

There is ready to that after he got the testator
 held for he wanted to will the examined the will
 & found it was in accordance with his wishes that
 signed or executed the will by making his mark there
 He further states that testator fears of some kind
 at the time & that he had known him about ten years
 Wm. C. Young

Dr. Abernathy being sworn as a witness for the
 testator, deposes that he is a practicing Physician and
 attended Mr. Wm. Hudson at the time when the will was
 made about March 1857. That Dr. Dixon was present and
 was anxious to get Mr. Hudson to make a will, that he requested
 him to make that he wishes interposed & communicated with
 Mr. Dixon, heard Dixon say Mr. Hudson ought to make a will some
 of his property to his youngest children the children of his
 last wife. That he heard Mr. Dixon soliciting testator for two
 or three days and a great many times, that he does not know
 whether the will was made as Mr. Dixon wanted it nor
 that Mr. Dixon had any influence over the testator, that
 testator was at the time quite ill but does not know whether
 he was or not in his right mind at the time the will was
 made, thinks he was in his right mind the evening before
 but was not present when the will was executed, thinks
 that he saw testator the day the will was made
 J. C. Abernathy M.D.

and upon testimony signed by said witnesses, it appearing
 that said will was properly executed it is ordered by the
 Court that said will be received & recorded as the last will
 and Testament of said Wm. Hudson dec'd.
 James A. Young Judge

W. C. Young J. J.
 H. C. Lyndon J. J.
 J. C. Abernathy J. J.

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County March Term A.D. 1861
 Estate of Mrs. Louisa Manning dec'd. In this case an instrument of
 writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs.
 Louisa Manning late of said County, deceased bearing date
 23rd day of January 1857, and attested by Wm. Adams and W. S. Mattison
 as subscribing witnesses having been filed on Court and it appearing
 that said Louisa Manning died leaving a husband Wm. Manning
 who resides in said Marengo County and the following named
 next of kin who are her at her last will for the heirs & assigns
 J. C. Thompson who resides in said County of Marengo 11/24
 J. Thompson who resides in the State of Iowa and her sister Deborah
 Bassett who resides in Madison County in the State of Alabama
 and her nephew Wm. S. Thompson who resides in Mobile
 Alabama and Wm. S. Thompson residing in Montgomery Texas
 children of Wm. Thompson deceased and Louisa Thompson
 Eliza Thompson deceased. It is therefore ordered by the Court
 that said will be set for Probate at the stated Term of said

Probate Court to be holden on the 2nd Monday next and that
 that notice of the time and place of taking said Probate be given by
 citation to be done on said Court of Marengo Decem 2nd of Marengo
 Mills Thompson and Josephine Bassett who reside in the State of Alabama
 and by publication for three successive weeks in the Eastern Argonaut
 News Paper that said nonresident at law may appear and contest the said
 will if they think proper. Feb 2/61 James A. Young Judge

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County March Term A.D. 1861

Citation To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
 Greeting You are hereby commanded without delay to cite
 Mills Thompson if to be found in your County to be and
 appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court
 to be holden in Ludden for the County of Marengo on the
 2nd Monday of April 1861 and in case of any he has copy
 a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will
 & Testament of Mrs. Louisa Manning dec'd. should not be
 admitted to Probate as such. Return fail not and have you
 there this Citation with your endorsement there on
 Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 9th day
 of March 1861 and in 10th year of the Independence of the United States
 James A. Young Clerk
 Civil Sheriff Office Mar 15/61
 Mills Thompson not found in my County. Mar 18/61
 James A. Young Sheriff
 by Emma Galena ss

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County March Term A.D. 1861

Citation To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
 Greeting You are hereby commanded without delay to cite
 James S. Thompson if to be found in your County to
 be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court
 at a Court to be holden in Ludden for the County of
 Marengo on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and in case
 there if he have copy a certain instrument purporting
 to be the last will & Testament of Mrs. Louisa Manning
 dec'd. bearing date the 23rd day of January 1857 should not
 be admitted to Probate as such. Return fail not and
 have you there this Citation with your endorsement
 on there on
 Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 9th day
 of March 1861 and in 10th year of the Independence of the United States
 James A. Young Clerk
 Civil Sheriff Office of Marengo County
 Mar 15/61

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County February Term A.D. 1861

Citation To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
 Greeting You are hereby commanded without delay to cite
 Robt. Manning if to be found in your County to be and
 appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a
 Court to be holden in Ludden for the County of Marengo

503 on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and from hence if any he know why a certain instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Louisa Maria Manning dec. dated 23rd of any month should not be admitted to Probate as such but will re. Herein fail not; and have you then and then this Citation with your attendance thereon, Witness I A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 9th day of Mar 1861 and in the 88th year of the Independence of the United States.
 Executed this 9th day July 1861
 James A. Young
 Clerk

State of Alabama, Probate Court
 Marengo County, May Term 1861

3 In this case it is ordered by the Court that Henry Atwood Esq. be appointed guardian ad litem for Louisa Maria Manning, Alberta Thompson, and Martha Thompson Minors, Heirs of Albert Thompson deceased, to represent them in the matter of the Probate of the will of said Louisa Maria Manning deceased from pending in this Court.

James A. Young Judge
 In the Matter of the Probate of the will of Marengo County Court
 Louisa Maria Manning dec. May Term 1861

The undersigned appointed by said Court - Guardian ad litem for Louisa Maria Manning & Martha Thompson Minors and heirs at law of said Louisa Maria Manning deceased to defend their interest on the hearing of the application for the Probate of said pretended Will. Comes into a few Court and hereby accepts said appointment and for answers for and in behalf of said Minors, says that he deems that said instrument is the last will & Testament of said deceased, for the reason that the same was not executed according to law & prays the Court to require strict & legal proof of every such necessary to make the same legal.

Price May 10th 1861 J. A. Young
 H. A. Woolf
 Guardian ad litem

3 I was Louisa Manning wife of R. J. Manning do
 Made, published and declare this to be my last will and Testament
 as follows:
 1st I give and bequeath to my brother Darwin J. P. Thompson my Negro Woman Maria and her two youngest Children named William & Mary Annies, provided my brother Darwin J. P. shall deliver unto the hands of my Executors Negroes of equal value with Maria and her said Children, the said Negroes to be delivered by said Darwin J. P. to my Executors to be retained by him till the payment of my debts and when said debts are paid then my Executors to return said Darwin J. P. Thompson the Negroes which he has put in the place of Maria & her two Children as aforesaid. And also after the payment of my debts I give and bequeath to my brother Darwin J. P. Thompson a white girl named Sophy about 10 years of age.
 2nd To my husband Albert J. Manning I give and bequeath Negro

Girls Sally & Eliza they being the two oldest Children of said Negro R. J. Woman Maria for his lifetime and at the death of R. J. I will our said that the said Negroes Sally, Eliza and their children if any shall go to my said Brother Darwin J. P. Thompson.

3rd To the Children of my brother Albert J. Thompson residing now in the State of Georgia I give and bequeath a Negro Woman Sarah about 20 years of age and her Children, being about 8 years old, William about 20 years of age, and Jemmy about 11 years old, and also I give a Negro at age 20 years of age, and I nominate and appoint my brother James Manning to be the Executor of this my last will, in date this the 23rd day of July 1861.

Note before signing
 In case my brother Darwin should be dissatisfied or object to the said Negroes Sally & Eliza going to my husband during his lifetime, then the said Darwin J. P. may take the said Negroes Sally & Eliza by putting the Negroes Girl Sophy in the place of Sally, Eliza and should the said Darwin J. P. prefer to make this exchange and put the said Negroes Sophy in possession of R. J. the said R. J. shall have Sophy for his lifetime and at his death Sophy and her issue if any shall go to the said Darwin J. P. Thompson.
 And I will and desire my brother James Manning, in case the exchange above spoken should be made, shall take said Negroes Sophy out his possession and keep her on his plantation for the benefit of Albert J. Manning.

Witness my hand as attorney in law in the presence of such other and in the presence of Mrs Manning the having first signed his name and said James A. Young Esq. by
 J. A. Young
 H. A. Woolf

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama
 In the Matter of the Probate of the last will & Testament of Louisa Maria Manning Dec. 23rd of any month May 1861

This day came in before me the Probate of the instrument heretofore proposed as the last will & Testament of Louisa Maria Manning and it appearing that few days notice of the time and place of hearing said Probate has been given by Citations duly served upon the heirs at law & next of kin of said Louisa Maria Manning who reside in the State of Alabama and that notice has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Sunday Jeffersonian a Newspaper published in said County for the most recent next of kin to appear & contest, and it further appearing that Will Thompson one of the next of kin of said deceased to whom a Citation was issued & returned not found, is also a nonresident with this day came both J. Manning by Attorney also Louisa Manning Alberta Manning & Martha Manning Minors by H. A. Woolf Esq. their Guardian ad litem and W. J. Young one of the undersigned witnesses to said will being first duly sworn before and being asked that he was present on the day the same bears date and that Louisa Manning sign publish and declare said instrument as her last will & Testament that he and the other undersigned

Witness signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said testator in the presence of each other, he further testifies that said testator was at the time of the execution of said will of sound and disposing mind & memory & was fully advised of the contents of said will
 And upon testimony of said J. T. Forner taken in open court & reduced to writing & signed by him as appears above it is ordered & decreed that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will and testament of said Susanna Manning & that letters testamentary issue thereon.

