lot or parcel of land in or near Birmingham in the County of Sumter, and the House & out buildings thereon, occupied by her and her husband & family, and also the negroes named in Exhibit B. as part of the same to my son Fabius H. Hill in trust for the sole and separate use, benefit and enjoyment of her the said Louisa C. Inigo, so that the same and all parts of it, its proceeds, income & products or any property, which may be substituted for it, or be bought with its proceeds, shall not in any manner be subject to the control or disposal of her husband Samuel M. Inigo or be liable to his contracts, debts or liabilities - but that the same shall remain under the control of the said Fabius H. Hill, who shall however permit the said Louisa C. to use & occupy the said House & lot without being accountable for rents and receive the services of as many of said negroes as she may please without accounting for hire, and shall from time to time pay over to her the said Louisa C. the hire, rents, interest & income of the said property, to be used and employed by her at her or her own discretion. - And I do hereby empower the said Fabius H. Hill at any time that the said Louisa C. Inigo may direct, to sell the whole or any part of such Estate, whether real or personal, as she shall direct, and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers and the proceeds reinvest in lands, other negroes, stocks or other property, or loan at interest, as she the said Louisa shall direct and to invest any unsold portion of the annual incomes of the same, herein all things relating to the use, control, disposal and management of the said property, & all parts thereof its income or proceeds or the property substituted therefor or bought with its increase, oblige and carrying into effect the directions of the said Louisa C. Inigo, she being permitted to direct & manage the same as if she were a feme sole and had the entire control & management thereof - as the said Home and lot and a portion of said negroes were bought by me for the benefit of the said Louisa and at her request, I desire that the whole risk of the title shall fall upon her or her share of my Estate, and not upon me, or my Estate and that in ascertaining her share of my Estate the price offered by me in Exhibit B^d shall be deemed conclusive as against her & I do further direct that the said Fabius H. Hill shall hold the said

be considered as an advance. Now I do direct that such Exhibits shall be taken and held as conclusive evidences that such advances have been made, the said articles & property & money, having in fact been delivered to them and they being now in the enjoyment of the same, though the title to the lands and slaves in said Exhibits (as ained) have been retained in myself and are only parted with by this Will. In the division of my said Estate I desire and direct that each of my Children shall receive an equal share of my Estate the amounts charged in said Exhibits & the amount to be given to said Luther being estimated as parts of their shares, so that the share each shall get hereunder added to the amount so charged against each shall make their amounts equal. When the division and distribution of my Estate among my Children shall be made, I desire that the share of my daughter Ann shall consist in part of, and embrace the following negroes to wit. Peter Parley and his wife Phoebe and such Children as may at the time of the division be born to them and also the Children of Mahala the former wife of the said Peter, which negroes at a fair valuation made at the same time as the rest of the Estate is valued for the purpose of division, shall be set off to her as part of her share. The shares coming to each of my Children whether in negroes or in money or in other property, I do direct shall be disposed of as follows. — I do give, devise and bequeath the share which may be set off to my son Thomas M. Hill to my son-in-law William B. Lott in trust for the use and benefit of my said son Thomas, the same to be held used and managed by him the said William B. Lott. And I do hereby empower the said William B. Lott, if in his discretion he should deem it advisable and for the interest of the said Thomas & the said trust Estate would be benefited or increased thereby, and the said Thomas shall assent and agree to the said disposition, to sell the said negroes and invest the proceeds in other property or in stocks which may be considered good and promising to pay fair dividends, or in lands, and if desirable in other states than in the State of Alabama. And I do direct that the said William B. Lott do from time to time pay over to said Thomas such part of the income of said trust Estate (or the whole thereof if required) as may be necessary for the comfortable and reasonable support of the said Thomas & of his wife and Children should he have any, the same to be paid by the said Thomas; and the said William B. Lott is expressly forbidden to pay any of the debts of the said Thomas M. Hill. — And should the said Thomas M. Hill die having made a will and testament in due form to be admitted to probate, I do direct that the said trust Estate shall be handed over and disposed of xxx in such manner as the said Thomas shall by his said will have directed; Should he die leaving a family, either a wife and Children, or sister, that then the said trust shall also cease

