

There is really no doubt after he got true the testator
 still, how he wanted it will be 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 mind
 at the time & that he had known him about ten years,
 (Mills & Phelps)

Dr. Abernathy being sworn as a witness for the
 Probate, says that he is a practicing Physician and
 attended Mr. Wm. Hudson at the time when the will was
 made about March 1861. That Dr. Dixon was present and
 was anxious to get Mr. Hudson to make a will, that he suggested
 him to make that he, witness interposed & remonstrated with
 Mr. Dixon, heard Dixon say Mr. Hudson ought to make will some
 of his property & 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.

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 Clerk)

M. C. Phelps J. pro
 H. C. Phelps J. pro
 J. C. Abernathy J. pro

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

Mr. Louisiana Manning dec'd. In this case an instrument of
 writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs.
 Louisiana Manning late of said County, deceased, bearing date
 23rd day of January 1861, and attested by N. J. Adams and W. S. Matthews
 as subscribing witnesses having been filed on record and it appearing
 that said Louisiana Manning died leaving a husband John J. Manning
 who resided in said Marengo County and the following named
 next of kin who are her at her death, her brothers & sisters
 J. C. Thompson who resides in said County of Marengo & H. C. A. Thompson who resides in the State of Texas and her sister & nephew
 Bassett who resides in Madison County in the State of Alabama
 and her nephew John J. Thompson who resides in Mobile
 Alabama and Walter Thompson residing in Montgomery Texas
 children of John Thompson deceased and Louisiana 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 so
 that notice of the time and place of taking said Probate be given by
 citation to be done on said 2nd Monday next in the State of Alabama
 Mills Thompson and Joseph Bassett who reside in the State of Alabama
 and by publication for three successive weeks in the Eastern Journal
 News paper that said non-resident at law may appear and contest the said
 will if they think proper. Made 21st March 1861. James A. Young Judge

Citation The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County March Term A.D. 1861
 To my 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. Judges of the Probate Court at a Court
 to be holden in Laiden for the County of Marengo on the
 2nd Monday of April 1861 and show cause if any he has why
 a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will
 & Testament of Mrs. Louisiana Manning dec'd. should not be
 admitted to probate as such. Return fail not and have you
 there & there this Citation with your endorsement there on
 Witness, James A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office, this 2nd day
 of March 1861 and in 10th year of the Independence of the United States
 (James A. Young Clerk)
 Given under my Office Seal 21st March 1861
 Mills Thompson not found in my County, March 18th 1861
 James A. Young Sheriff
 By Emma Salena ss

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County March Term A.D. 1861
 To my 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
 appear before the Hon. Judges of the Probate Court
 at a Court to be holden in Laiden for the County of
 Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and show
 cause if he has why a certain instrument purporting
 to be the last will & Testament of Mrs. Louisiana Manning
 dec'd. bearing date the 23rd January 1861 should not
 be admitted to probate as such. Return fail not and
 have you there & there this Citation with your endorsement
 there on
 Witness, J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 2nd day
 of March 1861 and in 10th year of the Independence of the United States
 (James A. Young Clerk)
 Given under my Office Seal 21st March 1861
 I acknowledge service of within Citation J. C. Thompson
 March 18th 1861

The State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County February Term A.D. 1861
 To my Sheriff of the State of Alabama
 Greeting, You are hereby commanded without delay to cite
 J. C. Thompson if to be found in your County to be and
 appear before the Hon. Judges of the Probate Court at a
 Court to be holden in Laiden for the County of Marengo

503. on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and from hence if any he have why a certain instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Louisa M. Manning dec. dated 25th Jan'y 1861 should not be admitted to Probate as such but will be, herein fail not; and have you then and then this Citation with your attendance thereon. Witness I J. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 9th day Mar 1861 and in the 88th year of the Independence of the United States.
 Executed 9th day July 1861
 Executed Mar 1st 1861. J. P. Chalmers off.
 James H. Young
 Clerk

State of Alabama Probate Court
 Marengo County May Term 1861

Ex parte of Mrs Louisa M. Manning. In this case it is ordered by the Court that Henry Atwood Esq. be appointed guardian ad litem for Louisa M. Manning, Elvira Thompson, and Martha Thompson Minors, Abner Thompson deceased, to represent them in the matter of the Probate of the will of said Louisa M. Manning deceased from pending in this Court.

In the Matter of the Probate of the will of Marengo County Court May Term 1861
 Mrs Louisa M. Manning dec.

The undersigned appointed by said Court Guardian ad litem for Louisa M. Manning & Martha Thompson Minors and heirs at law of said Louisa M. Manning deceased to defend their interest on the hearing of the application for the Probate of said pretended Will. Comes into Court and hereby accepts said appointment and for answer for and in behalf of said Minors, says that he denies 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 fact necessary to make the same legal.

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

Will 3. I, Louisa Manning wife of R. J. Manning do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament as follows:

1st I give and bequeath to my brother Darius S. P. Thompson my Negro Woman Maria and her two youngest Children named William & Mary, Minors, provided my brother Darius S. 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 Darius S. 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 Darius S. 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 Darius S. P. Thompson a white Girl named Sophy about 16 years of age.
 2nd To my husband Abner J. Manning I give and bequeath Negro

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

3rd To the Children of my brother Abner 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 6 years old, and Dany, about 4 years old, and also I give a Woman about 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 25th day July 1861.

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

Witness by me as attorney retained in the presence of each other and in the presence of Mrs Manning the having first read this in our presence July 10th 1861.
 Filed July 11th 1861 by
 J. P. Young, James H. Young, H. A. Woolf, H. J. Thomas, H. J. Matthews

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama
 In the Matter of the Probate of the last will & Testament of Mrs Louisa Manning dec. 3rd Monday 3rd day May 1861.

