

for ever, with: I give unto my executors hereinafter named or a majority of them full power and authority to sell, dispose of and convey any of my said real and personal property and estate at public or private sale, at such times upon such terms, and in such manner as to them shall seem meet and proper and best and most for the interest of my said estate; likewise I make, constitute and appoint George B. Warren of the City of Troy, N.Y., William McGeathney of Norfolk, Virginia, William Taylor Snyder or Georgetown, D.C., and William Thornton Taylor of Marengo County, Alabama to be executors with all the giving of any bond or security to act of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred Eighty one.

E. T. Taylor Jr. S.

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof subscribed by E. Thornton Taylor, in the presence of us and each of us, he at the time of making such subscription, acknowledged that he made the same and declared the said instrument so subscribed by him, to be his last will and testament, whereupon we then and there, at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses thereto: Walter P. Gillman residing at 40 First St. Troy N.Y.

Moses J. Clough residing at 12 First St. Troy N.Y.

J. Buckley residing at 37 Second St. Troy N.Y.

Surrogato's Court.

In the matter of proving the Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Taylor deceased, Moses J. Clough to

County of Rensselaer - ss.

Thomas Buckley of the City of Troy in the County of Rensselaer, being sworn upon Chirk, doth depose and say and each for himself says, that he is a subscribing witness to the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Taylor, late of the city of Troy in the County of Rensselaer deceased, And that the said Edward Thornton Taylor did, in the presence of these deponents subscribe his name at the end of the instrument, which is now shown and exhibited to these deponents, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Edward Thornton Taylor and which bears date on the twenty first day of September 1881. And that the said Edward Thornton Taylor at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid, declare the instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and these deponents did thenon subscribe their names at the end of the said will as attesting witnesses thereto, at the request of the said testator in his presence and in the presence of each other. And at the time when the said testator subscribed his name as aforesaid, he was of sound

mind and memory of full age to execute a Will, and was under any restraint but competent in all respects to devise real estate. Walter P. Gillman, Moses J. Clough, J. Buckley. Subscribed and sworn this 18th day of February 1882 before,

Moses Warren, Surrogate.

The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God, Free and Independent. Let Go all to whom these Presents shall come, or may concern, Sends Greeting: Know Ye, that at the City of Troy, in the County of Rensselaer on the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before Moses Warren Surrogate of Rensselaer County, the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Taylor late of the County of Marengo State of Alabama in the said County, deceased, was proved and is now approved and allowed by us; and the said deceased having whilst living, and at the time of his death, goods, chattels and credits within this State, by means whereof the proving and registering the said will, and granting administration of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits; and also the auditing, allowing and finally discharging the account thereof, doth belong to us; the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, and any way concerning his Will is granted unto George B. Warren, executor in the said Will named, he having first taken and subscribed our oath before the said Surrogate, faithfully and honestly to discharge the duties of such executor, hereby requiring from the said George B. Warren executor to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which you or shall come to your hands, possession or knowledge, as also to make, or cause, to be made duplicate of such inventory, and cause the same to be signed by the appraisers, and the same so made and signed, that you make return thereof to the surrogate of the said County within three months from the date thereof. In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Moses Warren, Surrogate of the said County of Rensselaer, at his office in the City of Troy, in said County, the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Moses Warren, Surrogate, At a Surrogate's Court, held in and for the County of Rensselaer, in the City of Troy, in said County, on the 18th day of February 1882. Present: Moses Warren, Surrogate, On the matter of the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Taylor deceased, duly due proof of the service of the citation herein on the parties therein named, and upon due proof of the execution of the before

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proclaimed as the Last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Taylor late of the County of Marengo State of Alabama in said County deceased, bearing date on the 21 day of September 1861; and George B. Warren executor named in the will of said deceased, and Mary Tomas Taylor, and Edward Dickinson Taylor infants heirs at law and next of kin of said deceased appearing by Alexander B. Slocum their duly appointed special Guardian; and it appearing by such proofs that the said will was duly executed, that the testator at the time of executing the same was of full age for making a will, was of sound mind and memory, and not under restraint, and in all respects competent to devise real estate, and the probate thereof not having been contested. It is ordered adjudged and decreed, that the said paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said Edward Thornton Taylor deceased, is his last Will and Testament, and was duly executed to pass real and personal estate, and that the same be admitted to probate as a Will of real and personal estate, and recorded as such, with the proofs taken at aforesaid. I, S. Witness; Moses Warren, Surrogate; and the seal of the Court, the day and year first above written.

Moses Warren, Surrogate
At a Surrogate Court held in and for the County of Rensselaer at the Court House, in the City of Troy on the 18th day of February 1862

Present: The Surrogate, On the application of Executor in the matter of the Will of named in will; Edward Thornton Taylor deceased Ordered that letters testamentary on said will issue and be granted to George B. Warren, said executor. Moses Warren, Surrogate State of New York, In the Surrogate Court for said County of Rensselaer County I, William Lord, Clerk of the Surrogate Court for said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed and foregoing copy of the last will and testament of Edward Thornton Taylor late of the County of Marengo State of Alabama deceased, also the deposition of the subscribing witnesses to said last will on admitting the same to probate; also letters testamentary on said will issued and granted George B. Warren, Executor in said will named; also decree admitting said will to probate; also order granting letters testamentary on said will as aforesaid, with the original record thereof now remaining in this office and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original record. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court at the City of Troy, the 27th day of February, in the

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.
Non Recd, Clerk of the Surrogate
State of New York, Curt Rm P. Co. N.Y.
County of Rensselaer In the Surrogate Court for said County,
I, Moses Warren, Judge of the Surrogate Court aforesaid and
the presiding magistrate thereof, do hereby certify that William
Lord who signs the foregoing certificate is the Clerk of the
Surrogate Court for said County and the foregoing ex-
emplification of record is authenticated in due form,
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of the Surrogate Court
at the City of Troy this 27th day of February in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty two. Moses Warren, Surrogate
Filed in my office March 7, 1862. J. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