and determine and the said Estate be delivered over to each wife or Children or their guardians & the said Wm. B. Lott be discharged Should he die leaving neither wife & Children, I do direct that the said Estate shall then return into my Estate and be distributed among my other Children or their representatives precisely as though it had not been given for the use of my said son. — I do give, devise and bequeath the share or portion of my Estate which may be set off to my daughter Louisa C. Buge, which share or portion is to include the lot or parcel of land in or near Livingston in the County of Sumter, and the House & out buildings thereon, occupied by her and her husband & family, and also the negroes named in Exhibit B as part of the same to my son Fabius F. Hill in trust for the sole and separate use, benefit and enjoyment of her the said Louisa C. Buge, so that the same and the parts of it, its proceeds, income & products or any property which may be substituted for it or be bought with its proceeds, shall not in any manner be subject to the control or disposal of her husband Samuel M. Buge, or be liable to his contracts, debts or liabilities — but that the same shall remain under the control of the said Fabius F. Hill, who shall however permit the said Louisa C. to use & occupy the said House & lot without being accountable for rents and receive the services of as many of said negroes as she may please without accounting for hire, and shall from time to time pay over to her the said Louisa C. the hire, rents, interest & income of the said property, to be used and employed by her at her at her own discretion. — And I do hereby empower the said Fabius F. Hill at any time that the said Louisa C. Buge may direct, to sell the whole or any part of such Estate, whether real or personal, as she shall direct, and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers and the proceeds reinvest in lands, other negroes, stocks or other property, or loan at interest, as she the said Louisa shall direct and to invest any unexpended portion of the annual incomes of the same, herein all things relating to the use, control, disposal and management of the said property, & all parts thereof its income or proceeds or the property substituted therefor or bought with its increase, oblying and obliging into effect the directions of the said Louisa C. Buge, she being permitted to direct & manage the same as if she were a feme sole and had the entire control & management thereof — as the said Home and lot and a portion of said negroes were bought by me for the benefit of the said Louisa and at her request I desire that the whole risk of the title shall fall upon her or her share of my Estate, and not upon me, or my Estate and that in ascertaining her share of my Estate the price offered by me in Exhibit B shall be deemed conclusive as against her. I do further direct that the said Fabius F. Hill shall hold the said

property, subject to the disposition of the said Louisa E. Sage by her last will and testament to be by her made. - Should she die without making any will and testament, then I do direct that the said property shall belong to her children absolutely, and be delivered up to them or their property appointed Guardians. The provision of this portion of my last will are made at the request of the said Samuel M. Sage and with his consent. - 3^d I do give, devise and bequeath to my other children their shares of my estate absolutely to be held by them, managed, controlled and disposed of as they shall please. 4th I do will and direct that when such division and distribution shall be made, the shares set apart to my younger children, Lucius, Charles, Eugene and Ann shall be again blended in common stock, and so long as my wife shall remain unmarried, shall remain under her control & management, until Ann shall arrive at the age of 16 years, when a new division of this portion of the Estate shall be made, and the shares of Lucius and Charles in this division shall be delivered to them respectively, provided they are in the opinion of my Executors & Executrix sober and discreet; Should they my Executor and Executrix not so consider them, I desire that their shares or the share of such one as is not so considered, shall be held by the said Mary A. Hill upon the same trusts as I have herein before provided the share of my son Thomas shall be held. After said shares of Lucius & Charles shall be set off, I do direct that the shares of Ann & Eugene shall be again blended in common stock & still remain under the control, care & management of my wife until Ann shall arrive at the age of 19 years, when a final division shall be made, and the share of each be set off to them, and so long as the shares of my said four children shall be kept in common, I do direct that my wife provided she remains unmarried, shall work and use all the negroes belonging to them upon the lands set apart to her for her life and so in the same manner the shares of the two Ann & Eugene she paying no hire for their services, but my said children living with her and she making no charge against them or either of them for board, clothing, lodging, washing or their other expenses, In case my wife should marry before Ann attains the age of 19 years I request that my Executors will take charge for twelfth of the said shares of my younger children not already distributed to them. - In the fifth place, I do give and bequeath, to my nephew William C. Morgan the sum of five hundred dollars, which sum is to be set apart prior to the division among my children equally. - I intended to have made this bequest in proper order prior to the division of the divisions. - In the sixth place after the death of my wife, I do direct that the