This day came in before me the Probate of the instrument heretofore proposed as the last will & Testament of Mrs Louisa Manning and it appearing that few if any 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 Manning who reside in the State of Alabama and that notice has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Indian Jeffersonian a Newspaper published in said County for the New Resident West of him to appear & contest, and it further appearing that Wm. Thompson one of the next of kin of said deceased to whom a Citation was issued & returned not found, is also a nonresident. Now this day came before me J. Manning by Attorney also Louisa Manning Elvira Thompson & Martha Thompson Minors by H. A. Woolf Esq. their Guardian ad litem and H. J. Thomas one of the undersigned witnesses to said will being first duly sworn before me and saying that he was present on the day the same bears date, and that Mrs Louisa Manning being foolish and declares said instrument as her last will & Testament that he and H. J. Thomas the other undersigned

Witness signed the same as witnesses at the signing and in the presence of said testator in the presence of each other, the further testifies that said testator was at the time of the execution of said will of sane and disposing mind & memory & was fully advised of the contents of said will.

And upon testimony of said J. T. Farmer taken in open court & reduced to writing & dep. 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.

James A. Young Judge

Admitted to probate May 13th 1861

Order 3

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

The petitioners of Richard 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 26th day of April 18th 1859 seized & possessed of real & personal property Estate 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 his lifetime his widow Susan M. Williams who reside in said County and the following children heirs at law to wit Richard M. Williams Martha Rebecca wife of Asa Christian Edmund St. Cleveland the wife of Jeremiah Cleveland Rebecca Cleveland one of three children of Asa Christian, Mary M. Williams, George M. Williams & Benjamin M. Williams all of whom are of full age or married persons except Mary M. Williams, George M. Williams and Benjamin M. Williams who are minors and all of whom reside in Hancock County Alabama except Edmund M. Williams and his husband Rebecca Cleveland the husband who reside in the County of Clark in said State that Mrs. M. Williams, George M. Williams, the only of said heirs at law under the age of fourteen years that they are in the custody of their mother the said Susan M. Williams in said County of Hancock in consideration of which your petitioners pray that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition & that such order be made as such notice and process be issued in the premises as are required by law in such cases & that said instrument may be admitted to Probate and record in your Hon. Court & that letters testamentary may be granted to said Susan M. Williams as and duly bound as will and pray.

James A. Young Judge

Estate of Richard M. Williams Deceased

Probate Court held the 14th day of May 1861 526

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

James A. Young

The State of Alabama Probate Court Hancock County May Term 1861

Citation

Et Aug. Sheriff of the State of Alabama... Shewing You are hereby commanded without delay to cite John G. Williams and Benjamin M. Williams minors in the custody of their Mother Susan M. 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 said County for the County of Hancock on the 2nd Monday of June 1861 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 and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon Return & appear at said Court at office this 14th day of May 1861 and in so doing to the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young

Given under my hand May 1861
and in full May 1861 J. A. Young Clerk

The State of Alabama Probate Court Hancock County May Term 1861

Citation

Et Aug. Sheriff of the State of Alabama... Shewing You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Susan M. Williams & Benjamin M. Williams minors in the custody of their Mother Susan M. 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 said County for the County of Hancock on the 2nd Monday of June 1861 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 and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon Return & appear at said Court at office this 14th day of May 1861 and in so doing to the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young

Given under my hand May 1861
and in full May 1861 J. A. Young Clerk

The State of Alabama Probate Court Hancock County May Term 1861

Et Aug. Sheriff of the State of Alabama... Shewing

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Witness signed the same as witnesses at the signing and in the presence of said testator and 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

J. T. Foxman

And upon testimony of said J. T. Foxman taken in a law court & reduced to writing & signed by him as appears above It is ordered & decreed that said instrument be recorded and recorded as the last will and testament of said Louisiane Manning & that letters testamentary issue thereon.

Admitted to practice 2 May 13th 1881

Anna, Alfred & George

Order 3

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

The petitioners of said
 M. Williams & Ann G. Mellers respectfully sheweth to your
 Honor that John G. Williams late of said County deceased
 affected this life in said County on or about the 30 day of
 April 1846, 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 hitherto assumed as part of this application
 exhibited instrument is now proposed to said Court
 by the Petitioners who are therein 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
 died leaving him surviving his widow Fanny G. Williams
 who resides in said County and the following children
 heirs at law to wit, Edward M. Williams, Whether B. Church
 wife of Asa Christian, Edmund L. Cleveland the wife of
 Jeremiah Cleveland, Rebecca J. Cleveland wife of George
 Cleveland, Mary M. Williams, George Williams, H. Williams
 & Benjamin L. Williams all of whom are of full age or
 of lawful age except George Williams, Mary M. Williams
 (the B. Williams) and Benjamin L. Williams who are minors and
 all of whom reside in Meruys County, Minnesota except
 Edmund L. Cleveland & his husband & Rebecca Cleveland the
 husband who reside in the County of Clark in said State,
 that John G. Williams, & B. Williams, are the only of his heirs
 at law under the age of fifteen years & that they are in the
 custody of their mother the said Fanny Williams in said County
 of Meruys in consideration of which your petitioners pray
 that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this
 petition & that such order be made such notice be given
 be issued in the premises as are required by law in such
 cases & that said instrument may be admitted to Probate and
 record in your Hon. Court & that all other testimony may be granted to
 said petitioners & be and duly sworn to in and for...

Teste of
M^r. J. Williams
Dicandia

Exhib. A
No. 11
Deceased
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Probate Court held the 14th day of May 1868
This day came Richard W. Williams, attorney at law,
and presented for probate a certain instrument in writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of M. H. Williams deceased
and it appearing that said M. H. Williams was at the time of his death a
resident of Morgan County in the State of Nebraska, It is ordered by the
Court that said instrument be set for probate at the stated term of the Court
to be holden on Monday in August next and that Orders issue to that effect
it was moved in this petition of the defendant, J. A. Young

The Special Abraham
Morgan Family

The State of Alabama Probate Court
Marriage Certificate } May Term 1866
} At my Sheriff of the State of Alabama...
You are hereby commanded without delay to cite John P. Williams
and Benjamin F. Williams Minors in the Custody of their Mother Mary
F. Williams if to be found in your County to be and appear before
the Prob. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Tusculum
for the County of Macon on the 7th Monday of June 1866 and
show cause why they have only a certain instrument in writing
as bounded by Richard M. Williams & Oliver Sellers as the last title
not obtained by J. P. Williams deceased should not be acceded to
probate as such last will, Executed not and here you there are
there this citation with your endorsement thence
Return. A copy of Clerk's writ sent at Office this 10th day of May 1866
and in 807 you to the Independence of the United States
J. W. Jones

2nd day May 1861

wrote in full May 18th & 20th Jackson MS.