WILL

PROOF

Last Will and Testament of Thos Scott Deceased
I, Thos Scott of Marengo County in State of Alabama de-
sirably make and publish my last will and testament
as follows: - 1. I give, devise and bequeath to my
wife Eliza, my eight lots of land in the town of Di-
mopolis upon which I now live, and known as lots
nos. 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469 & 470, being the
same given by my Father Scott House at his death
for and during his natural life, with remainder to my
daughter Roseanna Burdine, 2nd I give and bequeath
to my wife Eliza two cows and their calves, 3rd I give
and bequeath to the grand children of my wife, viz. Dick,
Eliza Jane and Joanna ten dollars each out of my
estate, 4th I hereby appoint Mr. George G. Lyon the
Executor of this my last will and testament. In testi-
mony whereof I have hereunto set my hand + seal
this 4th day of October 1865. Thos Scott
Witness, Jno. F. Hall, J. M. Farland,
The State of Alabama Before me James W. Taylor
Marengo County Judge of Probate in and for said
County personally appeared Jno. M. Farland who being by me
first duly sworn and examined deposed and said that he
and Jas. F. Hall are each subscribing witness to the manu-
script of writing now shown to him, and which purports to
be the last will and testament of Thomas Scott deceased
late an inhabitant of this County; that said Scott signed
and executed said instrument on the day the same bears
date, and declared the same to be his last will and tes-
tament, that affiant and Jas. F. Hall set their signatures
thereon on the day the same bears date, as subscribing
witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator,
at his request and in the presence of and other that



said testator was of sound mind, and disposing memory; and in the opinion of deponents, fully capable of making his will, at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said testator was, on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

J. C. M. Farland,

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of June A.D. 1882.

Jacob Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama, Probate Court,

Marengo County. To Hon Jas W Taylor, Judge of said Court: The undersigned respectfully submits unto your Honor that Tom Scott, a colored man, who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life on or about the 1st day of 18th leaving property in said County, and leaving a last will and testament duly signed & published by him on the 7th day of October 1866 and attested by John J Hall and J. C. M. Farland and naming the undersigned as the Executor of said will. That the said will was lost or mislaid until a few days since, when it was found and is now herewith surrendered to have such steps taken as may be necessary to probate the same. That the undersigned now here declines to act and qualify as Executor of said will and renounces his right to do so by these presents. That the said Eliza named in said will as the wife of said Testator died in this County before said Testator did, and that said Testator afterwards married one Charlotte McAllister, and the said Charlotte who is now married, Charlotte Scott, is over twenty one years & resides in Demopolis in said County & is the widow of said Testator. That the only child left by the said Tom Scott is Prudence Burdine, who is of mature age and resides in Demopolis in said County and is the same mentioned in his said will. That the said Belle, Eliza Jane, and Joanna are all of mature age & reside in said County. Belle has married John Janey & lives near Jefferson and Eliza Jane married Seaborn Edwards and Joanna has married Tony Brown and they both reside with their husbands in Demopolis. That said John J. Hall and J. C. M. Farland the subscribing witnesses are still living. Hall resides somewhere in State of Texas unknown to the undersigned and said Mr. Farland lives near Demopolis at Warrior River Ferry on the line between Greene & Marengo Counties. Geo G Lyon sworn to Subscribed before me this 10th day of October 1882.

Jacob Taylor, Judge of Probate

Filed for record Oct 10, 1882. James W Taylor, Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of James Taylor

In the name of God, Amen, I James Taylor, knowing the uncertainty of life, & being sick & weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make & renew and establish the following to be my last will and testament. Item first, I do give and bequeath at my death my saddle horse named Morgan and one milch cow named Blanche to Mary Eliza Parker. Item second, I do give and bequeath at my death to Ada G Taylor, Letitia Taylor, Eugene Taylor and Florence Taylor each one feather bed and clothing the same bed and clothing that are claimed by each now. And I desire that if my son Bennett L Taylor should desire a mattress and clothing for it or a bedstead that the above named children should divide with him so that he can get them. Item third, I give and bequeath, at my death, my wardrobe to Mrs Emma Chapman. Item fourth, I give and bequeath, at my death, my sewing machine to my youngest daughters, Ada, Letitia and Florence. Item fifth, I give and bequeath to my four youngest children at my death, Ada, Letitia, Eugene & Florence all the kitchen furniture & utensils and other things about my house not disposed of in equal parts to be divided amongst them by my daughter Mrs Emma Chapman & Miss Mary Parker. Item sixth, I give and bequeath, at my death, to my four youngest children, Ada, Letitia, Eugene and Florence, the cows and yearlings which they now claim just as they stand. Item seventh, I give and bequeath a promissory note made to me by George Martin for a sum of eighty dollars and due next fall, to my three daughters, Ada, Letitia, & Florence, out of the proceeds of which I wish my daughter Ada to have fifty dollars to pay for medicines & medical bills for herself. Item eighth, I desire the proceeds of a promissory note due and payable to me by Colvin Coleman for the sum of fifty dollars to be used in paying my burial expenses and in erecting a fitting monument over my grave, my husband's and his son Jeff's grave, all under the same enclosure. Item ninth, I desire that the four rent notes for four bales of cotton be used in supplying my family and in paying doctors bills, if there are any for the present year. Item tenth, I desire that my friend John C Chapman should take my daughter Florence at my death & cause her to be sole taker & possessor of all other property

and manage it to the best of his skill & judgment, for my use & benefit & education as far as it will go. Item Eleventh. I also desire Sam'l C. Chapman to see that my son Eugene receives his share of the crop that he makes this year with Mr. Parker and that it be applied to his education as far as it will go & that he will take the general oversight of Eugene, & I do desire that he will take charge of all the younger children and have all the notes collected or collect them himself and that he will have all the property delivered to my four younger children according to the provisions of this will and that he will attend to and protect them and their interest as far as lies in his power. Item Twelfth. It is also my will and desire that my son my law & friend, the said Sam'l C. Chapman will act as the as the executor of this my last will and testament and that he shall not give any bond & security as executor, nor make any settlement with any Probate, Chancery or other Court of his said executorship, as I repose entire confidence in his judgment, skill and honesty in the premises. And I do hereby appoint and I constitute him the said Sam'l C. Chapman to be the executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I do hereby set my hand and subscribe the same, to be my last will and testament on this the 7th day of March A.D. 1882. Louisa J. Taylor.