lands in which she has had a life interest shall be sold and the proceeds divided equally among my children, as the rest of my estate, to be held by them or the trustees named for them, in all respects as I have already directed in relation to the portions to be set off to them. - In the seventh place I do appoint my wife Mary A. Hill to be the guardian of my four younger children. - In the eighth place. - In relation to the share of my Estate to be set off to my four youngest children, I do authorize and empower my said wife Mary Ann, at any time she may deem it to the interests of herself said my said four children & with their consent first obtained, to sell the property so set off to them and reinvest the proceeds in the other property, real or personal, in this State or elsewhere, or in stocks, or lay out the money at interest which property or money so substituted she shall manage in all respects as she has been herein authorized to manage the shares set off to them. - In the ninth place. - I do hereby appoint my wife Mary A. Hill & my sons Luther L. Hill and Fabius D. Hill to be the Executors & Executrix of this my last will and testament. - In the tenth place, I wish to provide that nothing in this will contained shall be held to require my wife to remain upon my plantation if not perfectly agreeable to her to do so for the purpose of working the negroes of my four younger children or otherwise, I would therefore direct that if she was fit, she may abandon the plantation and let it be idle, or rent it out at her discretion, and may work the negroes of my younger children so long as she retains them unsold elsewhere, or hire them out and receive the hire for her own use, she supporting the said children as herein before provided. - In the eleventh place I form the proceeds of my crops made during the present year, I will and direct that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars shall be paid to my wife to be expended and used by her without her being required to account therefor to my Executors or on the settlement of her accounts in the Probate Court, or in any manner whatever. From the proceeds of the same I do direct that my Executors and Executrix do pay to my son Thomas M. Hill the sum of three thousand dollars - so much due him for his services for the present year, and to Mr. W. Morgan the sum of two thousand dollars for his services, and I wish my son Luther L. Hill to receive the sum of five thousand dollars by way of the advance herein before mentioned, which sum I desire shall be paid to him for the proceeds of the crops of this year. Should they not suffice for the payment of the said three sums herein mentioned, and which are to be first paid, and the said sum of five thousand dollars, I desire my Executors & Executrix to pay him so much as they can therefor, and to procure the money to pay the rest if practicable by getting an advance on the crop to

be made next year; but if not, that they set off to him property at a fair valuation to the amount of which deficit. Provide I shall pay to him or divide to him to the amount of few thousand dollars as an advance during my life time this provision is to be null and void. In the twelfth place. It is my intention that the property herein given to my wife shall be in lieu of Dower.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament being written upon three sheets, and have executed the same by signing my name and affixing my seal hereunder and by signing my name upon the margin of the two first sheets this 10th day of November, A.D. 1848, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us the undersigned who have subscribed our names here to as witnesses at his request and in his presence on the day of the date thereof, Year of our Lord 1848, October 10th.

William Hotten
Stephen Williamson
William Hotten Jr.

W. M. Hill

Alphabetical Exhibit referred to in this Will.

Exhibit "A" Advance to S. J. Hill including by John \$5000.

Exhibit "B" Advance to Louisa C. Inger of property personal real &c referred to in this Will. \$5000.

Exhibit "D" Advance to Eliza C. Lott my daughter including Ann and her offspring. \$3025.

Exhibit "E" Advance to my son Luther L. Hill \$3000.
Ditto. 800

Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the said W. M. Hill who signed in our presence, and we in the presence of each other at his request on the 10th October 1848.

William Hotten
Stephen Williamson
William Hotten Jr.

W. M. Hill

Verdict The foregoing Will is so far revoked and rendered of no effect by this Court and no further, as it is inconsistent with the following reservation to wit, at the sale of my plantations and Residence

in Greene County. It is my will that there shall be reserved in my garden the following piece or parcel of land which shall in no wise be sold or contracted for as directed in the foregoing will to wit, beginning at the center, or as near it as can be defined, of the grant of my dear son Marcellus as a starting point and running due West twenty five feet, then turn and run due North twenty five feet, then turn and run due East fifty feet, then turn and run due South fifty, then turn and run due West fifty feet, and then turn and run due North again twenty five feet so as to form a square with its sides fifty feet long so as to throw the body of my dear son Marcellus in, or as near the center of said square as possible. The foregoing shall be the limits and bounds of a piece or parcel of land which I reserve in my garden as a family burying grounds, and I do hereby give the above mentioned and described second piece or parcel of land to my dear wife Nancy A. Hill, to have and to hold, forever, that with the request that she will by no means sell or in cumber it in any way, But will transmit it to our children as a perpetual burying grounds. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal this 10th April 1849.