The State of Alabama
Harris County

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Harris County } May Term, 1861.
 } Early March of the State of Alabama... Entering.

Citation
You are hereby summoned without delay to take Mrs. George
J. Williams, widow of J. G. Williams, deceased, to take sworn
in your County to be and appear before the Probate Court
at a Court to be holden in Eufaula for the State
of Alabama, on the 2nd Monday of June 1861, and that cause of
being the same why a certain instrument proffered for probate
by William J. Williams & Richard M. Williams, as the last will and
testament of J. G. Williams deceased, should not be admitted to
probate as such last will and test. Witness my hand and seal
this 1st day of May 1861 and in the presence of the undersigned
John D. Spring, Clerk of said Court at office this 1st day
of May 1861 and in the presence of the Independence of the United
States.

Issued 14th May 1861.

Received May 15th 1861. J. W. Macmillan

State of Alabama
Hartley County

State of Alabama } Robt. Court. May Term 1854
Hendry County } At any time of the State of Alabama
You are hereby recommended without delay to take this

There should be any money left I want it divided equally among my surviving heirs except my daughter M. Williams & her husband and my wife Nancy Williams, and I have substituted and appointed as my Executor to this my last will and Testament Allen L. Waller and my son R. M. Williams as I have confidence in their integrity & ability to attend to duties and believe that they will do their duty and hereby do make and publish this as my last will & Testament on the twenty-first day of April A.D. 1857 at eight hours and sixty one.

John L. Williams
By the undersigned subscribed witnesses hereby certify that we saw John L. Williams sign the foregoing and that he declared the same to be his last will & Testament & we assign the same as witnesses at his request and in the presence of each other on April 21st. A.D. 1857.

We also certify that the above instrument was written on second page between the 14th & 15th lines, describing locality of land & also between 16th & 17th lines, and on 2nd page, and on 3rd page, and before being signed by Testator.

The State of Alabama Maricopa County.
In the Matter of the Estate of the Will of John L. Williams, deceased.

This day came John L. Williams, the defendant & likewise came the Minor heirs at law of John L. Williams by C. H. Brown Esq. their Guardian ad litem and the Estate of the Will of the said John L. Williams in to be heard. It appears that all the heirs at law have had the due notice of the time of taking said Probate and said L. Estate and said J. L. Williams. The undersigned witnesses to said will being first duly sworn depose & state severally that they were present on or about the 1st day of April 1857, the day said instrument was made, saw date & saw the same executed by John L. Williams, who subscribed & published the same as his last will & Testament, that they severally subscribed the same in the presence and at the request of said Testator in the presence of each other. They further state that said will was read over in the hearing of the Testator and that he was at the time of same & dispassionately & knowingly. They further state they are regular Testators.

And upon the foregoing testimony of the subscribing witnesses to said will signed by them in their Court it appearing that said will was legally and properly executed, it is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that the same be admitted & recorded as the last will & Testament of said John L. Williams and that all his testamentary be granted thereon.

Amended June 10th 1857
J. A. Young, Judge

The State of Alabama Maricopa County. In the Court of said County.

The petition of James R. Cook respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late Stephen D. Cook who was an inhabitant of the County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 30th day of September A.D. 1857 in Perry County Alabama leaving a last will & Testament duly signed & published by him and attested by J. C. Stoddard R. M. Rodden & J. B. McCarty who reside in this County in which your petitioners or he verily believes is named as Executor thereof which said will wherein provided that your Honor and proposed for probate and recording in this Court. Your petitioners further state that the widow of said deceased is Mrs. J. Cook who resides in this County and that the next and only heir at law of him of legal age and his children Mary, Samuel, George & John & his father who are infants under the age of fourteen years and reside with and are in the custody of their mother the said Cook Cook in this County. In consideration

of all which your petitioners pray that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter in this petition, that said probate may be issued & being in this subscribing witnesses or such appointed day that due notice of this application may be given to the said widow and next of kin of said deceased and that such other proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due Probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound your petitioners will not fail to pray for
J. R. Cook & J. B. McCarty
Attorneys for Petitioners
this 1st day of Feb. 1857

Attorneys The State of Alabama Maricopa County. In the Court of said County.

You are hereby requested without delay to cite Mrs. Rebecca D. Cook & her heirs in your County to be and appear before the Court Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in said County for the County of Maricopa on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1857 that they certify upon the hearing of the petition of James R. Cook for the probate of an instrument purported to be his last will & Testament of Stephen D. Cook deceased & should not be granted herein in said Court and have your heirs & theirs this citation with your evidence at the Court at Office this 1st day of March 1857 and on the 2nd day of the Independence of the United States. J. A. Young Judge
Executed & recorded this 1st day of March 1857
J. A. Young, Judge

In the name of God Amen! I, John C. Murrell of the County of Marengo & the State of Alabama do hereby make and publish this my last will & testament as follows to wit:
It is my will that I be decently interred & that such suitable monument or monument 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 after my decease, & insofar that I suppose my executor hereinafter named 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 my will had 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 estate as she may choose. Item 4. It is my will that for and to the value of

Dollars, Rent of and allotted for such time as it may become necessary to make a division of my estate for the use of my son Green Berry Lewis, and I do hereby devise & devise said property when the same shall be set off and allotted to my said wife, I do not however for the use maintain & support of my son Green Berry during his natural life & at his death it is my will & I do hereby further bequeath & devise said property as bequeathed to a for and to my said wife, to transfer over to my other children then living & to the descendants of such of them (if any) and may be that to be turned by them in such form & in the same manner 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 devised & bequeathed to my said wife & the said portion herein before bequeathed & devised for the use & support of my son Green Berry be equally divided among the remainder of my children who may be living at the time of making such division, the descendants of such children as may then be dead, said descendant 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 & maintenance & 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 sold, the trust for the use of my said son Owen Lewis & his heirs & children or children if any be living at the time of his death & if the said Owen Lewis have no child or children then I further devise & bequeath said property to my other children except the wife of my son