Witnesses: Napoleon L. Massey, Henry D. Corley.
The State of Alabama, Before me, James W. Taylor, Judge
Marengo County. Of Probate in and for said County
personally came A.L. Massey who being duly sworn
deposed and says that he and H.D. Corley are each
subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now
shown to him, which purports to be the last will and
testament of Louisa Taylor, deceased, late an inhabitant
of Marengo County, in said State; that said
said Louisa Taylor signed and executed said in-
strument on the day the same bears date, and de-
clared the same to be her last will and testament
and that affiant and said H.D. Corley set their sig-
natures thereto on the day the same bears date at
subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of
and testatrix at her request, and in the presence of
each other. That said testatrix was of sound mind
and disposing memory, and in the opinion of depo-
sient fully capable of making her will at the time
the same was so made as aforesaid, and that said
testatrix was on the day of the said date of said will,
of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. H.L. Massey
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of
April A.D. 1882. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION

of July 1882. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate
The State of Alabama, Probate Court, In the Hon
Marengo County. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate
of Marengo County. The petition of the undersigned
Sam'l C. Chapman, respectfully represents unto your
Honors that Louisa Taylor, who was at the time of
her death an inhabitant of this County, departed this
life at M. Shirley Ala, now or about the 13th day of
March A.D. 1882, leaving assets in this State, and
leaving a Last Will and Testament, duly signed and
published by said Louisa Taylor, and attested by
H.D. Corley and A.L. Massey. That your petitioner
as he verily believes, is named in said Will as Execut-
tory and does now herewith surrender said Will
to the Court, and prays that after proper proceedings
and proofs, it may be probated and admitted to
record, as the true last Will and Testament of said
deceased. Your petitioner further represents that the
name, age, residence, and conditions of the next
of kin are as follows: to wit: Emma S. Chapman who
is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and
resides in Marengo County with petitioner, her husband
John D. Phelps who is over twenty one years of
age of sound mind, and resides in Dallas County
Ala., E.L. Taylor who is over twenty one years of
age of sound mind, and resides in Sumter County
Ala., Ada G. Taylor who is under twenty one years
of age, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo
County Ala., Louette Taylor, who is under twenty-
one years of age, of sound mind and resides in
Marengo County Ala., Eugene Taylor, who is under
twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides
in Marengo County, Ala. Your petitioner would fur-
ther represent that H.D. Corley and A.L. Massey the
said attesting witnesses reside in Marengo County
State of Alabama, and therefore further prays that
a day be set for the hearing of this petition, and
that due notice thereof be given, as required by law,
to the 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. Sam'l C. Chapman
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of
April A.D. 1882. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

Do hereby give all legal notice unto the nature
and day of hearing of the aforesaid petition, and also

request that the same may be heard and granted as
early as practicable J. D. Phelps
Ahd this 11th day of April AD 1882, J. W. Taylor, Judge

Last Will and Testament of Francis S. Lyon Decd.

I, Francis S. Lyon of Demopolis in the County of Marengo
and State of Alabama do make publish and declare my
last will and testament in manner and form follow-
ing, law: 1st It is my will and desire that any
just debt I may owe at the time of my death be paid.
2nd My desire in the next place is to provide for
the comfort, support and maintenance of my wife dur-
ing her life, should she survive me, and also to pro-
vide for all my children as well as my means will
afford, doing equal justice to all of them as
I can, I have therefore made advances to some
extent to each and all of my children and under
all circumstances I deem it just to place all of them
upon an equal footing as to what they have
hitherto received, 3rd I give and devise to my
wife all the real estate owned by me in the City of
Mobile in partnership with the late Jonathan Eman-
uel of that City a list of which will be found a-
mong my papers and the bills to which will be
found recorded in Mobile County with the rents
and profits arising therefrom with authority to sell
or dispose of the same as she may choose, 4th
I also give and devise to my wife during the term
of her natural life my dwelling house and houses
lots, and improvements in the town ad Demopolis
together with all my Household and Kitchen furni-
ture, plate, carriage & horses, mule and carriages
which may be on hand at my home place in Demopolis
at the time of my death as a home for her and
such of my children as may choose to remain
at home or live with my wife the House to
be supported out of the income from my plan-
tation, and in addition thereto my wife to receive
immediately out of the income from my plantation
the sum of one thousand dollars towards her
personal expenses, 5th I leave my executors here-
inafter named authority to keep up and continue
to cultivate my plantation in the Canebrake
called Kirkwood so long as they may deem best
to do so, but if from any cause they should be
unable to procure labor and carry on the plantation
profitably, then with the assent of all my children
then living they may sell the same with all the
land therein either at private or public sale