J. T. Forner
 J. A. Young

Admitted to probate May 13th 1864

Order 3

To the Hon. Judge J. A. Young Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

The petitioners of Robert M. Williams & Susan M. Williams respectfully sheweth to your Honor that John G. Williams late of said County deceased departed this life in said County on or about the 28th day of April 18th 1863 seized & possessed of real & personal property of considerable value, that in her lifetime the said John G. Williams did make & declare his last will and testament the original being kept secured as part of his plantation which said instrument is now proposed to said Court by the Petitioners who are therein named as the executors thereof that at the time of making said last will & testament the said testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory & that the said instrument was an all things as petitioners are advised & believe executed according to law in such cases made provided that said testator did during her lifetime her widow Susan G. Williams who resides in said County and the following children heirs at law to wit Robert M. Williams, Martha Rebecca wife of A. S. Christian, Edward & Cleveland the wife of Jeremiah Cleveland, Rebecca & Cleveland one of George Cleveland, Drury M. Williams, George M. Williams & Benjamin M. Williams all of whom are of full age or married women except Drury M. Williams, Drury M. Williams, George M. Williams and Benjamin M. Williams who are minors and all of whom reside in Marengo County, provided except Edward M. Williams and his husband Rebecca Cleveland the husband who reside in the County of Clark in said State, that Mrs. B. Williams, B. Williams be the only of said heirs at law under the age of sixteen years that they are in the custody of their mother the said Susan Williams in said County of Marengo in consideration of which your petitioners pray that a day may be set for the hearing of the within petitioners & that such order be made & such notices and process be issued in the premises as are required by law in such cases & that said instrument may be admitted to Probate as required in your Hon. Court & that letters testamentary may be granted to said petitioners & as aforesaid & will and sheweth
 J. A. Young

Probate of
 Will of
 Decedent

Probate Court held the 14th day of May 1864 576

This day came Richard M. Williams petitioner by Watters and proposed for Probate a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of R. M. Williams deceased and it appearing that said R. M. Williams was at the time of his death a resident of Marengo County in the State of Alabama, it is ordered by the Court that said instrument be set for Probate at the stated time of the Court to be holden on Monday in Marengo Court and that Citation issue to this time at law named in this petition of the respondents J. A. Young

The State of Alabama
 Marengo County

Probate Court
 May Term 1864
 Et uno die of the State of Alabama... Election

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to take John G. Williams and Benjamin M. Williams minors in the custody of their Mother Susan Williams to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Louisa for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1864 and show cause why they have why a certain instrument proposed for Probate by Richard M. Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such last will, Decree said not and have you there an there this Citation with your endorsement thereon return to J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1864 and in the year of the Independence of the United States

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of May 1864
 J. A. Young
 Clerk of said Court

The State of Alabama
 Marengo County

Probate Court
 May Term 1864
 Et uno die of the State of Alabama... Election

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to take Mrs. Susan G. Williams widow of John G. Williams deceased to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Louisa for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1864 and show cause why a certain instrument proposed for Probate by Richard M. Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such last will and Decree said not and have you there an there this Citation with your endorsement thereon return to J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1864 and in the year of the Independence of the United States

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of May 1864
 J. A. Young
 Clerk of said Court

The State of Alabama
 Marengo County

Probate Court
 May Term 1864
 Et uno die of the State of Alabama... Election

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Witness signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testator in the presence of each other he further testifies that said Testator was at the time of the execution of said will of sound and disposing mind & memory & was fully advised of the contents of said will
And upon testimony of said Dr. J. Thomas taken in open Court & reduced to writing & signed by him as appears above it is ordered & decreed that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will and testament of said Susanna Williams & that letters testamentary issue thereon.

James A. Young Judge

Admitted to practice May 13 1864

Order 3

To the Hon James A. Young Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

The petitioners of Probate Court
M. Williams & Minnie Walters respectfully sheweth to your Honor that John G. Williams late of said County deceased departed this life in said County on or about the 26 day of April 1864 he seized & possessed of real & personal property Estate of considerable value, that in his lifetime the said John G. Williams did make & declare his last will and testament the original being kept secured as part of his plantation which said instrument is now proposed to said Court by the Probators who are herein named, as the executor thereof that at the time of making said last will & testament the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory & that the said instrument was an act thereof as petitioners are advised & believe & executed according to law in such cases made & provided, that said Testator did leaving him surviving his widow James G. Williams who resides in said County and the following children heirs at law to wit Richard M. Williams Martha Tabish wife of Aza Christian Edward J. Cleveland the wife of Gertrude Cleveland Rebecca J. Cleveland wife of George Cleveland Dorsey M. Williams Copy Williams M. Williams & Benjamin Williams all of whom are of full age or Michael woman except Copy Williams Dorsey M. Williams M. Williams and Benjamin Williams who are minors are all of whom reside in Marengo County aforesaid except Edward J. Cleveland & his husband Rebecca Cleveland who reside in the County of Black in said State, that Mrs. Williams & M. Williams are the only children at law under the age of fourteen years that they are in the custody of their Mother the said Minnie Williams in said County of Marengo in consequence of which your petitioners pray that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of the petitioners & that such order be made & such return be made from the Court in the premises as are requested by law and record & that said instrument may be admitted to Probate and record in your Hon Court & that letters testamentary may be granted to said Testator & his only heirs & next of kin & pray
J. A. Young

Estate of M. Williams Decedent

Probate Court held the 14th day of May 1864 376

This day came Richard M. Williams & Minnie Walters and proposed for Probate a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of M. Williams deceased and it appearing that said M. Williams was at the time of his death a resident in Marengo County in the State of Alabama, it is ordered by the Court that said instrument be set for Probate at the stated time of the Court to be holden on Monday next and that Letters issue to the heirs at law named in this petition of the premises
J. A. Young

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
May Term 1864
At my Court of the State of Alabama... Sheriff

Order 3

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs. M. Williams and Benjamin Williams in the custody of their Mother Minnie Walters to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honk. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in said County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1864 and show cause why they have why a certain instrument in writing proposed for Probate by Richard M. Williams & Minnie Walters with and with out testament of John G. Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such last will, Decree said not and have you there an opportunity to show this Citation with your endorsement thereon
Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1864 and in so far as the Independence of the United States
James A. Young

Sum 14th May 1864
Executed May 1864 J. A. Young

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
May Term 1864
At my Court of the State of Alabama... Sheriff

Order 3

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs. Minnie Walters & Benjamin Williams in the custody of Mrs. Minnie Walters to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honk. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in said County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1864 and show cause why they have why a certain instrument proposed for Probate by Richard M. Williams & Minnie Walters with and without testament of John G. Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such last will and re. Decree said not and have you there an opportunity to show this Citation with your endorsement thereon
Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1864 and in so far as the Independence of the United States
J. A. Young

Sum 14th May 1864
Executed May 1864 J. A. Young

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
May Term 1864
At my Court of the State of Alabama... Sheriff

Order 3

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs. Minnie Walters & Benjamin Williams in the custody of Mrs. Minnie Walters to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honk. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in said County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1864 and show cause why they have why a certain instrument proposed for Probate by Richard M. Williams & Minnie Walters with and without testament of John G. Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such last will and re. Decree said not and have you there an opportunity to show this Citation with your endorsement thereon
Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1864 and in so far as the Independence of the United States
J. A. Young

Abraham and his wife and son Abner. During M. Williams & Mary M. Williams of 1800 found in your County to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at said Court to be holden in Sweden for the County of Hancock on the 2nd Monday of June 1804 and their cause if any they have why a certain instrument in writing proposed by Richard M. Williams and Oliver M. Matten as the last will & testament of George M. Williams said should not be admitted to record in said Court with and without the necessary trial and have you then & there this relation with you endorsement thereon.

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1804 in the 8th year of the Independence of the United States. Issued in May 1804. J. A. Young Clerk.

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Hancock County
 To my Sheriff of the State of Alabama

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs Rebecca Church and her husband, George Church, and Mrs Emma L. Woodruff, and Seminal Church and his husband, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at said Court to be holden in Sweden for the County of Hancock on the 2nd Monday of June 1804 and to state the Independence of the United States their cause if any they have why an instrument proposed by Richard M. Williams and Oliver M. Matten as the last will & testament of George M. Williams said should not be admitted to Probate or to be recorded with and without the necessary trial and have you then & there this relation with you endorsement thereon.

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1804 in the 8th year of the Independence of the United States. Issued in May 1804. J. A. Young Clerk.

Executed on all the necessary circumstances May 25th 1804. T. B. George Sheriff

Probate Court June Term 1804
 It is ordered by the Court that Richard M. Williams Esq. be appointed Guardian ad litem for Mary M. Williams, Dolly M. Williams, John M. Williams & Benjamin D. Williams. Minor Children of said deceased to carry out their in the matter of the Probate of the will of said M. Williams deceased.

J. A. Young

Will of Geo. M. Williams dec'd
 Probate Court June Term 1804
 I hereby accept the appointment of the Guardian ad litem for Mary M. Williams, Dolly M. Williams, John M. Williams & Benjamin D. Williams Minor Children of Geo. M. Williams dec'd for any and all the purposes of his said will as Executor of said will of said Geo. M. Williams dec'd by the facts column set forth in the said will & have taken legal proof of the same as required by the law.

State of Alabama. Hancock County
 I, Geo. M. Williams of the State and County aforesaid being sensible of the uncertainty of life and being near in my proper judgment & reason and being in mind & memory in the name of God Amen, make this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke all other wills. My will and desire is that after my death that my body should be decently interred. In the first place after paying all my just debts and liabilities if there should be any after my death I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Benjamin Williams my household and all the land lying west of Mobile Road between said Road and the Millcreek from the corner where it joins the River down to the line below the house passing by the upper part of the sixth section line but not to cross the Mobile Road I also want my wife, Dolly M. Williams to have my Negro Girl her son Jack, Thomas, Bailey & her son George and Susan and Esther her Children and Mary Dolly & my little Dolly. Also my Negro girl Dolly Miller named by the name of Jonathan Dick. I want all the above named property personal & real to belong to her for life time but at her death it is to belong to her heirs by me, I want my daughter Martha, Rebecca I have my Man Philip, three Eliza & her son Edward three hundred dollars in money and the following described lands to wit, the north east quarter of Section Twenty & the east half of the north east quarter of Section number 27 and the north east quarter of Section number 28 of the South West Quarter of Section number 27 and the east half of said east quarter of 27 eighteen containing or supposed to contain one hundred & thirty five more or less in Township 13 Range 2 East of said my son Richard M. Williams have my Boy, Jonathan boy, Benjamin and Susan Mary, girl, Prudence and all of the lands lying on the line south of said Prudence line on both sides, of the creek including the lands south of said Prudence line lying on the borders said and all the balance of my land south of Moore Creek I want my daughter Emma I want my son Thomas Lewis my son Ben, girl Dolly & my daughter Rebecca I want my daughter Rebecca I want my son Dolly M. Williams have my girl Prudence & my daughter Mary and the following described lands to wit, the north east quarter of Section number 27 in Township 13 Range 2 East of said the east half of the north east quarter of Section number 27 and the east half of north east quarter of Section number 27 in Township 13 Range 2 East of said one north of containing or supposed to contain three hundred and twenty five more or less. I want my daughter Mary Dolly, Prudence, Dolly and Thomas Mary, Susan, I want all my real estate except that given to my wife, Dolly, & Benjamin and daughter Martha and Prudence and son Richard M. Williams and my son Dolly M. Williams and my daughter Ben. I want my son Dolly M. Williams my daughter Dolly M. Williams and my daughter Prudence and the balance equally divided among the heirs of my just debts, Dolly & Dolly having an equal share with the rest. I want the proceeds of my personal property to go together with all of my stock consisting of horses, mules, calves, sheep &c. at the end of six month year except four cents which I give to my children as follows. I want Dolly to have the barrel place known as the single Tom hills. I want my daughter Mary to have the barrel place with these free. I want my son Geo. M. Williams to have the barrel place free, I want my son Benjamin Williams to have the bay field with these free. I want the proceeds of the above named stock and land to pay my standing debts on