John C. Murrell of the County of Marengo & the State of Alabama do hereby make and publish this my last will & testament as follows to wit:
It is my will that I be decently interred & that such suitable monument or monument 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 after my decease, & insofar that I suppose my executor hereinafter named 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 my will had 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 estate as she may choose. Item 4. It is my will that for and to the value of Dollars, Rent of and allotted for such time as it may become necessary to make a division of my estate for the use of my son Green Berry Lewis, and I do hereby devise & devise said property when the same shall be set off and allotted to my said wife, I do not however for the use maintain & support of my son Green Berry during his natural life & at his death it is my will & I do hereby further bequeath & devise said property as bequeathed to a for and to my said wife, to transfer over to my other children then living & to the descendants of such of them (if any) and may be that to be turned by them in such form & in the same manner 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 devised & bequeathed to my said wife & the said portion herein before bequeathed & devised for the use & support of my son Green Berry be equally divided among the remainder of my children who may be living at the time of making such division, the descendants of such children as may then be dead, said descendant 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 & maintenance & 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 sold, the trust for the use of my said son Owen Lewis & his heirs & children or children if any be living at the time of his death & if the said Owen Lewis have no child or children then I further devise & bequeath said property to my other children except the wife of my son

who may then be living & to the descendants then living of such of them (if any) as may be dead & passed by them according to the law of descent now in force in the State of Alabama. It is my will that my said wife Sarah C. Lewis shall deem it safe or expedient to permit my said son Owen to take possession control or management of the share so bequeathed 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 said share & management to herself as trustee aforesaid. Item 6. It is my will and I do hereby desire that my home place whereupon I now reside with my family & all the lands & improvements attached thereto with all the household & kitchen furniture plate, horses, Cattle, hogs & every thing else I own & have & possess by me in my lifetime for the comfort & convenience & enjoyment of my wife & family, be still 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 against it, without my executor hereafter named including such household effects in her inventory of my estate. Item 7. It is further my will & desire & I do hereby direct that my two places in the County of Lewis now cultivated by me & known as the upper place near the town of Greenville place & the lower place near the ferry place by me on the east side of the river & cultivated by me as a part of said ferry place be kept up & cultivated, that all my slaves except those kept for home servants be kept together on said ferry or town place & named & 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 & town place if the same can be done without injury to my estate & for the purpose of increasing my estate & increasing the income of my said 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 County aforesaid known as the Boykin place, & for the purpose of enabling my executor to carry out the objects fully specified in this will I do hereby invest in her so & exclusively aforesaid all such titles as may be necessary to effect the same with or in any manner requiring the intervention 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 in discretion to be kept & used in this town & on the farm & division of estate to be chosen & become necessary or 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 untill they shall respectively attain
the age of twenty one years or marry, & that they shall
untill such contingencies happen live in common & in
the same style & manner they lived during my lifetime
& that my executrix shall not be required to keep separ-
ate accounts with them 9. It is further my will & I desire
that all my estate not directed to be sold be kept together
& worked in common untill 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 in or her share to be set off
or allotted The share of such in the same shall 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 shall on the happening of
such contingencies as above provided shall be set
off & allotted Item 10. It is further my will that
the sum of \$5000 shall

be paid by my executrix to each one of the above named
children at the time of setting off will
alloting his or her share of the same as is in Item No.
9 directed & provided for Item 11. It is my will that if
any of my children named or specified in Item 9
should die before his or her share of the property shall
be allotted to him or her with out leaving issue living
at that time then his or her share of said estate shall
shall remain & shall be divided among my other
children named & specified in said Item No. 9 (same)
Item 12. It is my will that all the land & woods
situated to be kept together & cultivated till be
kept & cultivated untill my youngest child
shall have attained the age of twenty one &
Marion & in the event any of my children shall
have predeceased & kept his or her portion of the same
together on said plantation said land shall be
kept & cultivated untill such one of my said
children shall have taken off his or her share
of said estate 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 & directed to be kept together untill 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 said son ^{Said son} Owen to be vested in
my said wife as trustee afore said & to be used & to be
used as provided in Item 14. I hereby clothe my execu-
trix with full power to sell my crop of cotton & to provide
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 courts. I for the purpose of exe-
cuting this my will I do hereby vest in her all such
little authority shown as may be necessary fully &
completely as I could do myself if living.

Item 15. I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife
my executrix 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 & more particularly in settling
the estate of the intestates & my kin places and in the
purchase of other lands to be attached to and be left
together to consult and advise with me or two of
such of her friends as she deems to be prudent &
sensible in the management of their own affairs
In Testimony where of I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this the day of Feb.
1866

Signed, sealed & published in our presence
I, _____ a competent and by my seal
of more fully explaining my intention
than the enclosed there as follows. It is my will
that all the land & woods & particularly my
land be kept together & that in division
shall be made of my children & come of age
or married & that my wife shall have her share
of the land. The private of retaining the
house & accounts as a fair and reasonable calculation
It is further my will that she have the privilege 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 Mary
Lewis) & is further my will & I desire that in case
the Kentucky place & my kin place, or either
of them be sold that the lands worked there be
divided & sold as the Greenberry & my
place. It is further my will that when any
of my children shall have received his or her
share of the estate or soon after we come
into the or she shall have the sum of three
thousand dollars paid or given to him
or her by my said executrix 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 H. Smith
Joseph Moore
Wm. S. Gilmore
Aurthur McKewin



The State of Alabama & know all men by these
Ebareago County presents that I Mary
Kenton of the County & State aforesaid do hereby make
public and declare this my last will & testament
as follows. I will & bequeath to my beloved
child Sarah Rhoads three my negro woman
Abelison Amaker with John to get her into the future
increase of Sarah Rhoads. Also a note for the
sum of one hundred dollars which I hold upon or
the estate of John H. Moore deceased, which I
will on case now be recollecting some time in Oct.
A.D. 1851. 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 Rhoads
to have and full disposal of the way she may please
It is further my will & desire that the said
Sarah Rhoads three shall be supported 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 por-
tion 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 & Rhoads three is completed then I desire
that the line of said negro woman Melinda to
be applied or appropriated for that purpose also
I hereby appoint Thomas H. Wolf executor of this my
last will & testament Dated 30th A.D. 1852.
The words "supported and"
interlined before signing