WILL OF
F.S. LYON
Decd

for cash or on credit as may be deemed best and the pro-
ceeds of such sale after paying expenses of sale and
any debt due from my estate shall be divided among
my wife and children as follows: my wife to receive
one fifth part of the proceeds of sale and the remain-
der to be divided equally among my children or
their descendants, the children of any deceased child
to take the share of the parent, 6th It is my will
and desire and I hereby direct that after the death
of my wife my present dwelling House, out houses,
garden lots and Office square and all out lots in
Demopolis now in cultivation by me together with
my Household and Kitchen Furniture thereto
belonging be still retained as a home for any
all my children who may think proper to occupy &
live at the same, but if from any unfavorable
change in the condition of the country all my
children should decide in favor of a sale of the
same then my surviving executor or legal repre-
sentative may sell the Demopolis property either
at private or public sale & divide the proceeds
equally among my children, the children of any
deceased child to take the share of the parent,
7th I hereby appoint my wife Executrix and my
son F. S. Lyon Executor of this my last will and
testament, and having full confidence in their
fidelity except them from giving any Bond or
Security as such, and do not leave them to be
required to make annual settlements with the
Probate Court, 8th I give to my son Frank my
Breech loading double barreled gun and my
Maynard rifle, 9th I authorize my executors
herein named or the survivors of them to sell
at private or public sale and transfer and
convey my interest in Briarfield from prop-
erty of Bibb County in to sell or convey the
lands owned by me in Obion County Tennessee
after any debt I may owe shall have been paid
to divide the proceeds among my wife & children
my wife to have one fifth & my children an equal
share of the remainder, 10th It is moreover my
will and desire and I hereby direct that so long
as my plantation shall be kept up and continued
during the lifetime of my wife, and after pay-
ing the expenses of keeping up and cultivating
the same, and after paying to my wife out of the
proceeds thereof one thousand dollars annually
for her personal expenses, that the surplus of
the proceeds of the same shall be equally divided

annually & paid to my children in equal shares
the child or children of any one of my children who
may die to take the share of the parent; and af-
ter the death of my wife the surplus proceeds of
the plantation so long as kept up to be equally
divided annually among my children whatever
may be derived by my estate from any source:
the sale of the iron property; the sale of the Tennessee
land or otherwise after any debts I owe are paid
and the provision for for my wife is completed
to go to my children in equal shares. Witness
my hand and seal this 15th day of January 1853.
Signed & sealed by F.S. Lyon as F.S. Lyon to
his last will & testament on the day above stated
in presence of the undersigned witnesses. A. J. Sharpe
J. R. Robertson, S. Whitfield

The State of Alabama, Probate Court of said County,
Marengo County, February 12th 1853, On the
matter of the probate of the last will and testament
of Francis S. Lyon, deceased; Before me James W.
Taylor, Judge of the said Probate Court personally
and in open Court, John P. Robertson, who's known
to me, and who having been by me first duly sworn
and examined, did and do depose and say, on oath
that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument
of writing now shown to him, and which purports
to be, the last will and testament of Francis S.
Lyon, deceased, late an inhabitant of said County.
That said Francis S. Lyon, deceased, signed and ex-
ecuted said instrument on the day the same bears
date, and declared the same to be his last will
and testament and that affiant and A. J. Sharpe
and S. Whitfield set their signatures thereto on
the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses
to the same in the presence of said Testator; That
the said Testator was of sound mind, and dispos-
ing memory; and, in the opinion of deponent fully
capable of making his will, at the time the same
was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states
that said Testator was, on the day of the said
date of said will of the full age of twenty one
years and upwards. J. R. Robertson.

Subscribed & sworn to before me in open Court this
12th day 1853. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

On State of Alabama, January 6 1853. To Hon
Marengo County. James W. Taylor, Judge of the
Probate Court of said County. The petition of Frank
S. Lyon respectfully represents to your Honor, that
the late Francis S. Lyon, who was an inhabitant

of said Marengo County, at the time of his death, departed
this life at Demopolis in said County, on Friday the
29th day of December A.D. 1852, leaving a last will
and testament, duly signed and published by him in
the presence of and attested by Archibald J. Sharpe,
Gains Whitfield, and John P. Robertson residents
of the said County in which will your petitioner
is named as an Executor and that Sarah S. Lyon is
also named as Executing thereof, and your petitioner
herewith produces said will and proffounds the same
for probate and record in this Probate Court, Your
petitioner further states that the said deceased left
surviving him a widow, the said Sarah S. Lyon,
who resides in Demopolis in said County and
seven children, viz: Sarah A. Prince, who resides in
Roxbury County State of New York, Helen G. Deas
who resides in the city County and State of New
York, Delia L. Polk wife of William M. Polk, who
is at with her said husband in the city, County
and State of New York, Mary Amanda Rais
wife of William N. Ross who resides with her
said husband in the city and County of Mobile
in said State of Alabama, Amelia R. Lyon and
Eugenia Lyon, both of whom reside in Demopolis
in said Marengo County and your petitioner
Frank S. Lyon who resides in Hale County in
said State of Alabama, that the said widow and
seven children are all over twenty one years of age
and are at this time in Demopolis Marengo
County Alabama on a visit to their mother, ex-
cept the said Sarah A. Prince. Wherefore your
petitioner represents that a day be set for hearing
the evidence that due notice thereof is required
by law, & given to the said widow and next
of kin of said deceased; and that such other
proceedings, orders, and decrees, may be made
and had in the premises as may be requisite
and proper to effect the due probate and record
of said will, according to law. F. S. Lyon,
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th day of
January 1853. A. J. Sharpe, Notary Public
Filed Jan 12th 1853. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION.

PETITION.

Last Will and Testament of John Castle Jr. Decd
The State of Alabama, To: Hon. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge
Marengo County, of the Probate Court of said County
The undersigned Legatee and Executor named in
the Will and of the Estate of John Castle Jr. late of