514. The Office of the Sheriff of the County of Marengo Alabama
Marengo County, Alabama
I hereby certify that the within and enclosed
without delay to wit: Mary Ann Julia Cook & Julia Ann
Paul Munn Children of Stephen Paul deceased if to be
granted in your County to be and appear before the Honble
Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in
Said County for the County of Marengo on the 20th day of
November 1859 and show cause if any thing shall arise
or claim in instrument or writing for granted by said
Paul as the last will of Stephen Paul deceased should not
be admitted to probate as such last will &c.
Wherein said Paul was named or named as such last will &c.
your endorsement thereon. (Witness my hand & Seal of said
County at this Office this 25th day of November 1859 and the Seal
of the Probate Court the within file (J. J. Jewell)
Witness my hand & Seal this 25th day of November 1859
Deputy Sheriff of said County
Deceased November 1859

J. B. Bachman Clerk
3 S. H. H. Adams Marengo County
3 Probate Court
I William J. Jewell hereby accept the
Appointment of guardian ad litem to represent the interest
of my said Paul and Julia, & Paul Munn heirs of the said Stephen
&c. (For and legator under an instrument purporting to be his
last will and testament on the hearing of the petition
filed in said Court to prove the said will by Reason
of age and being deaf, each and every allegation of
the application filed in said cause and without that that
and legal proof may be required or such every
fact required by the law to be established.
W. J. Jewell
Guardian ad litem for Mary Ann Julia Cook

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In the name of God Amen
I Stephen J. Paul, a resident at this date of the town
of Demopolis in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama
(being of sound mind & memory do make and give this
my last will & testament viz:
I will bequeath in fee simple to my beloved wife Cecile
& Paul (born Cecil & Jennie) and to my two children Mary
Ann Julia my Julia Ann &c. or any other child or children that
may be born to me of my wife Cecile J. Paul, but subject to
the death of this will and provisions to my deceased and to any
posthumous child or children that may be born to me of
my wife Cecile Paul after my decease all the property, real
or personal or of any kind whatsoever of which I may die
seized, or in which I am entitled, by deed, gift, or otherwise
at the time of my decease I may not be in actual possession of
my property hereinafter mentioned & otherwise bequeathed
and bequeath to the foregoing heirs and assigns in fee simple

Item 2 It is my will & desire that my Executors shall keep all the
above described property to gether that they shall pay all my debts
from the proceeds of the crops & products of the plantation together with
any moneys now belonging to me or arising from debts then due me
without selling any property for that purpose if this shall be possible
but if this cannot be done then that so many of the say valuable
& desirable of the slaves be sold as shall suffice to complete the amount
necessary to pay off all my debts.
Item 3 In last of the purchase of my widow Cecile? But it is my will and
direction that all the property bequeathed to her & my children in the
last will shall immediately be appraised by three disinterested men to
be appointed by my Executor they the said divided into equal shares
one share to each of my children & one share to my widow Cecile
& Paul then equal share to be immediately delivered into the possession
of said Cecile Paul and this share and the property & her share
to bequeath to her is for and in lieu of an annuity in my Estate.
Item 4 It is my will & direction that whenever such willings & bequests
of my children Cecile Paul shall take place a guardian shall
immediately be appointed if there be not already one for my
children or child who shall at once take charge of the property and
manage the business of my children or child & keep the property
& the said children or child together with the children or child
to bequeath to any or many in either of which cases each child to
coming to lawful age or marriage shall forthwith be placed in
possession of his or her share of the property.
Item 5 It is my will & direction that in case of the marriage of my
wife after my death her husband shall never be the guardian
of any one of my children.
Item 6 It is my will & desire that in case of the marriage or coming
to lawful age of either one of my children that their mother
Cecile Paul & Paul Munn should and my widow that the whole
property be at once divided after the manner above mentioned
in that my share with Paul Munn one share for my wife and
one share for each child & the child to bequeath to bequeath to
lawful age shall be put immediately into the possession of his or her
share of the estate.
Item 7 Whosoever my other one of my children shall come to lawful
age or marry it is my will & desire that his or her share of the
property shall be immediately given into his or her possession
and he or in all such cases this course to be pursued until
the last child shall be put into possession of his or her share
of my estate.
Item 8 In case anyone of my children shall die before coming into
possession of his or her share of the property it is my will and
direction that such child's share shall be given to my surviving
child or if there be more than one of my children still alive
the share of the deceased child shall be divided equally amongst
my surviving children and in case of the death of one of my
children before coming into possession of his or her share of the
property my surviving child shall receive the property of the
deceased child in equal portions and if there be only one
surviving child he or she shall receive the whole property of the
deceased child and it is my will & desire that in no case shall

My wife receive more than one third of the property hereintofore bequeathed and that the remaining two thirds shall go to my children and if they all die without any one of them coming into the possession of the property according to the provisions of this will then my heirs at law

Item 7 It is my will & intention that while my property is kept together according to the provisions of this will it should be kept in item 10, the net proceeds of the plantation and other property after paying off all my debts and defraying all current expenses shall be divided every year into equal portions one part to go to my wife Cecile & two to me and again as she may see proper and one equal part to go to each one of my children and the part or parts of my child or children who survives or survives of by their, his, or her Guardian to the best advantage, for their, his, or her benefit every year as opportunity may occur and I mean if at any time before the death of my property the laws shall have increased the said annual value, so that the price too large for the plantation & I mean or it is my wish that my executor shall then with the proceeds of the crops of the said plantation purchase more land or another plantation on which it will be as before free

Item 10 I will bequeath to my wife Cecile & Pol every year what I have already bequeathed to her my yellow bay, Arab aged twenty three years and also my carriage & pair of horses and all the household & kitchen furniture of all kind what ever belonging to my estate all other horses & carriages of mine with the exception of the horse mentioned in the third item I direct to be immediately sold

Item 11 I give and bequeath to Edmund & Thomas my negro by George son of Henry and also my saddle horse called "Red Stocking" if said horse is still alive my property at the time of my death

Item 12 I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cecilia in addition to what I have already given her the black cow called "Manning" with her nurse

Item 13 I give & bequeath to my daughter Sula Cassius in addition to what I have already given her the yellow pig called "Adagio" with her nurse

Item 14 I give and bequeath to Leguodelle Summ five hundred dollars to be paid to my executor to be the debt existing against me at the time of my death shall have been satisfied

Item 15 I hereby nominate & appoint my wife Cecile & Pol as long as she remains unmarried and my widow and my brother Rowan & Pol Executors of this my last will & Testament, and it is my desire that said Cecile & Pol shall & not some member of her own family to advise counsel & assist her in the management of the property conveyed in this will and all the business thereunto connected I mention father Alexander American first and also that she shall consult my father J. H. C. Pol in relation to her business affairs whenever occasion or opportunity offers

Item 16 I appoint my brother Rowan & Pol and my wife Cecile & Pol Guardians of my children and it is my will that said Rowan & Pol manage & attend to the property of my children and their business affairs and that my wife & their mother

have charge of their persons always so that they may raise & educate them where for in what manner they may think proper
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal on this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine
Stephen P. Pol

Signed, sealed, declared, & published by the said Stephen P. Pol and for his last will & Testament in presence of
J. C. Wardall
R. M. Robertson
L. P. McHenry

The State of Alabama Marengo County
In the Matting of the last will
Stephen P. Pol deceased
Probate Court held on the 24th day of November A. D. 1857

This day came Rowan & Pol the executors of said will for protest by attorney and counsel and Marshall C. Pol & Pol's children heirs of said Stephen P. Pol deceased by Wm. J. Sewell Esq. their guardian ad litem and also the executors and acceptance of said appointment and the probate of said will coming to be heard and said Wm. J. Sewell Esq. one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open Court depone & say that he was present on the day the said will was read and saw said Stephen P. Pol execute said will by signing his name thereto publishing the same as his last will & Testament that he and R. M. Robertson, J. C. Wardall the other subscribing witnesses all subscribed their names to said instrument as witnesses at the same time in the presence of said Stephen P. Pol and of each other, the said Stephen P. Pol did at the time of said signing depone & say that he was a resident of said Marengo County and was over the age of twenty one years

And J. C. Wardall another of the said subscribing witnesses being also sworn depone that he was present at the time signed and saw said will executed & published by said Stephen P. Pol that he recognized his name as witnesses in his presence and at his request that said Robertson & Robertson the other subscribing witnesses were also present & subscribed their names at the same time in the presence of said Stephen P. Pol and that said Robertson at the time of said signing would depone
J. C. Wardall

And upon the foregoing testimony of said Lewis & McHenry & J. C. Wardall & the other witnesses to said will as taken & subscribed by them in open Court it appearing that said will was properly & legally executed by said Stephen P. Pol and was at the time of said signing and disposing mind and at further appearing that said Stephen P. Pol was over the age of twenty one years & was a resident of Marengo County, it is ordered by Court that said instrument be pronounced as aforesaid to be admitted to record as the last will & Testament of said Stephen P. Pol deceased that letters testamentary be granted thereon

Filed for probate the 2nd day of November 1857 at 11 o'clock
The Hon. Wm. J. Sewell
Sec. of Ct.