Witness M. Wolf
Mary Kenton

I hereby waive notice of the filling of the foregoing
will of Mary Kenton for Probate & consent for the Pro-
bate of the same to be taken at the time 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 Kenton Dec.
This day came on for Probate the last will of Mary Kenton
late of Murray County deceased, heretofore pronounced for Probate & it
appearing that Mrs. Elizabeth Moore was in the sole heir at law of
said testatrix, who had no claim notice of the time of the probate
said Probate & Wm. Thompson & Wolf one of the subscribing
witnesses to said will being first duly sworn depose & say
"that he was present on the day said will was made & saw the
same executed by the said Mary Kenton & that he & the other
subscribing witnesses saw the same so witnessed in the pres-
ence of at the request of said testatrix & in the presence
of each other he further depose & say that said testatrix
today was at the time of said & depose & say in every

W. Wolf

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

James T. King
Judge Probate

I, Algernon Sydney Langham of the County of Murray
State of Georgia do hereby declare this my last will & testament
as follows. After the payment of all my debts and funeral
expenses I give & bequeath to my wife Mary Susan Langham all
my property real and personal to be sold and
be enjoyed by her so long as she may remain unmarried & as
from the proceeds of said sale and income thereof she is to maintain
my children & maintain and support the boys until
they attain the age of majority and the girls so long as
they remain unmarried, and I make this support & main-
tenance of my children a charge upon the said
estate so as to be paid and bequeathed to her.
I here appoint my wife Mary again then & she is to have
and take and said estate in full portion thereof to
be sold & repaid in case, and the remainder of the prop-
erty shall be divided equally among my three living
sons & should my wife not be my again it is my will
I wish 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 seem proper. And also during her lifetime 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 & trusts of this will. I do hereby appoint my wife the executrix of this my will. In & I desire since that she may not be required to give security on her qualification as such executrix.

In witness of this is my hand and seal
here I sign my name on the 9th day of November, 1860.

A. S. Vaughan.

He, the undersigned, have been deposed by G. W. Vaughan to sign our names to the paper as his last will & testament as attesting witnesses thereto. The said Vaughan having signed the same in and to- once and we now subscribe our names corroborative in his presence and in the presence of each other, & do this the 9th day of November 1860.

H. E. Jones
J. S. Jackson.

The State of Alabama, In the Probate Court of Shelby County, Sherrills County, held the 16th day of October 1861.
Judge Spring presiding.
And whereas before this day came up for probate the within instrument heretofore procured 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 at the petition of said A. S. Vaughan, and that the said A. S. Vaughan for more than ten days previous to the time at which said probate was set and that the probate of said will has been continued for said term regularly, regularly, & the present term for sufficient cause and it being further shown that H. E. Jones and J. S. Jackson the attesting witnesses to said will are not within the jurisdiction of the court and that their testimony cannot now be procured and the said A. S. Vaughan was here first appearing to prove said will in common form and being duly sworn in this court states that said instrument as procured by her as aforesaid is the last will and testament of Algernon S. Vaughan and was duly executed by him on the day the same bears date he being at the time of same & of full age, sound mind and memory and that said witnesses attested said will in the presence and at the request of said A. S. Vaughan and in the presence of each other, & do this the 16th day of October 1861.

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 A. S. Vaughan and upon the further testimony of said H. E. Jones, respectively subscribed by them in open court. It is ordered that said instrument so procured as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said Algernon Vaughan deceased.

James H. Young Judge

State of Alabama,
Monroe County.

In the name of God, Amen!
I, David G. Smith of the county and State aforesaid being of sound mind, &c. and do hereby make for the same, but of full age, do hereby make and publish this 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 (I)

It is my will that all my just debts be paid, Item 3. To my son Malachi Lewis and Hannah one share or one-third of the above amount of the sum of four hundred and forty nine dollars and the amount of his account [marked H. 1] and also an amount of ten dollars which when added to the above amount of nine hundred dollars and three hundred dollars more on 20th of the sum equal to one seventh of my estate not other wise bequeathed of which I may die possessed.

Item 4. I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis the sum of four hundred and seventy seven dollars, the amount of his account [marked H. 2] and also an amount which added to the above amount of \$477⁵⁰ may constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not other wise bequeathed 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 H. 3] and also the amount which added to the above amount of \$477⁵⁰ will constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed and also 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 dispose and also and also the sum of one hundred Dollars, over and above the amount of one seventh.

To my daughter Jane & Edgar I give the sum of five hundred dollars and also an amount which added to the sum of \$500⁰⁰ I shall constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed not otherwise willbed

Edw Gth

To my dear sister Harriett - who inter-
marries with Oliver W. Grayson I give and bequeath to her
the lovefull kiss of her brother an amount equal to one sev-
enth of my Estate, not otherwise willed, of which I may die
suspended.
I am 10th.

To my daughter Sarah: £ 200.00 in money
one with John Lykes & to the lawful officer to give & separate the sum of one hundred
Dollars and also an amount which added to the above amount £ 100.00 shall
be to her a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not otherwise willed of which
I may be possessed
Thurs 11th

It is my will & desire that the several amounts as before stated against my sons Nathaniel, Calvin & Thos. B. & my daughter Jane & Eliza & Sarah & Tylos be charged ^{thru} as a portion of my estate, And that my daughter Charlotte is to have one hundred & dollar more than either of the rest of my heirs in that her portion of Estate be put in trust with Oliver W. Grayson until at or about to be equally divided with all my sons and daughters except & Thos. B. & Jane.

New 12th

in law Oliver W. Grayson & my friend Henry D. Baxter
as my executor & this my last will come to term. The to come
by I should have perhaps set my hands since & fixed my seal
This the 2nd day of August 4th D. 1857.

Daniel Curtis.