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said County now dead shows and states in That the said John Cocke Esq. who was the father of petitioner, and who resided at the time of his death, and for many years prior thereto at Jefferson, in Marengo County, Alabama, died at his said residence on the 29th day of April 1884. 2d. That said John Cocke Esq. was at the time of his death over 21 years of age, and about the age of 80 years. 3rd. That he left a Last Will and Testament, which is herewith presented for Probate; and that Petitioner is the person named in said Will as Executor. 4th. That the subscribing witnesses to said Will reside in Graysboro Hale County, Alabama. 5th. That said Testator at the time of his death left surviving him a widow, A. H. Cocke, who is over 21 years of age and resides at Jefferson, Marengo County, Alabama, and four children, viz: 1. Jno R. Cocke, a son who resides in Lauderdale Co. Miss., and whose Post Office is Lauderdale Station. 2. Lucy H. Brooks, the wife of George H. Brooks, who is over 21 yrs. of age and resides in Birmingham, Alabama in Jefferson County. Mary P. Burton, the wife of W. C. Burton, over 21 yrs. of age and who resides in Graysboro, Hale County, Alabama. 3. Lizzie R. Abernathy, the wife of F. G. Abernathy, over 21 yrs. of age and who resides in Birmingham, Alabama, Jefferson County. 4. John Cocke Jr. your Petitioner, who is over 21 years of age and resides in Hale County, Alabama. None of said parties are of unmind and they and they alone are the heirs at law of said decedent. Petitioner therefore respectfully prays your Honor to make an order for hearing this application to probate said Will, and give notice to said interested parties as required by law; and that said Will may be admitted to record, and Probated and that your will make all necessary orders and decree thereunto as your Honor shall deem proper. May 1st. 1884. John Cocke Jr.

By Hatt & Particular, his attys.

I, John Cocke of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, do make publick, and declare this to be my last will & testament, and do hereby revoke any and all other wills heretofore made by me. Item First. Should I leave any debts unpaid at the time of my death it is my will and desire that the same shall be paid out of any money that I may have on hand at the time of my death. Should there not be an hand money sufficient then I direct that the balance shall be paid out of collections from little debts, taxes &c and I do make the same

love and affection for my famest son John Cocke and his wife and children; I do hereby give bequeath a devise unto my said son John Cocke as Trustee and in trust for the uses and trusts and upon the terms and limitations hereinafter expressed, the following described real and personal property, to wit: The South half of Section 21, the South half of Section 22, All of Section 27, North East quarter of Section 28, the East half of South East quarter Section 29; all in Township 20, of Range 6 E being situated in Hale County, Alabama, and the same on which he now resides; also all the other property real, personal and mixed that may be on said premises, including growing, made or gathered crops, all provisions, tools, implements, stock &c that have been used in carrying on the farm, mill and mill fixtures and my entire stock of sheep and cattle. To have hold, manage and control the above described property as Trustee and to apply the rents income and profits, first to pay the annual expenses of carrying on the said farm, and after that so much of the income as he may think to be necessary for the comfortable and reasonable support of the said John Cocke and his wife and children jointly during the life of the said John, and the surplus income each year I give to said John in his own right. And after the death of my said son, then I do hereby give & devise said property real and personal to Jessie Webb Cocke, the wife of said John to be held, managed and controlled by her as trustee during her widowhood, in trust for the joint and equal benefit of herself, my said daughter in law Jessie Webb Cocke and such child or children of her and the said John as he the said John Cocke may leave surviving him at the time of his death, and if any such child shall have died leaving children, then such children shall take their parents share. It is my will that if said Jessie should marry again then she shall cease to be trustee or to control the property as such and another trustee appointed in her stead, and shall then to have a joint and equal interest taking a child's part. Item Third. Now and in consideration and in payment of the sum of money which I received for the house and lot in Demopolis which I had given to my daughter Elizabeth R. now the wife of Burle G. Abernathy, by way of remitting the same as the Deed provided, and in consideration of the love and affection which I have for my said son and of one dollar to my hand paid by wife Jessie Webb Cocke and my daughter Jessie Webb Cocke

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will and convey, and by these presents do will and convey at my death unto my said wife America P. Cocke & my said brother James P. Cocke the following described lands & property laying & being in the County of Hale State of Alabama, and described as follows, viz: The North half of section 22, the North half of section 21 less 80 acres off of the North end of the Hwy, & the North end of the 1/2 of N East the same having been sold by me to Edward Bayou (same year since) all of the same being in Township 20, Range 4, East, & containing about One hundred & sixty acres more or less, also all other property that may be on the premises such as growing, made or gathered crops, all provisions & all tools, implements, stock &c that may have been used in carrying on the farm. To have & to hold the same upon the trust & for the use and purpose and for the intent following viz: that my said daughter Elizabeth P. Abemethy shall during her lifetime be permitted to use the same, receive & enjoy all rents income & proceeds to of her own sole & special use & benefit, free from the disposal or control of any and whomsoever, the said property to be used by her and its rents & proceeds to be paid to and received by her and not to be liable, or in any manner subject to the payment of any debt she or any one else may contract, or subject to be encumbered or aliened in any manner whatever. And upon the further trust, that at her death of the leaves a child or children her surviving, that said property shall be held and used for the benefit of said child or children on the same conditions and under the same restrictions as before stated for their mother.

Item Fourth. Having heretofore given to my son John R. Cocke, my daughter Lucy H. Brown Lucy H. Brooks, my daughter Mary P. Brown Mary P. Burton each about ten thousand Dollars in money and other property, I hereby will at my death that my son John R. Cocke, my daughter Mary P. Burton my daughter Lucy H. Brooks shall each of them be paid Ten Dollars more out of any money that I may have on hand at that time, should there be any money left after paying as before stated and willed, the same to be equally divided among my children viz: John R. Cocke, Lucy H. Brooks, Mary P. Burton, Elizabeth P. Abemethy, John Cocke or should either of them be dead, there shall be equally divided among the lawful heirs of their body.

Item Fifth. Should either of my children attempt to set aside, or prevent the my last will & testament from being

carried out or bring any suit against, or against one another in regard to the same, I hereby will that such child or children instead of receiving the money or property as before stated (given them) in my last will & testament, that my executors pay them over instead but One Dollar, and that they my executors retain the balance intended to be given in their hands to pay cost and all necessary expenses of suit or suits brought and after doing the same, should there be any balance left in their hands to divide the same equally among such of them that do not sue or attempt to prevent the carrying out of this my last will & testament.