J. S. Young Judge

For the estate of Goddard & Co. Executors.
 Margaret E. Kinnon widow of the County of Monroe,
 State of Alabama widow of the late Wm. Kinnon of the County of Dallas
 in the same State, being of sound mind & will, do after
 due & mature deliberation of my own free will & accord un-
 influenced by any person or persons whatsoever make & ordain &
 publishes this my last will & testament, hereby bestowing my & all
 others, that I have hitherto made that is to say, first I com-
 mit myself to the Lord: whom I have so many years endeavored
 to serve as a pious & faithful child of God & as a sinner saved by
 grace humbly trusting in the mediation & shed blood
 of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Second I desire that my grave
 shall be by the side of my late beloved husband in the
 Arcoville Burialling Ground & that a tombstone similar
 to that over my husband's grave be raised over my
 the expense to be raised out of my estate. Third I hereby
 bequeath to my beloved son Enoch E. Kinnon's executor
 & administrators Clement W. Wallace 50 my accretions to quite
 fully carry out the provisions of his will & Executor of them
 being committed to act alone. Fourth I do hereby bequeath
 to my late Edward Kinnon, do give & bequeath my gra-
 vely & simple slave named Paragon a girl
 with her young children named Fajah, Fens & Feds
 Emma & Parada, as also her husband
 Fifth I do hereby bequeath & hold in trust my
 one half in Edward Kinnon my negro man & slave
 Sixth I do hereby bequeath & hold in trust of my
 negro female slave Channy & her children & her
 Seventh I do hereby bequeath & hold in trust
 \$2000 for the use of my late wife's children
 money of these slaves I have to pay to the
 notes of Bank for E. as follows: The notes (three
 in number) are all dated the 1st day of Jan 1858
 one is payable the 1st day of January
 1858 & one is payable the 1st day of Jan
 1858, on the 1st day of Jan 1858 & one
 is a making the sum three thousand dollars
 by the aggregate. The proceeds of said
 slaves, Channy & Channy's children as above
 are to be equally divided - or so much as may be
 due on the above purchase by the will of
 E. & the amount of cash I may have on hand at
 the time of my death are to be equally divided
 (with the payment of the legal charge & gain
 my estate) between my beloved children
 Enoch E. Kinnon, William Enoch & William
 the wife of Robt. Woodruff, Captain Press
 the wife of Capt. William Walker such things as
 my late husband's daughter Elizabeth wife of
 my late son Enoch Kinnon & my late son
 Enoch Kinnon & my late son Enoch Kinnon

my dear Kinnon causes me to omit their names, my affection for
 my daughter Eliza, my love for the children of my recently de-
 parting is as strong as ever, but it is for out of the above sum is so small
 to be of much service to them & is in my opinion not needed. While
 the allowance small as it is, will considerably aid my other child-
 ren, Sixth I direct that my aged female slave, Hannah Rector
 be allowed to choose at my decease her future owner from a
 among my children & earnestly request that the owner she may select
 will treat her and her husband Berod (to whom my late
 husband allowed a similar permission at my death) with
 that kindness & consideration which their age & faithful
 services deserve. Given under my hand & seal this 14th day
 of May A. D. 1857. Margaret E. Kinnon

The above instrument of 3/4 page was at the State of
 Alabama signed & published & declared by Margaret E. Kinnon
 (who is personally known to us) as her last will & testament in
 our presence who at her request & in her presence & in the pres-
 ence of each other have subscribed our names as follows
 Robt. Woodruff
 J. P. Woodruff
 J. P. Woodruff

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 J. P. Woodruff

The last will and Testament of James Williamson
 Esq. Deceased by Ferrisburgh & Barker the ex-
 ecutor nominated therein, and Solomon P. Tucker
 one of the subscribing witnesses to said will be
 and joint duly sworn witnesses that he is as pres-
 ent in p. at the 17th day of September 1861 & saw
 David Wm. S. Barker Esq. Sign said instrument
 declaring the same to be his last will & Testament
 that he said witness subscribed his name as a witness
 at the request & in the presence of said deceased
 that the other subscribing witnesses & James Pate
 J. James S. Barker also signed their names in the
 presence of the testator & at his request & that they all
 signed in the presence of each other. He further
 says that said will was at the time of the
 test of his judgement of sound disposing mind
 & memory.

2 Solomon P. Tucker Esq.
 State where the foregoing testimony was read & out-
 spoken by Solomon P. Tucker one of the subscrib-
 ing witnesses in open court it is considered & or-
 dered that said instrument of James Williamson
 Esq. be received & recorded as the last will & Tes-
 tament of said deceased & that letters
 testamentary be granted thereon.

James O. Young Judge
 Lost Will & Testament of Robt Barr Sr.
 In the name of God Amen I Robt Barr Senr
 of the County of Morgan & State of Alabama in con-
 sidering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life
 do hereby make & publish & declare this
 my last will & Testament that is to say First of
 all I give my real & personal estate & discharge the obli-
 gation of my estate both real & personal. I give to my wife
 Mary Barr & her heirs & assigns the whole
 of my real & personal estate during the term of her
 natural life & after her death to be divided equally
 among my heirs. I do further hereby give to my wife
 full power & authority to sell my part of my real
 & personal estate at private or public sale & to make
 and sell bills to the same forever & to invest the pro-
 ceedings or to lease the same as she may think
 proper & deem best for the interest of my heirs &
 the support of my family & she further I do hereby
 give my wife full power & authority to remove
 any part or all of my estate whatever, by power she may
 have & she is made, constitute my son David
 Barr to be the executor of this my last will & Tes-
 tament. Thereby revoking all former wills by me
 made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 subscribed my name & affixed my seal. This I did the
 17th day of September the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred & sixty. Robt Barr.

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 Acknowledged before us this day and year
 above written
 William R Dillworth
 J. H. Davidson,

The State of Alabama
 Morgan County
 Probate Court held
 31 day of December 1860
 James O. Young Judge
 of said Court residing
 at Barr the proponent & his legal heirs Margaret
 Barr & Rebecca Barr by A. H. Hart Esq. Clerk of said
 Court & it appearing that all the heirs & next
 of kin of said deceased have had in any notice of the
 time & place of taking said probate, the probate of
 said will of James O. Davidson & W. R. Dillworth
 the subscribing witnesses to said will, being first duly
 read & approved says "that they were present to the said
 will being read & said Robt Barr Sr. executed &
 published said instrument as his last will & Testament
 that they subscribed the same as witnesses at the re-
 quest and in the presence of said testator & in
 the presence of each other & that said said witnesses
 of said will being read & approved when said in-
 strument was published shall be valid & legal
 J. H. Davidson
 J. H. Davidson

In the name of god Amen! I John Owen of the
County of Marengo & the State of Alabama do hereby
make in full & conscious of the uncertainty of this life do make
declare & publish this my last will & testament as follows to wit,
It is my will that I be decently interred & that such suitable monu-
ment or tombstone be erected over my remains as shall be consistent
with my degree or circumstances in life Item 2. It is my will that
all my just debts be paid as soon as conveniently can be done af-
ter my decease, & that I am authorized to empower my executor after
my death is hereby authorized & directed to apply such moneys as
I may have in hand at my death or the proceeds of such debts
or claims as may be due me at that time as may be necessary
Item 3. It is my will & desire that my beloved wife Sarah C.
Lewis have the full share of my estate including also that which
I hold in my own right & that which I hold in right of
my said wife. Which the law would give her if no will
shall have been made by me, with this additional provision
that she be authorized & permitted to select such of the
house servants as a part of her share of the slaves as she may
choose. Item 4. It is my will that property to the value of
\$2000.00 Dollars Rent of and abated
of such time as it may become necessary to make a division of my
estate, for the use of my son Green Perry Lewis, and I do hereby
authorize & direct my said executor when the same shall be set
and allotted to my said wife, to have however for the use main-
tenance & support of my son Green Perry during his natural
life & at his death it is my will & I do hereby further be-
queath & devise & give & bequeath to my said wife, to transfer over to my other children then living
& to be dependent of such of them (if any) and may be that
to be turned by them in such form & in the same man-
ner as may be in accordance with the law of descent
now in force in the State of Alabama Item 5. It
is my will that all my estate of every description
which may be left after setting off their portions herein
bequeathed & bequeathed to my said wife & the said portion
herein before bequeathed & devised for the use & support of
my son Green Perry) be equally divided among the re-
mainder of my children, who may be living at the time
of making such division, the descendants of such children
as may then be dead, & all descendants to take the share
which their parent would have taken if living, and
it is my will & I do hereby devise & bequeath the share
which may be set & allotted to my son Owen Lewis to
my said wife Sarah C. Lewis in trust for the use & main-
tenance & support of my said son Owen Lewis during
his natural life time, & after the death of my said
son Owen, it is my will that said property be held
in trust for the use of my said son Owen Lewis & his
the said Owen's child or children if any be living at the
time of his death & if the said Owen & all his issues
is child or children then I further devise & bequeath said
property to my other children, Except the wife of son Perry

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who may then be living & to the descendants then living of
such of them (if any) as may be dead to be passed by them accord-
ing to the law of descent now in force in the State of Alabama
It is my will at any time my said wife Sarah C. Lewis shall deem
it safe or expedient to permit my said son Owen to take posses-
sion of her lot or any part of the share so big wealth to
her for the use & of said Owen, It is my will & desire & I do
hereby authorize her to do so Reserving to herself however the
right at any time & season she may deem it advisable
to resume possession of her lot & management to herself as
trustee of said Owen, Item 6. It is my will and I hereby order that
my home place whereupon I now reside with my family & all the
house & furniture attached thereto with all the household &
Kitchen furniture plate, horses, Cattle, hogs & every thing else
I own or kept & used & used by me in my lifetime for the com-
fort & convenience & enjoyment of my wife & family, be settled
kept & used & enjoyed by my said wife & family, for their
comfort & convenience the same or in my wife's time, & it is my
will that no inventory or appraisement of my household effects
be required my estate being amply & sufficient to secure the
payment of all debts or claims which may be brought a-
gainst it, without my executor hereafter named including
such household effects in her inventory of my estate
Item 7. It is further more my will & desire & I do hereby order
that my two places in the Township of Lewis now called
by me & known as the upper place near the lower or
Greenville place in the land at the ferry place
by day on the east side of the river & all bounded by
me as a part of said ferry place be kept up & culti-
vated, that all my slaves except those kept for home
services be kept together on said ferry or Greenville
places & worked thereon the same as I have kept up &
worked said places during my life time & it is further
my will & I do hereby authorize & empower my said
executor to purchase other lands adjoining or to said ferry
& Greenville & to do any of the same can be done without prej-
udice to my estate & for the purpose of providing my said
executor with the means of making such purchase or
purchases I do hereby authorize & empower her to sell as
public or private sale as she may deem most advisable
in place in Choctaw County Alabama known as
the Kintake place and my place in Marengo Coun-
ty before all known as the Perry place, & for the
purpose of enabling my executor to carry out the objects
fully specified in this will I do hereby invest in her
and my executor before all all such titles as may be necessary
& effect the same with or in any manner & by executing
the execution of any of the courts of the State of
Alabama & all such lands as may be purchased
by my said executor shall be held and used by them
by direction to be kept & used in this trust & on the
firm disposition of estate to be chosen & become necessary
to the provisions herein specified with regard to the