21st Harris
J. P. 1900
Richard Small

Probate Court Murray County
June Term 1860

This day evening we had the Probate of the will of Daniel Curtis Clerk, now gone, pronounced for Probate, and it appearing that Notice of the time and place of taking said Probate had been given by Circulars to the heirs of said deceased residing in the State of Maine by publications for three successive weeks in the Lincoln Jefferson Town and News paper for the New Richmond town & parish of Crenshaw N. Agee & Rebecca Small being first duly sworn in open Court, they being subscribers witnesses to the said will pronounced by the aforesaid. Before and say that they were present on the day said will was read and said Daniel Curtis executed said will by signing and declaring said 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 signed their names at the request of said testator & in his presence and in the presence of each other. They further say that said Daniel Curtilis was at the time of executing said will of said & disposing mind & sound
any

St Regu. Richard Small

And upon the testimony of said witnesses as aforesaid
above and subscribed by said witnesses in open Court. It is
ordered by the Court that said instrument so prepared as
aforesaid be recorded & remaining as the last will & testament of
said Carol O. Wiles deceased & that letters testamentary be
granted thereon

Clarus A. Young

Judge

I do declare this to be my last will and testament

(Paw / 5.0)

Comment:

My son to the Lord who gave it. St. 2nd. I wish all my just debts to be paid out of my effects. St. 3rd. I wish my wife after my death to be lawfully married. St. 4th. I wish my son St. James & St. Charles, & estate after his just debts are paid to be considered as part of my estate to be divided in like manner. St. 5th. I will & do vest that my wife & my 3rd shall both well keep all of my estate together untill my youngest child is twenty one years of age. If he should live that long and that she will give to each child a 1/4 they arrive at maturity age about the amount that she has received that has left me. I say about one hundred dollars and when my youngest child or niece at the age of twenty one years I will say in late to be so divided. That my wife & my 3rd and each one of my children may receive an equal portion. St. 6th. I wish my wife & my 3rd & my son St. 1st & St. Nicholas to be the ex. & admors. & executor of this my last will & testament.

and by the tutor in the presence of the tutor and in the presence of such other

(Banco Brasil)

William F. Nichols 217
William F. Nichols 3

The Proctormary of H^{on}. Nichols one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James Nichols deceased taken before the first Circuit of Superior County in the State of Missouri on the 2^d Monday in May 1852 the said

William Nichols has been first duly 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 & William Nichols the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses the document by publishing his mark in the presence of the testator who at his request and in the presence of each other, & he further states that said James Nichols was at the time of said & publishing in the memory of him that no duplications were issued by any person with in knowledge to induce said testator to make a will.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court. May 12th 1862

James H. Young
Judge of Probate
Maricopa County

In the Court of Probate

I, James H. Young of the County of Maricopa & State of Arizona, Deceased with sound mind & health of body do make & publish this my last will in the manner & form following that is to say
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret A. Burden all my estate real as well as personal first thing paying all my just debts. I am to 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 interest so descending to me from any & all sources what ever. Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Margaret A. Burden to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament my will and desire is 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. As I 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.

Witness
G. B. Howard
R. R. Eppes

J. H. Burden
Seal

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

James H. Young, one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of J. H. Burden deceased taken in open Court & being first duly sworn, deposes & says that he was present on or about the 21st day of March 1862 & saw said J. H. Burden sign & publish said instrument as his last will and testament, that he & James H. Young 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. H. Burden was at the time of said and publishing in the memory.

R. R. Eppes

In the Name of God Amen!

I Am R. Barnes of the County of Maricopa & State of Arizona being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory. All I will be Almighty 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 by purchase or other means lawfully obtained between them, and I will and order that my said hold estate shall be sold and that the net proceeds of said be applied to the payment of the debt of my estate. The residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels 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 bequeathed and given by me and above 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.

Witness or sealed in the presence of And R. Barnes
J. L. Seall, W. C. Pettibone

I, State of Arizona Maricopa County
In the matter of the last will and testament of
J. H. Burden
13th day and 2nd Monday
of May 1861

This day appeared in open Court Joseph Barnes, husband of said Anna R. Barnes, and made choice of H. G. Little as 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 H. Little one of the subscribing witnesses 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 & publish said instrument as her last will and testament, that he & No. 10. S. Little the other witnesses 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.

H. G. Little

And upon the foregoing testimony signed by said John Little 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 H. Young Judge Prob.

I John H. Davidson a citizen of Marengo County and state of Alabama do hereby make and declare this instrument which is written with my own hand & subscribed with my name to be my last will and testament, viz. that the first place and above all it is my wish and desire that my soul shall be given 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. My estate are but few and the proceeds of the growing crop will doubt be sufficient to meet the demands &c. In the second place I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha all my worldly estate both real and personal that I am now in possession of and including certain negroes that is in possession of my son A. G. Davidson conveyed to me by said A. G. Davidson and Judge W. H. Little also a man named Jackson, also a negro, Arthur and Lucy & her two children, Watson & Mary & Son a all of said as they are. I also bequeath my said wife & also to her I bequeath a certain piece or parcel of land lying in Dallas County known as the price place containing 1000 acres & in possession of my son A. G. Davidson

With the request that if my son returns from the army that my wife do execute a title to him but if he should die or be so slain in battle the title vest in her in fee simple this is merely a request & not binding her to do so. Having herefore given to my daughter Margaret Platts & my son A. G. Davidson considerable immovable property which they are in possession of it is not necessary to enumerate the same. In the last place I give and bequeath my immovable 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 viz. long no said church continues under the care of the old school presbytery of South Alabama, these lots are for the use of a Palomage & to be held by the elders of said church and they to have used to hold &c. There being but one legate to this my last will and she being but one of mature age it is my wish that she immediately take possession at my death. Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of June 1861 J. H. Davidson.

John H. Davidson
Jas. H. Houston No. 3. Sub
Jas. H. Houston

The testimony of J. H. Houston one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of J. H. 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 May A. D. 1862, the being being first duly sworn & deposes & 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. Davidson the other attesting witnesses subscribed their names as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other. And that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sound disposing mind and memory. J. H. Houston.

In the name of God Amen I John C. Dancy of Mearns
County Alabama being of sound mind and memory
and considering the uncertainty of this frail existence
story like to anyone susceptible, proclaim, 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 executor whom
I wish hereafter all joint and 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.

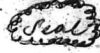
I wish the said plantation
in which I now reside to be kept up and cultivated
the hands that are now on said plantation and owned
by me until after five years, after which time my execu-
tor and executor may see their discretion in selling the
same. I desire the proceeds of the sale of the said plan-
tation, and 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. I think best for the benefit of all my heirs,
After the lapse of said five years and my executor and
executor may they find it to be in the interest of the heirs
of my estate to sell the said plantation, then and at
that time I wish an equal distribution of all my prop-
erty both personal and real with among my heirs
Francis H. Dancy, Jacob C. Dancy, Mary E. Dancy, Martha
G. Dancy, Robert C. Dancy and Rebecca H. Dancy.