W. M. Hill

William Hotten
William Hotten Jr.
Edward Hotten

Verdict This Court made May 7th 1849 is explanatory of Exhibit "A" and further expresses my will in reference to said Exhibit, said Exhibit refers to forty five hundred dollars drawn by W. B. Lott husband of my daughter Eliza C. Lott on the house of Messrs. Asha Indian & Mobile, which was charged to my account, also to a servant girl Ann by name estimated at five thousand dollars, and to twenty five dollars advanced to said W. B. Lott making the aggregate sum five thousand and twenty five dollars. Now if said money and girl have by operation of law or in any other way become the property of said W. B. Lott, it is my will if said W. B. Lott will file properly upon my daughter Eliza C. Lott to said amount of five thousand and twenty five dollars to be hers and subject to her absolute control and disposal; then at the division of my estate as instructed in the foregoing will the share falling to my aforesaid daughter shall be paid over to said W. B. Lott as soon as said division shall occur, but subject to the law of Alabama or Mississippi as they presently exist as my aforesaid daughter shall elect, but if said W. B. Lott shall refuse to file properly to the aforesaid amount of five thousand and twenty five dollars as hereinbefore requested, then it is my will that the portion of my estate or property following to aforesaid

daughter Eliza V. Lott at the division or divisions of my estate after my death shall be given to my son Luther L. Will to be held in trust as an accumulating fund for my said daughter during coverture, and should my said daughter survive her husband said W. B. Lott said fund shall be paid over to her immediately on her widowhood, otherwise it shall go to her lawful heirs at her death. The foregoing is not to be construed into a want of confidence in said W. B. Lott but to put my daughter Lott on an equal footing with my daughter Suge and other ladies generally in Alabama and Mississippi. It was the request of Mr Suge that my daughter Suge might have her property held in trust, & if the law would have admitted of her holding that given, when given, in person such had doubtless been his wish. - That the above is my will in the presence of these witnesses, I hereunto affix my hand and seal.

Witness
Stephen Davis
William Hellen
N. M. Will, Esq.

In the matter of the last Will and testament of William M. Will decd. Probate Court Nov 5th 1857. Be it remembered that on this the fifth day of November A. D. 1857, before the Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County, came Nancy A. Will who says she is nominated sole executrix of the last will & testament of William M. Will deceased, and produces here to the Court a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said William M. Will decd, together with the Codicils thereto, and propounds the same for Probate, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Testator was a citizen and resident of this County and departed this life on the day of 18 and that all the Heirs at Law and legatus of the said testator have had due and legal notice of this application, and no objection being offered Whereupon the Court caused to come before to William Hellen and William Hellen jr two of the subscribing witnesses to the said Will and two of the Codicils, who being first duly sworn, say on oath that they were present at the time when the said Will the said Codicils purport to have been signed by the said Testator; that said testator signed said will and said Codicils in the presence of said Witnesses William Hellen and William Hellen jr and in the presence of the other subscribing witness Stephen Will-iamson and Edward Hellen, and published & declared the same to be his last will and testament with the

Codicils thereto, And they the said witnesses signed their names in the presence of the said testator and at his request and in the presence of each other; and they the said Witnesses further depose on oath that at the time of making and publishing the said writing as his last will and testament and the said Codicils thereto, the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory. And on the same day the Court caused to come before to William Hellen one of the subscribing witnesses to another Codicil to the said will, dated on the 7th day of May 1849 who being first duly sworn, says on oath that he was present at the time when the said Codicil purports to have been signed by the said testator that the said testator signed said Codicil in the presence of the said William Hellen and the other subscribing witnesses Stephen Davis, and published the same to be a Codicil to his said last will and testament, that the said witnesses signed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator at his requests, and in the presence of each other, the said witness further depose on oath that at the time of making and publishing said Codicil to the said Will the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory. - It is therefore Ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the said writings be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of the said William M. Will decd together with the Codicils thereto, that the same be recorded, and the Originals remain in office as required by law, the said Will and Codicils having been proven to the satisfaction of the Court.

(Helen) J. P. Greene Judge

In the name of God Amen I Walter F. Cross Farmer of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being of sound mind in this Sabbath day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty do make & declare this my last will and testament (hereby revoking all others by me made) in manner and form following To wit: I first, I resign my soul into the hand of Almighty God, hoping and believing in a remission of my sins through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ; and my body I commit to the earth to be buried so soon as circumstances will permit, without any pomp or show but decent and plain, at the most convenient public burying ground in the vicinity. After all my just debts are paid, I will and bequeath my property in the following manner (viz) It is my will that all my property, both real and personal (except such as is herein after otherwise disposed of.) shall be sold, the perishable property to be sold on a credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale, the Land and a real estate to be disposed of to the greatest advantage, either at public or private sale, as my executors may deem best, and the proceeds arising from the sale of the above property to be equally divided between my beloved