Item Sixth. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son John Cocke for the executor to carry out this my last will & testament, and do hereby request the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court to grant unto him letters testamentary thereof without his giving Bond & Security.

Item Seventh. It is further my will in regard to the property devised by the second clause of this will to my said son John for his life time, and by the third clause to my daughter Elizabeth P. for her lifetime, that if my said son John should die leaving no child or children living surviving nor descendant of any such child or children, then said property shall be distributed as if I had died as of I had died intestate. And if my daughter Elizabeth P. should die leaving no bodily heirs then it is my will that the property herein devised to her for life shall be distributed as if I had died intestate. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 1st day of August 1875.

Signed by the testator as and for his last will on this the 1st day of August 1875, in our presence and subscribed by us at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other,

John G. Harvey, James E. Webb, P. A. Tipton,
The State of Alabama,

Morgan County. Beforeme James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate, in aid for said County, personally appeared open Court, James E. Webb who having been by me first duly sworn and examined before and say, on oath, that he and John G. Harvey & P. A. Tipton are subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, and which purports to be the last will and testament of John Cocke Senior, deceased late an inhabitant of this County. That said John Cocke Senior in his life time, signed and executed the said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date, and before the same to be his last will and testament, and

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Affiant, and John G. Harvey and P. A. Gutwater set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, all subscribing, witnessed to the same, in the presence of said John Cocke Esq., the Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other. That said John Cocke Esq., the Testator, was of sound mind, and disposing memory, and, in the opinion of deponents, fully capable of making his will, at the time the same was so made, as aforesaid. And affiant further states that the said John Cocke Esq., the said testator, was, on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards. James E. Webb Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 21st day of June 1884, Jasde Taylor, Judge of Probate Monroe County
Filed June 21st 1884, James D. Taylor, Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of A. C. Cocke, I, do,
the State of Alabama & America, A. C. Cocke, wife of John
Muirings County, Cocke of said County, being the owner
of property in said County known as the Buck Store house
adjoining the Store now occupied by H. C. Boos front-
ing on Strawberry Street in the city of Demopolis, and
the residence I now occupy near Jefferson, with about
one hundred and thirty acres of land attached to it
and my plantation consisting of about twelve hundred
acres adjoining the lands of Davis Whetfield, R. T. Hart
and H. C. Cheney, with mules, horses, cattle and farming
implements, Household & Kitchen furniture and other
personal property and choses in action, all of which I
own, as a Statutory separate estate under the law of
Alabama, being mindful of my mortality, and be-
lieving that in life we should prepare for death, I
hereby make and publish my last will and testament
in words and figures as follows: 1st. I desire and
direct that all my debts shall be paid from any money
or moneys that may be realized from my estate by
my executors. I hereby give bequeath and devise to
my son William Preston Cheney and my grand
daughter Willie Tommie Cheney the daughter of my
late son William Thomas Cheney now deceased, all
of my property of every description whatsoever, share
and share alike for and during their natural lives,
with remainder to the wife of said William Preston
Cheney, and the respective children of the said William
Preston and Willie Tommie as hereinafter mentioned
that is to say, that the said property shall be equally
divided by commissioners appointed by the Probate
Court, one part, and one of said parts to go to
the late William Preston Cheney son and the other

life with remainder to his wife and his children, and the other
half shall go to the said Willie Tommie Cheney and her
children, and if the said Willie Tommie shall die leaving
no children surviving her, then the same shall go to
the said William Preston Cheney and his wife and
children as the other half is given & devised and it is
expressly directed that this bequest and devise to the said
William Preston Cheney and Willie Tommie Cheney is
made upon the express condition that the said property
shall in no event be subject to sale to satisfy any judg-
ment that may be rendered against said William Preston
Cheney or Willie Tommie Cheney, and it is also my de-
sition, that at the death of my said son William Preston
Cheney his wife shall take hold and manage the said
property without being required to give any bond, given
and devised by this will, to the said William Preston
and his wife & children, as trustee for the benefit of the
said wife, and children of said William Preston, in
that she shall, in any event, until all of the said
children shall become of age or marry when the same
shall be equally divided between the said children and
herself, she taking a child's part. 2d. I hereby nomi-
nate my son William Preston Cheney the executor
of this my last will and testament and exempt him
from giving any bond or security for the faithful ex-
ecution of the trust. In witness whereof I have this day
signed, sealed and published by America A. C. Cocke and
her last will and testament in my presence and we
as subscribing witnesses, signed our names to this
in his presence and in the presence of each other, this
the 11th day of July AD 1884. The words "without be-
ing required to give any bond" underlined after
"property" in the 1st line of second page, and the words
"or marry" underlined after the word "age" in the
twenty third line of the second page before the ex-
ecution of this will, M. C. E. Burton, Geo. S. Lyon
The State of Alabama, 2nd 14th day of November AD 1884
Muirings County, Do Hr. James D. Taylor, Judge
of Probate of said County: The petition of William Pre-
ston Cheney respectfully represents to your Honor, that
the late America A. C. Cocke, who was an inhabitant of
this Muirings County, at the time of her death, departed
this life on the 9th day of November 1884, leaving a
last will and testament, duly signed and published
and attested by Mrs. M. C. E. Burton and
George S. Lyon, residents of said County, in which
said petitioners is named as trustee of and to

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Petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds the same for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that the said decedent left no husband surviving her and that the only heir at law or next of kin of the said decedent she left surviving her, are your Petitioners William Preston Cheney and Willie Tommie Cheney. That your Petitioner is a male over twenty one years of age and resides in said Marion County, and that the said Willie Tommie Cheney is a female and minor about twelve years of age and resides with her mother Mrs Mary E Campbell and her husband Edward F Campbell in Easton in Green County and State and that the said Edward F Campbell is the qualified guardian of the said Willie Tommie. Therefore your Petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that notice thereof as required by law be given to the said next of kin of said decedent 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 probate and record of said will according to law.