11. I wish express provision that the said plantation
share which may come to the said Francis H. Dancy shall
remain in the hands of my said executor and executor
and may be disposed of by them as they may think proper for
the sole use of the said Francis H. Dancy.

I hereby confirm
and appoint my wife Martha C. Dancy execu-
trix and my son Daniel C. Dancy executor of this my
last will and testament here existing with full power
and authority to manage my estate collect money pay debts
sell or dispose of all my personal and real estate and suffi-
cient with third and invest money in the purchase of land or
negroes or other property. hereby releasing my said executor and
executor from giving bond and security for the performance of
their said trusts as such executor or executor. And it is
further my will and desire that my said executor and
executor 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 or to have any
appraisal of my estate.

The witness is here of James
Mearns subscribed my name. This the 4th day of October
one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

John C. Dancy



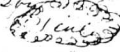
The foregoing instrument was duly subscribed by John C. Dancy
by the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the
same time declared to be his last will and testament, and
we at his request signed our names here as attesting witnesses.

Thomas H. Price Residing at Rebeoth Hickox Co. Ala.
William Langford Mearns County.

Codril & this will.

Whereas I John C. Dancy of Mearns 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 codril to the same. I hereby authorize and empower
my said executor and executor jointly should any and they may
deem to appoint an executor in their place in executing my
said will, or in case of their death that their executors may
be the executors of this my last will and testament.
Lastly, it is my will and desire that this my present codril 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 last moment
declared to be by the testator John C. Dancy to be his
last will and testament and he then acknowledged
to us that he had subscribed the same and we then
signed our names as attesting witnesses to
this Codril.

Thomas H. Price Residing at Rebeoth Hickox Co. Ala.
William Langford Mearns County.

In The Name of God Amen.

I Jno. Dixon of the county of

Whereas the State of Oklahoma, being of sound mind and memory and in the enjoyment of reasonable health, taking into consideration my age, the uncertainty of the world and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this instrument to be my last will and testament.

that is to say. First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, both real and personal, with all the profits, rents, issues and income thereon accumulating or becoming due. It you and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Lyon to have and to hold the same during her natural life, I do controlling and disposing the same for the support of herself, herself, and children. But in the event of her death or marriage again it is my will and express desire that same competent person of integrity be appointed guardian of her the said Mary E. Lyon's Children in that he be and is fully clothed with a charge of all the property both real and personal, with all the profits issue and income thereof, and after ascertaining the same a sufficient length of time shall sell at public auction all the said estate and credit of twelve months the said person being required to give note with sufficient security, and when said notes are paid or said mortgage be paid he is required to turn out the money having good security and renewing the title every year, upon depositing judiciously whatever amount out of the same that may be necessary for the support education and maintenance of the said Children of Mary, the profits of our marriage. And in each of said Children grows up and becomes of age or marriage, it shall be the duty of the guardian to settle of or with them giving such child its equal and equal for time time at said specified time and so on until all will have grown up or married or be or marry.

Never subscribed my name and approved my seal this
the 27th day of October A.D. 1861.

Chas. K. Egan

His wife
E. H. Veen
Thornhill & Denver Co.

P. 21. I omitted to state in the above my being in relation to same cattle, which of right belong to my wife Emma. Her father having given them to her at our marriage, she is the owner.

Right and close in the event of her second marriage, c. that she have all or any part of the Round Cattle which may be in her possession at the time of said Marriage,

Boat Dixon



The testimony of E. D. Dyer one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Paul Dixon deceased, taken in open court and before at the stated term of the probate Court, held for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama on the 2^d Monday in April 1842, of the said E. D. Dyer being first duly sworn, is as follows, to-wit: "That he was present on or about the 21st of October 1860 and saw Paul Dixon execute & publish said instrument as his last will and testament by signing or by acknowledging the same, that he & Thomas A. Dyer & Co. subscribed their names to wit Dyer as the registrar of said estate and in his presence in the presence of each other and that the will or as read over to and in the hearing of said testator and assented to or confirming his wishes & wishes further before that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sane mind, He further says that said Dyer was known to him for four or four years before the execution of this will.

E. M. Vier.

The Harmon Village of the County of Harbors and State
 of Alabama make this my last will and testament.
 First, I appoint Lewis ~~Harmon~~ and my son Lewis
 H. Hodge my executors. I wish them to keep together my prop-
 erty as long as may be necessary to carry out the further provisions
 of this will. I will all or any portion of my land or other prop-
 erty, to my sons and or other property by any time it best to do so
 and as all other things they may think best for the interest of
 my family children. I am in conscious with better provisions
 herein named. 2nd Having given my son George H.
 a portion of my estate and he being in much better
 pecuniary circumstances than I can leave my other children
 and also it being his own wish, I do not intend to
 leave him any legacy. And when here after I leave the
 town, my children, he is not intended to be included.
 3rd I give and bequeath to my grand son Harmon Hodge
 under Condition, the following Negro I loved to wit:
 William (and) her son Chesnut (names not
 recollect) with their wife Marion to have and to hold
 the same to him and his heirs subject to the following
 Condition to wit: If the said Harmon Hodge should die
 not leaving behind a wife or child or other legal claim

Wants, then the above mentioned negroes and their issue and shall remain to my other children mentioned as legates in this will & be subject to the same conditions & provisions as the other property herein bequeathed to David.

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 Hanningford Stasworth having received a part of the property intended for him, the value of that part is to be deducted from his share of the balance given here, & 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 in money to any one of them more than for hundred dollars but will direct it in such property as they may think best for her interest. My object in this is a secure one in its possession.

5th. That portion of my property which may be set apart by my executors for each of my daughters together with what may remain from given them at my death, I give to her for her own 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 to any other descendant then it is to remain to my other children subject to the same conditions as one of my other portions to my estate.