part of my estate Item 8. It is my will & I desire that all
of my family remain & reside at the home place with
their mother until they shall respectively attain
the age of twenty one years or more, & that they shall
until such coming ages happen live in common & in
the same style & manner they lived during my lifetime
& that my executor shall not be required to keep separ-
ate accounts with them 9. It is further my will & desire
that all my estate not directed to be sold be kept together
& worked in common until my following named chil-
dren to wit Ophelia Lewis, Olivia Lewis Agnes Lewis
Arthur Lewis & Caroline Lewis & such other child or
children as may be hereafter born to me shall have re-
spectfully attained the age of twenty one years
or married & shall thereafter or her share to be set off
or allotted The share of such in the slaves then be-
longing to my estate according to the provision of this my
will explaining what portion each one shall have.
shall accordingly be set off and allotted to such child or
from time to time each child or share on the happening of
such contingencies as above provided I shall be set
off & allotted Item 10. It is further my will that
the amount of

to be paid by my executor to each one of the above named
or specified children at the time of setting off shall
be allotted to him or her share of the slaves as in & by Item No.
9 directed & provided for Item 11. It is my will that if
any of my children named or specified in the
should die before his or her share of the slaves
is allotted to him or her with out leaving issue living
at that time then his or her share of said slaves
shall remain & shall be divided among my other
children named or specified in said Item No. 9 (as
Item 12. It is my will that all the woods, woods
priced to be kept together & cultivated shall be
kept & cultivated until my executor shall
shall have attained the age of twenty one &
Marion & in the event any of my children shall
have perished to keep his or her portion of the slaves
together on said plantation said lands shall be
kept & cultivated until until such one of my said
children shall have taken off his or her share
of said slaves, Item 13. It is my will & I direct that
all the stock of Horses, mules, cattle, hogs, farming
utensils provisions &c. be kept & remain on said plan-
tation so directed to be kept together until the final settle-
ment of my estate, at which time my lands directed
to be kept together & cultivated shall be equally divided
among all my children either living or the descendants
of such of them as may be living according to the law
regulating descents in the State of Alabama
Except that my said son Greenberry is not to have

any share of the share of my son ^{Said son} Owen to be vested in
my said wife as trustee afore said & to be made & to be
sent, as provided in Item 14. I hereby clothe my execu-
tor with full power to sell the surplus stock or provisions
due for cash to sell the surplus stock or provisions
which may at any time increasing or may become liable
to waste or public or private sale as she may deem
advisable without out any time requiring the interven-
tion of any of the executors. I for the purpose of execut-
ing this my will I do hereby vest in her all such
title authority & power as may be necessary as fully &
completely as I could do myself if living.

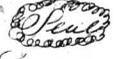
Item 15. I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife
my executor to execute this my will - and request that
she be not required by the probate court to give bond
in a sum exceeding fifty thousand dollars & I hereby
request my said wife Sarah, C. Lewis in executing the pro-
vision of this my will I more particularly in sending
State of the United States & by King James and in the
purchase of other lands to be attached to and constitute
a portion of the trust herein directed to be kept
together to consult and advise with me or two of
such of her friends as she shall think to be prudent &
judicious in the management of the same appear
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal, this the day of A.D.
1866

Signed, sealed & published in our presence
I do declare a true foregoing and by my seal
of more fully explaining my intention
then is contained therein as follows. It is my will
above all else that my property & particularly my
slaves be kept together & that no division be
made unless my children come of age
& married & that my wife then have her share
of the slaves. The private part of retaining the
house accounts & a fair and reasonable calculation
It is further my will that she have the private part of
selling or purchasing any stock she may deem
necessary. It is further my will that in case any
of my children should die with out leaving a child
or children that his or her share (excepting said Henry
Lewis) it is further my will & desire that in case
the Kentucky slave & other in place, or either
of them be sold that the lands worked thereon be
made over for good in the Greenfield or Perry
place. It is further my will that when any
of my children shall have received his or her
share of the slaves or the soon after we come
to the the or she shall have the sum of three
thousand dollars or given to him
or her by my said executor before I die

Not want my land which is directed to be kept together divided or sold until my children shall all become twenty one or married at which time I want my wife down set off & the balance of the land divided among my children as aforesaid or sold if it be found advisable & the proceeds divided.

This November 15th A.D. 1860

Signed in the presence of
I witnessed by
John D. Smith
Joseph Moore
Wm. S. Gilmore

Arthur M. Lewis


The State of Alabama & Know all men by these presents that I, Mary Newton of the County of Chilton State aforesaid do hereby make public and declare this my last will & testament as follows.

I will & bequeath to my beloved Abigail Sarah Woodson my negro woman & Abigail another child to get her into the future increase of State of Alabama, also a note for the sum of one hundred dollars which I hold upon or the estate of John D. Moore deceased, which I will on any day be recalled some time in Oct. 4, 1861, together with the interest which has or may accrue upon said note and in case said note should be paid during my lifetime, then I bequeath the cash or proceeds of said note, no matter in what way it may be invested to the said Sarah Woodson to have and enjoy of the way she thinks proper.

It is further my will & desire that the said Sarah Woodson shall be educated and educated out of the interest due on & accruing on said note above mentioned & if the interest is not sufficient for that purpose, I desire a portion of the principal to be appropriated for that purpose. It is further my will & desire that in case of my death before the education of said Sarah & Woodson shall be completed then I desire that the line of said negro woman Melissa to be applied or appropriated for that purpose also.

I hereby appoint Thomas H. Wolf executor of this my last will & testament Sept. 30th A.D. 1857.

Witness M. Wolf
Mary Ann Wolf

Mary Newton

I hereby waive notice of the falling of the foregoing will of Mary Newton for Probate & consent for the Probate of the same to be taken at the term appointed by the Probate Court of Murray County.

May 23rd A.D. 1860.

Thomas H. Wolf

Probate Court, July Term Murray County, held July 8 1860, in the matter of the probate of the will of Mary Newton Dec. This day came on for Probate the last will of said Mary Newton late of Murray County deceased, heretofore pronounced for Probate & it appearing that Mrs. Elizabeth Stone was the sole heir at law of said testatrix who had no claim notice of the time of the King said Probate & Wm. Thompson & Wolf one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn the jurors say that she was present on the day said will was made & saw the same executed by the said Mary Newton & that he & the other subscribing witnesses saw the same so witnessed in the presence of at the request of said testatrix & in the presence of each other he further deposes & says that said testatrix today was at the time of said & performing various errands.

T. H. Wolf

And the above said testimony being subscribed in open Court by said Tompfield Wolf. It is further ordered by the Court that said instrument be recorded as the last will & testament of said Mary Newton, because that letters testamentary be issued thereon.

Witness
Judge T. H. Wolf

I, Agnes Sydney Langdon of the County of Murray do hereby give & bequeath this my last will & testament as follows. After the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses I give & bequeath to my wife Mary Ann & from all my property will take and shall personally be well and be enjoyed by her so long as she may remain unmarried & from the proceeds profits and income thereof she is to educate my children & maintain and support the boys until they attain the age of majority and after that so long as they remain unmarried & until I make their support & education of my children a charge upon the said estate so as to be well and bequeathed to her.

I here shew my wife Mary again that she is to have and take and shall take in state & child's portion thereof as I could & separate use, and the remainder of the property shall be divided among my three living sons & should my wife not be my agent it is my will & desire that she have the right and power of last will

In witness of all said property among my children in such shares and portions as may think proper. And also during her widowhood she may when she thinks proper so to do, give off by way of reimbursement to any of the children such property or portion of the estate as she may consider expedient and proper.

And my said wife during her widowhood may sell and dispose of any of said property of my estate whole and convey good titles thereto. She holding the proceeds of such sale or disposition subject to the provisions and trusts of this will. I do hereby appoint my wife the executrix of this my will. In W. I. D. mine & mine. that she may not be required to give security on her qualification as such executrix.

In witness of this in my own will I here sign my name on the 9th day of November, 1860.

A. S. Vaughan.

If the foregoing have been reviewed by J. W. T. Vaughan to sign our names to the paper as his last Will & Testament as aforesaid witness thereto.

The said A. S. Vaughan having signed the same in and to our view and we now subscribe our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other, & do this the 9th day of November 1860.

H. E. Jones
J. S. Estlin.

The State of Alabama In the Probate Court of the County of Chilton held the 16th day of October 1861.

Judge Perry presiding. In the Probate Court of the County of Chilton held the 16th day of October 1861. This day came up for probate the written and here before presented by the said A. S. Vaughan as the last will and testament of Algernon S. Vaughan, and it appearing to the court that notices have been duly served upon the heirs at law named in the petition of said A. S. Vaughan and that they have appeared in person at the time set, and that they have been duly sworn to the probate of said will, and that the probate of said will has been continued for said term regularly and regularly. The present term for sufficient cause and it being further shown that H. E. Jones and J. S. Estlin the witnesses to said will are not within the jurisdiction of the court and that their testimony can not now be procured and the said A. S. Vaughan was here first sworn to prove said will in common form and being duly sworn in this court states that said instrument as aforesaid by her as aforesaid is the last will and testament of said A. S. Vaughan and was duly executed by him on the day the same were made being at the time of same & being of legal mind and memory and that said witnesses attested said will in the presence of each other, & do this in the presence of each other, & do this

Vaughan and H. E. Jones being duly sworn for their oaths and says that he is acquainted with the handwriting of said Algernon S. Vaughan and that the signature to said will is the genuine signature of said Algernon S. Vaughan.

H. E. Jones

and upon the foregoing statement of said Judge A. S. Vaughan and upon the further testimony of said J. S. Estlin, respectively subscribed by them in open court. It is ordered that said instrument so pronounced as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said Algernon Vaughan deceased.

James A. Young Judge

State of Alabama In the County of Montgomery In the name of God Amen I, Daniel Smith of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind, do hereby make, ratify and confirm, and do hereby publish, my last will and testament in and to the form as follows: I do hereby

I will, my soul to God and my body to be buried and to be buried in the same (C)

It is my will that all my just debts be paid, Item 3. To my son Abalahi Lewis and his wife one sine sine valued at nine hundred dollars. The sum of four hundred and forty nine dollars the amount of his account [marked No. 1] and also an amount of ten dollars which when added to the above amounts of nine hundred dollars and three hundred dollars more to be paid to the said Lewis equal to one seventh of my estate not other wise willed of which I may die possessed.