Swarms & Subscribed before me N. W. P. Cheney,
this the 14th day of November AD 1884. T. J. Breckinridge
The State of Alabama Before me James W Taylor

Marion County Judge of Probate, and for said County in open Court personally appeared George S Lyon who being duly sworn deposes and says that he and M. C. S Burton are each Subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of America P. Cade deceased late an inhabitant of said County, that said A. P. Cade since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and then declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant and said M. C. S Burton set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as Subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other. That said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of making her will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said testatrix was on the day of the date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards, Sworn to and subscribed before me G. S. Lyon, on the first day of December AD 1884, for Judge of Probate.

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Last Will and Testament of Thos W Rogers Deed I now almighty here present that I, D. W. Rogers of the County of Marion and State of Alabama considering the uncertainty of this life, and being of sound mind and memory do hereby declare and publish this my last will and testament, that is to say. First After paying all my lawful debts I give and bequeath my entire estate of every description both real and personal wherof I may be seized or possessed to my beloved wife Elizabeth L. during her natural life or widowhood for her and my childrens benefit, and in the event she shall marry, then my estate to be equally divided between her and my children or in the event she should die then to be equally divided among my children. Secondly I hereby give my said wife Elizabeth L. full power and authority to sell any or all my estate both real and personal, at public or private sale, and invest the proceeds as least the same anywhere in or out of the state as she may deem best for the interest of my family. Thirdly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth L. executrix of this my last will and testament and will that she act as such without giving bond. In testimony whereof I have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

D. W. Rogers, seal

Signed sealed, declared and published by the said D. W. Rogers as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

T. J. Breckinridge
Probate Court
B. J. Rogers, V. H. Jeffey

The State of Alabama To the Hon. Just W Taylor Judge
Marion County. To the Hon. Just W Taylor Judge Probate of said Marion County. The petition of the undersigned Elizabeth S Rogers respectfully represents unto your Honor that Thomas W. Rogers who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County departed this life in said County on or about the 10th day of August AD 1884 leaving assets in this State and leaving a Last Will and Testament duly signed and published by Thomas W. Rogers and attested by R. J. Breckinridge, D. J. Rogers & V. H. Jeffey. That your petitioner, as she verily believes, is named in said Will as Executrix thereof and does now herewith surrender said Will to the Court, and pray that after proper proceedings and proofs it may be probated and admitted to record as the true Last Will and Testament of said deceased. Your petitioner further represents that she is the only

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of said deceased, and that the names, ages, residence and condition of the rest of them are as follows: named: Mrs. Carter who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides in this County with E D Carter her husband. T J Rogers who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in this County. J T Barr who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in this County with A P Barr her husband Anna Carter who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Etowah County, Ala with her husband H C Carter who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Lizzie Carter who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in this County with her husband H C Carter. Lillian Rogers who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in this County is unmarried, is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in this County. Your petitioner would further represent that V. A. Tiffey one of the said attesting witnesses resides in the State of Virginia and that the other witnesses have departed this life and therefore further prays that a day be set for the hearing of this petition and that due notice thereof be given as required by law to the rest 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.

E G Rogers, by T W Rogers,
Savonot and subscribed before me this Thirteenth day
of August 1882. Jacob Taylor, Judge of Probate.
Filed this 13th day of August AD 1882. Jacob Taylor, Judge of Probate.
The State of Virginia, 2nd Deponent of Sumter & Tiffey
Baptist Church, a witness sworn on the first day
of October 1882, at Woodville in said State and County
under and by virtue of a commission issued out of the
Probate Court of Marengo County, Alabama in a certain
cause therein pending between E G Rogers, plaintiff and
E L Carter et al defendants. The said Sumter & Tiffey
being first duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth
and nothing but the truth doth depose and say as
follows: To the first direct interrogatory she saith:
Sumter & Tiffey, Woodville, Baptists Church
County, State of Virginia. In the family of Mr T W Rogers in
Marengo County, State of Alabama. I know how well
he lived in Marengo County, Alabama. To the second
direct interrogatory she saith: I do. Because he showed
me a paper which he acknowledged to be his will. I do.
I did contain it was in 1869. I do not remember that any
other person ever gave it to Tiffey in 1869. To the third

direct interrogatory she saith: I do recognize the handwriting
I was. It is. In the Fall of 1869. I do not remember. I do not
remember that he signed it in my presence but I do know
that he was perfectly sound mentally and physically when
he made his will and as long as I knew him which was
up to December 1878.

V A Tiffey.

WILL.

I, F W Mitchell and Testament of F W Mitchell.
The State of Alabama, I Frank W Mitchell of said county
Mareno County, do hereby make and publish my last
will and testament in words and figures as follows:
to wit: I desire that all my just debts shall be first
paid from my estate. I give bequeath and devise to
my wife Celeste R Mitchell all of my property of every
description, however I then may have and appoint
my wife Celeste R Mitchell the Executrix of this my last
will and testament, and exempt her from giving any
bond for the execution the trusts and duties imposed on her
as such Executrix, and I also exempt her from making any
settlement with the Probate Court, for testifying whereof
I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of November
AD 1884.

F W Mitchell seals

Signed, sealed & published by F W Frank W Mitchell as
his last will and testament in my presence and in
the presence of the said as witnesses in my presence and in the
presence of each other on this the 17th day of November AD
1884. W T Bennett, J P Bryant, E H Bailey
The State of Alabama, Probate Court of said County
Mareno County. In the matter of the probate of the

last will and testament of Frank W Mitchell deceased.
I have no witness W Taylor, Judge of the said Court, per
sonally appeared in open Court J C Bennett who having
been by me first duly sworn and examined, testifies
and says in oath, that he and E H Bailey and W T
Bennett are each subscribing witness to the instrument
of writing now shown to him, and which purports to be
the last will and testament of Frank W Mitchell, de-
ceased, he an inhabitant of this county, that said Mitch-
ell deceased, signed and executed said instru-
ment on the day the same bears date and declared the
same to be his last will and testament, and that he
put his signature thereon, on the day the same bears
date, as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence
of said testator, at his request, and in the presence of the
other subscribing witnesses, and that such other witnesses
subscribed their names thereto, as witnesses, in his pres-
ence, and in the presence of each other. That said testator
was of sound mind and disposing memory, and over
the opinion of defendant, fully capable of making his

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At the time the said will was so made at foreland Affairs of said other states that said testator was on the day of the date of said will of their full age of twenty one years and upwards Subscribed and sworn to before me, J. P. Rembert
the 22 day of December 1884, Just W. Taylor Judge of Probate
The state of Alabama?