6th. I desire that Henry, James, and Joseph my sons, be separated in such a manner as to have certain negroes to be divided a separation of the negroes from each other, now of such request a made. Now I desire my executors to divide from Annie Barker portion of my estate and add a list of each of my other daughters an amount of property equal to their respective parts of the legacy left by David St. James to David Maria and she, the latter 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 daughter have charge of the education, moral training of my children & for this purpose require my executors to "provide him with a sufficient sum out of their proceeds of the property for their proper maintenance & education. It is not my will however that each should be charged with separate accounts, & to their property & joint as well as their expenses be.

8th. On further reflection I have concluded to modify the provision so - the gift clause of this will as to give each of my daughters the right to dispose by will of some of her estate.

Witness my hand & Sealed this 16th Nov 1858.

In Presence of

J. S. Sledge
J. D. Kane

A. Sledge
J. S. Sledge

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

On the Matter of
Will of Dr. Stasworth. This day came on for hearing Judge DeLand. I probate the instrument here to appended & proposed for Probate & No. 100 of the and something witnesses being first duly sworn. "DeLand says, "That he was present on or about the 14th day of November 1858. the day said will was made. & saw J. S. Alexander Sledge execute said will, by signing & putting his name as his last will and testament, that he and J. S. Sledge the other abetting witnesses were present & 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 sound & disposing mind and memory.

A. S. Sledge.

And upon said testimony subscribed in open court by said witnesses - It is ordered & decreed that said will be received & recorded, as the last will & testament of said Alexander Sledge deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

Charles C. Long, Judge &c.

On the Name of J. S. Stasworth

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

To my niece & adopted daughter Lucy Elizabeth King wife of Dr. J. S. King I give and bequeath the following named slave, viz. a woman named Jane aged about thirty years and all of her children. To wit Catherine aged 17 years, Louis aged 15 years, Pless aged 13 years, Fanny aged 11 years, Mary aged 10 years, Fanny aged 9 years, also a large bay horse with white on his legs and a small black horse called Buck. I also bequeath of two white cows and one mare & near to be seen to my son, also six hundred dollars which is be bequeathed to my son, viz. J. S. Stasworth who has departed this life and whose will was recently admitted to Probate in Wilcox County, Georgia in the course of the 20th minute term of my Brother and Dr. Stasworth while I should be able to any other money, effects or

Property then I desire that you said Lucy E. Ring shall in-
 viron & take one half of the same. I also bequeath to my said
 niece & adopted daughter the entire stock of Hogs, all the property
 heretofore bequeathed to my said niece & adopted daughter
 Lucy E. Ring, is to be her separate estate to all intents and
 purposes. And I also bequeath to the said Lucy E. Ring the in-
 crease of the above named Hogs. All the balance of my
 estate both real & personal I give & bequeath to my beloved
 daughter Eleanor E. Moore wife of Thos. H. Moore except a
 sufficient amount to pay what ever debts my own &
 bury my funeral expenses to procure & erect over my grave a
 plain neat tombstone & a marble slab to cover the body of
 my dear son Geo. D. Lowe. The yearly of the tombstone
 and marble slab to be taken by my acting executor.
 I hereby appoint my friend J. B. Brownell, executor to this
 my last will and testament & if at the time of my death
 he should not be living or in ill health so that he would
 prevent him from acting as executor. Then in that
 case I direct that my friend W. D. Brownell shall
 act as executor.

Elizabetta lutes.

This day came on for 1853
the first number here to me from Concord on the 15th.
No. 1000 and now this day comes the 15th. 1853
and it is an evening that notice has been given to Mr.
Eleanor from one of the ladies at Concord & a letter received
of the State of New York by publication for the year
previous to the year 1853. The first number of the
first issue of the Subscribers, the first being first
shown in open Court, closed at 10 o'clock, that he was present
at in or about the 15th day of January 1853
and that Elizabeth Green signed his subscription
declaring the same is or is not well, and that
he went, that he subscribed his name as a witness at
the registry in his presence and in the pres-
ence of Thomas J. Smith one of the other wit-
nesses, and also subscribed his name in a
petition at the registry of said Court in
his presence & in the presence of the defendant
for the purpose of saying that the said
John Green was present at the trial of the said

No. 26. Coek hart.

Heino St. Young:

The State of Indiana
 & Jennings County.

2nd I also authorize my said executor to sell the land & premises upon which I am reside, when ever it can be done without sacrificing the same either at public or private sale as he may deem, then available & execute all such proper bills to the same to my purchase.

to A. Chibbren of my daughter Mary Lancaster forty
acres of land in South County Brunswick as a home for
them & said mother to be equally divided among my Grand Chil-
dren above named & after the youngest of them shall be-
come of age, said forty acres of land being the North West quar-
ter of the North East quarter of section 20 Township 34 N. R.
Range 9 North of east. 4th

I hereby will and bequeath the to my Grandchildren, the Children of my son J. ^{2nd} with the Children of my daughter Mary Lancaster all the balance of my property to be equally divided among them when they shall all arrive at the year of twenty and come to the age of 21 and not until then & during their

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 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 Battle and I hereby charge & request him to see that all that 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 free use of her time & property as she may see fit & I charge my son William Battle to carry out the same & execute the same of my will.

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

I hereby ask him to see that William Battle executor of this my last will and testament & charge him with the execution of my will.

I consider that I have been for years to my son Thomas Battle & Chamberlain Battle & have given them full share of my property & therefore I 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 Battle
Seal

Signed, Sealed & Published
in presence of

Thomas J. Howell
S. H. H. H. H. H.

It is my will & desire that my son William Battle being in full mental, 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 son William Battle shall take charge of my property & estate & remove the same to Cincinnati Ohio. I desire that he should be required to give any bond or security of any kind, after the giving of a sufficiency to him of my debts & liabilities & personal expenses as provided for in my will & if at any future time any of the legal heirs or issue in my will shall make application to the Court on or out for 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 is also my wish 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.

Thomas Battle
Seal

In presence of
Thomas Howell
E. H. H. H. H.

The State of Kentucky, Thomas J. Howell, of said County, State and County being in health and of disposing 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 crops are insufficient for that purpose.

It is my will and desire that my family be supported out of the proceeds of the crops & interest on my farm as they have heretofore been & that my children be educated for the same in such manner as my wife may deem best or that the support for her and her children & their education be paid out of the proceeds of my farm & out of their respective shares or portions thereof as may be 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 majority shall have their respective portion or share of my property & estate as they are according to the laws & customs of this State.

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