Item 4. I give and bequeath unto my son Abalahi Lewis the sum of four hundred and seventy seven dollars, the amount of his account [marked number 2] and also an amount which added to the above amount of \$477.00 may constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not other wise willed of which I may die possessed.

Item 5. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas H. the sum of two hundred and forty seven dollars, the amount of his account [marked No. 3] and also the amount which added to the above amount of \$477.00 will constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed. I do hereby bequeath to my son James H. the sum of five dollars as he has received of me in money or in kind and also the negro boy Sam his full share of all my real and personal estate.

Item 7th To my daughter Charlotte I give and bequeath an amount equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed and also the sum of one hundred Dollars over and above the amount of one seventh.

Item 8th To my daughter Jane E. Agee I give the sum of five hundred Dollars and also an amount which added to the amount of \$500⁰⁰ shall constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed not otherwise willed.

Item 9th To my daughter Harriett who is now married with Oliver W. Grayson I give and bequeath to her the sum of five hundred Dollars in an amount equal to one seventh of my estate, not otherwise willed, of which I may die possessed.

Item 10th To my daughter Sarah I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred Dollars and also an amount which added to the above amount shall constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not otherwise willed of which I may die possessed.

Item 11th It is my will & desire that the several amounts as before stated against my sons Asa, Calvin & John H. & my daughters Jane E. Agee & Sarah A. Sibley be charged to a portion of my estate. I will that my daughter Charlotte is to have one hundred Dollars more than either of the rest of my heirs in that her portion of the estate be put in trust with Oliver W. Grayson and at her death to be equally divided with all my sons and daughters except John H. Carter.

Item 12th And I want constant my son in law Oliver W. Grayson & my friends Henry D. Baxter as my executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 2nd day of August A. D. 1857.

Daniel Curtis.

J^m Harris
St. P. Agee
Richard Small

Witness

Probate Court Nursing County
June Term 1860

This day came on a record the Probate of the will of Daniel Curtis deceased, heretofore provided for Probate and it appearing that notice of the time and place of taking said Probate has been given by citation to the heirs of said deceased residing in the State of Alabama by publications for three successive weeks in the Times and Jeffersonian News paper for the year without heirs to a person of Ceremony & Agee & Richard Small being first duly sworn in open Court, they being subscribed witnesses to the said will proclaimed by as aforesaid. Before and say that they were present on the day & time will bear date and say that Daniel Curtis executed said will by signing and affixing the same to be his last will and testament. That they severally

subscribed their names to the same in the presence of said testator at his Request & that each and all of the said witnesses whose names are signed to said will signify their names at the request of said testator & in his presence and in the presence of each other. They further say that said Daniel Curtis was at the time of executing said will of sound & disposing mind & memory.

St. P. Agee, Richard Small

And upon the testimony of said witnesses as aforesaid and subscribed by said witnesses in open Court. It is ordered by the Court that said instrument so proclaimed as aforesaid be recorded & recording as the last will & testament of said Daniel Curtis deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

James A. Young

Judge

I do declare this to be my last will and testament

June 11th

Comment

My soul to the God who gave it. I wish all my just debts to be paid out of my effects. I wish my wife to have the sum of \$1000⁰⁰ to be annually interest. I wish my son St. P. Agee & St. P. Agee's estate after his just debts are paid to be considered as part of my estate & be divided in like manner. I wish it so that my wife & my child shall hold and keep all of my estate together until my youngest child is twenty one years of age if she should live that long and that she will give to each child as it may arrive at maturity one about the amount that she has received but has left me, say about one hundred dollars and when my youngest child or child at the age of twenty one years I will they are to be so divided that my wife & my child each one of my children may receive an equal portion. I wish my wife & my child & my son St. P. Agee & Nicholas to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed by the testator in our presence and by us in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other.

James A. Young

William J. Nichols
William F. Nichols

The testimony of St. P. Agee & Nicholas one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid will of Daniel Curtis deceased taken before the judge of the Nursing County in the State of Alabama on the 2nd day of August in the year 1857.

William Nichols has been since lately sworn and states as follows to wit: That he was present on the day said James Nichols died & saw him execute said will & publish & declare the same as such, that he & Williams Nichols the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses the document by signing his mark in the presence of the testator who at his request was in the presence of each other. He further states that said James Nichols was at the time of said disposing in full memory & that no difficulties were raised by any person with in knowledge to induce said testator to make a will.

Subscribed & sworn to before me in open Court. May 12th 1862
 William Nichols
 Juror of Probate
 Merano County

In the Name of God Amen!

I, James D. Burden of the County of Merano & State of Alabama, Do hereby with sound mind & health of body do make & publish this my last will in manner & form following that is to say
 I give unobviously to my beloved wife Margaret D. Burden all my estate real as well as personal first thing paying all my just debts. Item I give and bequeath to my said wife Margaret all my interest which I now have or may hereafter have in my brother's estate both real & personal together with all legacies which may be left me & all shares so descending to me from any & all sources what ever. Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Margaret D. Burden to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament my will and desire that the Probate Court should not require my said executrix to give security or surety for the management or control of my above named estate. And I do hereby give and bequeath all of said estate to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof I have here set my hand and affixed my seal. This 24th Day of March A.D. 1862.

J. H. Epps
 C. S. Howard
 R. R. Epps
 J. D. Burden
 Seal

Probate Court Merano County
 at a term held 16th day of February 1863

James D. Burden, one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of J. D. Burden deceased taken in open Court was being first duly sworn, deposes & says that he was present on or about the 21st day of March 1862 & saw said J. D. Burden sign & publish said instrument as his last will and testament, that he & James D. Burden the other subscribing witness signed the same at the request and in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other. He further states that said J. D. Burden was at the time of said will disposing in full memory.

R. R. Epps.

In the Name of God Amen!

I Am R. Barnes, of the County of Merano & State of Alabama being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory. Be it so be it Holy God, for in same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.
 I in and bequeath unto my beloved children, Hugh Robert Barnes and Joseph D. Barnes all my negro slaves that I now own or may hereafter receive from my father's estate or other source lawfully bestowed to receive them. And I will and order that my full hold estate shall be sold and that the net proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of the debt of my estate. The residue and remainder of my personal estate, together with the child of what kind or nature soever I give and bequeath to be divided between my above named children. And I hereby appoint my eldest son Joseph Robert Barnes, my sole executor of this my last will and testament & lastly I will and order that if either of my children should die without an heir the surviving one shall be sole heir to the property hereafter and given by me and known over & hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have here to set my hand and seal this 17th day of December in the year of our lord 1860.

Signature or seal in the presence of
 J. D. Burden, J. D. Burden, J. D. Burden

In the State of Alabama Merano County
 In the month of the last
 13th day and 2nd Monday
 of May 1861.

This day appeared in open court Joseph Barnes executor
 of said Anna R. Barnes and Made choice of H. G. Kettle
 James on his guardian ad litem, to represent him at the
 hearing & probate of the will of said deceased and
 wife viz. Anne & wife Elizabeth Barnes & in open court
 consented to & accepted the appointment. It is further
 ordered that he be appointed guardian ad litem
 of said minor accordingly & the probate of said
 will being heard, and John N. Kettle one of the sub-
 scribers with respect to said will being first duly sworn
 deposes & says that he was present on the day the same were made
 & saw said Anna R. Barnes sign & put to said will
 & that as her last will and testament, that he & No. 10. S.
 Kettle the other witness signed the same as witnesses, at the
 request and in the presence of said testatrix & in the
 presence of each other. He further states that said testatrix
 was at the time of said and disposing mind and
 memory & was fully advised of the contents of said will.

J. N. Kettle

And upon the foregoing testimony signed by
 said John Kettle in open court. It is ordered by
 the court that said instrument be received and
 recorded as the last will and testament of said
 Anna R. Barnes deceased & that letters testamentary
 be issued thereon
 James T. Young Judge Prob.

I John H. Davidson a citizen of Marengo County
 in the State of Alabama do hereby certify and declare in open
 court that the foregoing instrument which is written with my own hand & subscri-
 bed with my name to be my last will and testament, my
 free the first place and above all it is my wish and
 desire that my soul shall be committed to Almighty God who gave
 it and it is my wish that I be buried in a decent and
 Christian manner in such place as my family may
 select in the first place all my just debts be paid
 May be to me but few and the proceeds of the growing
 crop will do me but few and I will be met the demands of
 my wife Martha all my worldly estate both real and personal
 that I am now in possession of and including per-
 tains to my son J. B. Davidson
 I also bequeath my said wife & also to her 2 boys each
 a certain piece or parcel of land lying in Dallas
 County known as the price place containing 1000
 acres & in possession of my son J. B. Davidson

With the request that if my son returns from the army that he
 my wife do execute a title to him, but if he should die or be
 slain in battle the title vest in her in full simple this is
 merely a request & not binding her to do so. Having herefore
 given to my daughter Margaret Potts & my son J. B. Davidson
 a considerable amount of property which they are in possession of
 it is not necessary to enumerate the same. In the last place
 I give and bequeath my undivided half of three lots of land
 known by my self and Wm. S. Davidson to the free by term
 in charge of a certain subject to the following conditions
 1. That no said church continue under the care of the
 old school presbytery of South Alabama, these lots are
 for the use of a Palmetto & to be held by the elders of
 said church and then to have used to hold & do.
 There being but one legatee to this my last will and she being
 but one of mature age it is my wish that she immedi-
 ately take possession at my death. Given under my hand
 & seal this 24th day of June 1861
 J. H. Davidson
 Jas. H. Houston Not. P. S. (3)
 Geo. J. Houston

The testimony of J. H. Houston one of the
 subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of J. B. Davidson
 deceased given in open court at a
 special term of the Probate Court held for Marengo
 County in the State of Alabama on the 24th day of June
 A. D. 1862, the being being first duly sworn deposes
 and says that he was present in or about the day
 the said instrument was made & saw the same executed
 by the said John H. Davidson, who declared the same
 to be his last will and testament. He further states
 that he and John H. Houston the other attesting wit-
 nesses subscribed their names as witnesses at the request
 & in the presence of said testator and in the pres-
 ence of each other, and that said testator was at
 the time of executing said will of sound disposing
 mind and memory.
 James H. Houston

In the name of God Amen I John C. Dancy of Mearings
county Alabama being of sound mind and memory
and considering the uncertainty of this frail existence
story like so things are possible, explain, publish and de-
clare this to be my last will and testament.

That is to say first after death I wish my body decently
buried in any place my executor and executors whom-
soever hereafter all joint they direct.
Second after all my lawfull debts are paid off and
discharged, I wish my entire estate both personal and real
disposed of as follows.

First I desire my plantation
in which I now reside to be kept up and cultivated by
the hands that are now on said plantation and owned
by me until after five years, after which time my execu-
tor and executor may see their discretion in selling the
same. I desire the proceeds of the said ^{land} plantation
said, to be paying all necessary expenses of keeping up
said plantation to be appropriated to the support and education
of my two minor heirs Robert C. Dancy and Rebecca H. Dancy
and the balance of said proceeds to be divided among my executor
and executor. My heirs best for the benefit of all my heirs.
After the lapse of said five years and my executor and
executors shall find it to be in the interest of the heirs
of my land to sell the said plantation, then and at
that time I wish an equal distribution of all my prop-
erty both personal and real to be among my heirs.

Francis M. Dancy, Jacob C. Dancy, Mary E. Dancy, Martha
C. Dancy, Robert C. Dancy and Rebecca H. Dancy.

1. I wish express condition that the said plantation
shall remain in the hands of my said executor and executors
and may be the joint or of them as they may think proper for
the sole use of the said Francis M. Dancy.

I hereby permit
a to constitute and appoint my wife Matilda C. Dancy execu-
trix and my brother Daniel M. C. Dancy executor of this my
last will and testament here writing same with full power
and authority to manage my estate, collect money pay debts
sell or dispose of all my personal and real estate and receive suffi-
cient moneys and interest money in the purchase of lands or
negoties or other property, hereby releasing my said executor and
executors from giving bond and security for the performance of
their said trusts as such executors or executor. And it is
further my will and desire that my said executor and
executors should not be required to answer my returns to
the Probate or any other Court of this State or be required
to make any settlement with my Court, it to have any
impairment of my estate.

This witness my hand and seal
this 4th day of October 1861
one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

John C. Dancy



The foregoing instrument was hereby subscribed by John C. Dancy
by the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the
same time declared to be his last will and testament, and
we at his request signed our names here as attesting witnesses.

Thomas W. Hill Residing at Rebeoth Hicks Co. Ala.
William Langford Mearings County.

-Codiced to this will.

Whereas I John C. Dancy of Mearings County and State of
Alabama and on the 4th day of October 1861 made my last
will and testament of that date I do hereby declare this to be
a codicil to the same. I hereby authorize and empower
my said executor and executors jointly should any of them
decease to appoint an executor in their place in executing my
said will, or in case of their death that their executors may
do the executors of this my last will and testament.
Lastly, it is my will and desire that this my present codicil be
annexed and made a part of my last will and testament
to all intents and purposes. This witness my hand and
seal, this 4th day of October A.D. 1861.

John C. Dancy

The foregoing instrument was at the same time
declared to be by the testator John C. Dancy to be his
last will and testament and he then acknowledged
to me that he had subscribed the same and we then at
his request signed our names as attesting witnesses to
this Codicil.

Thomas W. Hill Residing at Rebeoth Hicks Co. Ala.
William Langford Mearings County.

In the Name of Good Heaven

I Joel Dixon of the County of
Macon State of Alabama being of sound mind and mem-
ory and in the enjoyment of reasonable health, taking into con-
sideration my age the uncertainty of the frail and
transitory life do therefore devise, ordain, publish and declare
this instrument to be my last will and testament,

That is to say First after all my lawfull debts are paid
and discharged the residue of my estate both real and
personal with all the profits, rents, issues and income
thereto acccumulating or becoming due I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Frances E. Dixon to have and to hold
the same during her natural life and to hold
the same during the same for the poor people of such
places and parishes as she shall think proper for the support
of herself and children. But in the event of her
death or marriage again it is my will and express desire
that said sum competent provision of maintenance be as provided
hereinafter of her the said Frances E. Dixon's children
and that she be and is hereby authorized to sell or dispose
of all the property both real and personal, stocks and the
profits issue and income thereof, and after advertising the
same a sufficient length of time shall sell at public
auction all the said estate and a credit of twelve months
the purchasers being required to give notes with sufficient
security and when said notes are paid to said
executrix she will be required to convey the same
to my good security and renewing the same every year
upon expiration of such security whatever amount out of the
same that may be necessary for the support education
and maintenance of the said children of Frances the
profits of our marriage. And as each of said children
grows up and because of age or marriage it shall be the
duty of the executrix to settle out of such things giving
such child its equal and equal part for time share at said
expenses and so on until all will have received
my bequeathed as is hereby.

I do hereby certify that I have
herein subscribed my name and affixed my seal this
the 27th day of October A.D. 1861.

Joel Dixon

Seal

It is upon
E. M. Vise
Frances E. Dixon

W

P.S. I omitted to state in the above my thing
in relation to some cattle, which of right be-
longing to my wife Frances. Her father having
given them to her at our marriage. Now it is my

will and desire in the event of her second marriage that she
have all or any part of the above cattle which may be in
her possession at the time of said marriage.

Joel Dixon

Seal

The testimony of E. M. Vise one of the subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing will of Joel Dixon deceased, taken in open
court and before me at the stated term of the probate Court held for
the County of Macon and State of Alabama on the 27th day
of April 1862, of the said E. M. Vise being first duly
sworn to upon and asked, "That he was present at or about
the 27th of October 1861 and saw Joel Dixon execute &
publish said instrument a his last will and testament
by signing or by acknowledging the same, that he
knew as Abner to be subscribed their names as wit-
nesses at the request of said testator and in his pres-
ence in the presence of each other and that the will
was read over to and in the hearing of said testator and
assented to or containing his wishes & wishes further
deposes that said testator was at the time of executing
said will of sound mind. He further says that said
Dixon was known to him for three or four years before
the execution of the will.

E. M. Vise.

The Jurors of the County of Macon and State
of Alabama have this my court well and do certify

First I appoint John A. Lane and W. J. Smith to
take my executors. I wish them to keep by themselves prop-
erty as far as may be necessary to carry out the further provisions
of this will & all all or any portion of my land or other prop-
erty to buy more land or other property by any time it be so
and as all other things they may think best for the interest of
my loving children & in consideration with other provisions
herein made.

2nd Having given my son Gen. A.
a portion of my estate and he being in much better
pecuniary circumstances than I can leave my other children
and also being his own master, I do not intend to
leave him any legacy. And when hereafter I see the
time my children he is not intended to be included.

3rd I give and bequeath to my nephew Abner Abner
under Abner the following negroes & land to wit
1 on my land and her son Abner (names not now
recalled) with their issue & income to have and to hold
the same to him and his heirs subject to the following
conditions to wit: If the said Abner should die
not leaving behind a wife or child or other legal claim

think that the above mentioned negroes and their issue shall remain to my other children mentioned as legatee in this will & be subject to the same conditions & provisions as the other property herein bequeathed to them.

4th I desire my executors to set apart to each of my children that may be of age at the time of my death and to each of the others as they may become of age or marry an equal portion of my estate, but Henry Stunglish having received a part of the property intended for him, the value of that part is to be deducted from the share the balance given him, & it is my further will and desire that in giving over to each of my daughters her portion of my property, my executors will not give me money to any one of them or rather for hundred dollars but will invest it in such security as they may think best for her interest. My object in this is a secure maintenance for them.

5th That portion of my property which may be set apart to my executors for each of my daughters together with what may remain hereafter at my death, I give to her for her separate use & benefit independent of her husband, during her lifetime & after her death to her children if she have any and if she have none living or any other descendant then it is to remain to my other children subject to the same conditions as one of the other portions to my estate.

6th I desire that my daughter Mary Jane have no upward or more to leave certain negroes to my daughters & to bequeath them all to my daughter Maria & Maria to divide a separation of negroes of my estate as follows: I give to Maria of such negroes as made her will & Maria to receive to Maria from Maria's portion of my estate and also a list of each of my other daughters an amount of property equal to their respective parts of the legacy left by me to them to Maria and she, & the party so given is to be subject to the same conditions as their original legacy.

7th I desire that my son in law Edward D. and his wife have charge of the education moral training of my children & for this purpose require my executors to provide for him annually a sufficient sum out of the proceeds of the property for their proper maintenance & education.

It is not my will however that each should be charged with separate accounts for their property & interest so far that respects the.

8th On further reflection I have concluded to give each of my daughters the right to dispose by will of some of her estate.

Witness my hand & Seal this 14th Nov 1858.
 In Presence of
 J. Sledge
 J. S. Lane
 J. Sledge
 J. Sledge

Probate Court, Harveys County, State of Oklahoma.
 At a Term held 3rd Monday and 20th day of January 1862.

In the Matter of
 Will of Dr. Stephen J. Sledge
 This day came on for hearing & probate the instrument here to appended & proposed for Probate & N.D. Sledge of the said county & State of Oklahoma being first duly sworn & deposed & says, "that he was present on or about the 14th day of November 1858, the day said will & certificate of said Alexander Sledge & said will, by signing & publishing the same as his last will and testament, that he and S. J. Sledge the said will abating, & receipts were presented & subscribed & their names as witnesses to said will at the request of said testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other, & present further states that said Alexander Sledge was at the time of executing said will of said & old passing mind and memory.

A. S. Lane

And upon said testimony subscribed in and out by said witnesses - he is added & that said will be received & recorded as the last will & testament of said Alexander Sledge decedent & that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

Charles A. Long, Judge

In the Name of God, Amen

I Elizabeth Jones of the County of Harveys & State of Oklahoma being of sound disposing mind & memory & conscious of the uncertainty of life and the calamity of death, do make & publish this my last will and testament to wit:

To my niece & adopted daughter Lucy Elizabeth King wife of Dr. J. S. King I give and bequeath the following named slaves, to wit: I own a woman named Jane aged about thirty years and six of her children, To wit: Callie aged 17 years, Corin aged 15 years, Pless aged 13 years, Fanny aged 11 years, May aged 10 years, Fanny's name is also a large bay horse with white on eye and a small black nose called Bessie. I also have a pair of two switch cows and one mare & near to be seen to by her, also six hundred dollars which is bequeathed to my daughter, J. S. Sledge who has departed this life and whose will was recently admitted to Probate in Harveys County, and of in the course of the said will bequeathed to my brother J. S. Sledge & while I should be able to any other money, effects or

Minority & until the youngest of my said Grand Children shall become of age. It is my will & desire that my said property shall remain in the hands of my executor hereinafter named in trust to be held and rented & if any rents to be looked out at interest & the rents, profits, & interest to be equally divided amongst my said Grand Children by my executor, but no part of said property or principle is to be paid or delivered to them until the youngest child shall become of age as above directed.

It is my will & desire that my son William Bette and I hereby charge & request him to see that all my old faithful servant Anna shall be well taken care of & provided for & made comfortable for the remainder of her days.

It is also my will & desire that my beloved woman Lucy shall be well treated & taken care of & allowed the full use of her time & property as near as possible & I charge my son William Bette to carry out the same as directed by my will.

I will and bequeath to my son William Bette my simple barrel shot gun & Powder &c. &c. as above.

I hereby ask you to witness the above & charge with the execution of my will.

I consider that I have written for given to my son Thomas Bette & Charles Bette full share of my property & I therefore desire nothing to this children by his will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal on this the 24th day of December A.D. 1861.

Thomas Bette
Seal

Signed, Sealed & Published in presence of

Thomas J. Howell
S. H. Hattwell

WMM

Thomas Bette being in public health, but of sound mind and understanding do hereby make and publish this codicil, in addition to his last will and testament. It is my will and desire that my said son William Bette shall take charge of my property & profits & remove the same to some suitable location. I remain of full age, with out being required to give any bond or security of any kind, after the being of a sufficient to see of my debts & liabilities & personal expenses as provided for in my will & if at any future time any of the legal heirs hereunto named in my will shall make application to the Court in order to get an order to require my

executor to enter into bond & security for the security & proper management of my estate, the Court may require such security if it thinks proper to do so. It also my will that my woman Lucy shall not be removed to the prison or against her own will and consent. The testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 24th day of December A.D. 1861.

In presence of
Thomas J. Howell
Elias Rogers

Thomas Bette
Seal

The State of Montana, Thomas J. Howell, of said State and County being in health and of the proper mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows to wit: It is my will and desire that my estate be kept together and managed as it has been done in my life time until all my debts are paid by my executors. And for that purpose I hereby give them full power so to do & if necessary fully authorize them to sell any of my property that they think best to pay my debts if the debts are insufficient for that purpose.

It is my will and desire that my family be supported out of the proceeds of the crops produced by my farm as they have heretofore been & that my children be educated for the same in such a manner as my wife may deem best or they the husband for her and her children & their education to be paid out of the proceeds of my farm & out of their respective shares or portions thereof as herein after given them.

It is my will and desire that as soon as my debts are paid that my children hereinafter named and such of my other children as may be married or arrived at the age of thirteenth shall have their respective portion or share of my property & I appoint them in accordance with the laws & customs of the State.

It is further my will that as any of my children may become of age after my death I am to be paid that such child's portion or share to them at the end of the year in which he shall marry or become

of age, we proceed in the 3rd item of my will.

Item 5th

My will that the portion of my Estate to which my Wife is entitled by law of which will be reserved to her under the proviso provision of my will being one fifth of my personal Estate, in however in the law shall be kept together under the 1st & 2nd items of my will until the last child shall marry or become of age, that she then hold the same in her own right during her natural life for her sole and separate use, & at her death the same be equally divided among my children, & it expressly matters that after all my debts are paid she is to use the proceeds of the same for her support & or the support & education of the children at her own discretion with out having to account for any portion thereof out of her share, but the same to be charged upon the joint funds of my Estate Item 6th

It is

I do hereby appoint my wife & my son in law James W. Moore executor & Executor of this my last will and testament in and comprising in them or either of them, if one should not see or should be full, come to do all things necessary to be done in carrying out the provisions of this my last will and testament & do further desire & request that no bond be required of them by the Court as Executors thereof

Thomas S. Hartly

signed & published in the presence of the Justices of each other this 1st day of November A.D. 1853.

Joseph Moore James W. Moore

Supreme Court Morgon, June Term 1860. The Petition of Dr. George George & James W. Moore. The subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who being first duly sworn in open Court, depose and say that personally saw and say that they were present & witnessed the execution of said will, the same having been witnessed & published by Thomas S. Hartly in their presence and by them the said witnesses subscribed as such in his presence & in the presence of each other on the day the same were dated, they further depose that said Thomas S. Hartly was at the time of executing said will of sane and disposing mind and memory.

Joseph Moore James W. Moore

And upon the foregoing testimony subscribed by said witnesses in open Court it is considered and ordered that said foregoing instrument in writing be received & filed & recorded as the last will & testament of said Thomas S. Hartly, Clerk of the Court, & that the same be read & entered thereon. Samuel S. Jones, Clerk

In the name of God Amen. Martha E. Jackson of the County of Lawrence & State of Alabama being in good health of body & of sound & disposing mind & memory & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength & capacity, do make and publish this my last will and testament solely resting & moving and all former wills by me made at any time here before. And first & principally I do commit my soul to the hands of my Creator who gave it & my body to its Mother earth to interred in a decent & Christian like manner. As to such worldly Estate as I do hereunto see to intertrust me I do dispose of the same as follows. First I do give that at my death my whole personal Estate may be collected all debts demanded, that they be at that time paid me. That all great debts for which my estate is in debt be repaid & be paid by my executor. Secondly I will & bequeath all my personal Estate save in certain negroes, horses, cattle the dogs household & kitchen furniture farming tools and all other things of value whether herein specified or not subject however to the following provisions herein contained to wit: I should I have any legal heirs of my own say then one half of my entire Estate by sales here to be held by my said husband in trust for said heirs or heirs until the arrive at full age or majority. But if I should not have any heir or heirs of my body or after said time the whole of said personal Estate to go to my said husband. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my said husband Executor & I do know the execution of this my last will & testament. A.D. 17th 1852.

Martha E. Jackson

W. H. Thomas J. P. B. Thomas J. P. B. Jackson

The State of Alabama Morgon City. In the name of God Amen. Martha E. Jackson of the County of Lawrence & State of Alabama being in good health of body & of sound & disposing mind & memory & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength & capacity, do make and publish this my last will and testament solely resting & moving and all former wills by me made at any time here before. And first & principally I do commit my soul to the hands of my Creator who gave it & my body to its Mother earth to interred in a decent & Christian like manner. As to such worldly Estate as I do hereunto see to intertrust me I do dispose of the same as follows. First I do give that at my death my whole personal Estate may be collected all debts demanded, that they be at that time paid me. That all great debts for which my estate is in debt be repaid & be paid by my executor. Secondly I will & bequeath all my personal Estate save in certain negroes, horses, cattle the dogs household & kitchen furniture farming tools and all other things of value whether herein specified or not subject however to the following provisions herein contained to wit: I should I have any legal heirs of my own say then one half of my entire Estate by sales here to be held by my said husband in trust for said heirs or heirs until the arrive at full age or majority. But if I should not have any heir or heirs of my body or after said time the whole of said personal Estate to go to my said husband. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my said husband Executor & I do know the execution of this my last will & testament. A.D. 17th 1852.

Martha E. Jackson

And upon the foregoing testimony subscribed by said witnesses in open Court it is considered and ordered that said foregoing instrument in writing be received & filed & recorded as the last will & testament of said Martha E. Jackson, Clerk of the Court, & that the same be read & entered thereon. Samuel S. Jones, Clerk

be appointed guardian ad litem for said minor of the
 said Robert Boothman now here comes & in open court
 accepts said appointment & promises further to take & in
 matters of said Mrs. present said Probate is now said
 of W. B. Boucanel, one of the subscribing witnesses
 to said will being duly sworn deposes & states, that
 he was present on the day same bears date & saw
 the same executed by said Martha E. Jackson &
 that he & the other subscribing witness W. B. Boucanel
 subscribed their names on or near as at the request
 of said testatrix & in her presence & in the pres-
 ence of each other. He further says that said will
 was read over to said testatrix & approved by her & she
 was at the time of same and dies having sound mind
 memory

W. B. Boucanel

And upon the testimony of said witness subscri-
 bed by him in open court, It is ordered by the
 court that said instrument be recorded as the
 last will and testament of said Martha E. Jack-
 son deceased & that after testamentary be granted
 thereon

James A. Young (Judge, &c.)

In the name of God
 Amen & I follow

Booger in the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of
 sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of
 this frail & transitory life do therefore make certain
 and declare this to be my last will & testament that in
 the first my debts and lawful debts are paid & discharged
 the residue of my whole estate & personal I give be-
 queath & dispose of as follows to wit. To my beloved wife
 my entire Estate both real & personal during her widow-
 hood to have & to use as her necessities require but provided
 she should marry she will retain with all her right all
 of claims & said Estate, & it shall be divided as follows to
 wit. My daughter Mary five hundred Dollars, my son
 John five Dollars, William Robert five Dollars, Jacob five
 Dollars, Sarah five Dollars, to my son William Henry
 two hundred Dollars to my son John Wesley one
 hundred Dollars, all the balance to be equally divided
 between Ann & Elizabeth & I have signed my name the 21st
 day of February one thousand eight hundred & sixty

William Booger

Seal

The above written instrument was sealed subscribed by the said
 William Booger & acknowledged to be his last will in
 my presence & me at the testatrix request. We signed our
 names & affixed our seals on the day & year above writ-
 ten at Marengo Ala. This April 15th 1860

James W. Cunningham Seal

James W. Padgett Seal

A. J. Etheridge Seal

The testimony of A. J. Etheridge one of the sub-
 scribing witnesses taken in open court before the
 Probate Court of Marengo County at a term thereof
 held the 7th day of January 1861, the said witness
 being first duly sworn who deposes and says that he
 was present on or about the day of the date of said
 will & heard said William Booger acknowledge
 and publish the same as his last will and
 testament that he saw the same on the witness
 did the other witnesses James W. Cunningham & John
 W. Padgett at the request & in the presence of
 said William Booger & all in the presence
 of each other that he heard said will read over
 to said Booger & that said Booger was sitting up
 at the time & was of sound mind & his posing mind
 memory at the time of executing said will

A. J. Etheridge

Probate Court Marengo County held the 7th day
 of January 1861 It is ordered by the Court
 that upon the foregoing testimony of A. J. Ether-
 idge subscribed in open court by him, the
 foregoing instrument be received & recorded as
 the last will & testament of William Booger
 deceased

James A. Young Judge &c.