Marietta County, To have James W. Taylor Judge of Probate of said County. The petition of Celeste Mitchell respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Frank W. Mitchell who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 19 day of November 1882 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by William F. Rembert, justices of the peace and Edward W. Bailey who are all residents said County, in which will your Petitioner is named as Executrix thereof and she hereinbelow produce said will and propounds the same for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of the said Frank W. Mitchell & that she is over twenty one years of age & resides in the said County of Marietta and that Lee A. Terrell who is under twenty one years of age and over fourteen years of age, and Frank W. M. Mitchell, Lizzie Terrell Mitchell, Julius C. Mitchell and Fannie E. Mitchell all of whom are under fourteen years of age and reside with their mother, your petitioner in said County, and the said Lee A. Terrell also resides with his mother your petitioner in said County, and that the said Lee A. Terrell, Frank W. M. Mitchell, Lizzie Terrell, Julius C. Mitchell and Fannie E. Mitchell are the children, and next of kin of the said deceased who survive him. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof, is required by law be given to no man nor woman next of kin of said deceased, and that such other process, writs, 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.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22 day of November 1884.
By Sharpe Notary Public
Filed Decr 4th 1884. Just W. Taylor Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Glass.
The last Will and Testament of Thomas Glass of Octagon Marietta County and State of Alabama. I Thomas Glass of County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory and desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say,

I appoint my two brothers Williamson and Hugh Glass to be the Executors of this will 1st I desire that first all my just debts shall be paid out of my effects and after my debts are paid I give to my nephew Everett Glass one last year's herf yearling 3rd I give to my sister Mrs Elizabeth Walton the sum of One Dollar, 4th I give to my nephew William B Glass the sum of one dollar, 5th After above dispositions are made I desire that what else may remain of my earthly effects shall be divided into Four equal shares and I give one share each to my bro Williamson Glass, Hugh C Glass, Mary Alabama Glass and to the children of my sister Nancy Walton deceased. And further in order to the evenable distribution of said remaining effects I appoint my executors still and divide the same. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal at Octagon, this the Fourteenth day of November AD One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Four (1884)

T. Glass Seal

In presence of Thomas W. Parker, G.W. Baskley,
Filed Decr 1st 1884. J.W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.
The State of Alabama? Probate Court of said County
Marietta County. In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Thomas Glass deceased in
Before me James W. Taylor, Judge of the said Court personally appeared, upon o'Court H. W. Parker and G.W. Baskley who came to be w^e as aforesaid duly sworn and examined, deposed and say on oath that they and said Thomas Glass were each subscriber witness to the last instrument of writing now known to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of Thomas Glass deceased, later an inhabitant of this County, that said Thomas Glass since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiants set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator, at his request and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, and that such other witness subscribed his name thereto in their presence and in the presence of each other. That said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and on the humor of deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was on the day of the date of said wills of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Wm A Parker
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22 day of December 1884
Just W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

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The State of Alabama } Probate Court, To the Hon James W.
Marengo County, Claytor Judge Probate of said Marengo County
The petition and will in this case were written drawn by the Executor.

WILL. The Last Will and Testament of John Hunter Deed
The State of Alabama } I John Hunter of said State and
Marengo County } County being of sound mind and
knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will
and testament I do hereby appoint my wife Bettie A
Hunter Trustee for my children John L. Hunter and
Louisa T. Hunter and except her from giving bond is
such and do release and exempt her from making any
returns annual or otherwise or from any settlement
whatever It is my will for her to collect the amount of
Insurance Policy on my life from the Lincoln Mutual
Insurance Company at Cairo Illinois and to use the
money as she thinks best for the mens, tenance and ed-
ucation of my two children John L. Hunter and Lou-
isa T. Hunter said policy is numbered 839 in the
Lincoln Mutual Life and Accident Society at Cairo
Illinois In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 1st day of January AD 1885
Signed in presence of C. Whitfield, John Hunter,
W.H. Jones, Jas. S. Moore & P. J. McCauls

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Marengo County Probate in and for said County
personally came and appeared in open Court James W.
Jones who being duly sworn and examined deposo-
and says that he and W.H. Jones C.B. Whitfield and P.
J. McCauls are each subscribing witnesses to the conser-
munt of writing now shown to him the said affiant
and which purports to be the last will and testament
of John Hunter deceased late an inhabitant of this
County that said Hunter in his lifetime signed and
sealed said instrument of writing on the day the
same bears date and then sealed the same to be his
last will and testament that affiant and W.H. Jones
C.B. Whitfield and P.J. McCauls set their signatures thereto
on the day the same bears date at subscribing witnesses
to the same in the presence of each other and in the pres-
ence of said testator at his request That said testa-
tor was of sound mind and disposing memory and in
the opinion of deponent fully capable of making his will
at the time the same was so made as aforesaid and
that said testator was on the day of the date of said will
of the full age of twenty one years and upwards
Sworn to and subscribed before me 3rd Jas. S. Moore
this the 30th day of March 1885 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Filed Mar 30th 1885 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

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The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } To the Hon James W Taylor Judge Probate
of said Marengo County The petition of the undersigned
Bettie A Hunter respectfully represents unto your Honor
that John Hunter who was at the time of his death an
inhabitant of this County departed this life near Jefferson
Alion on about the tenth day of January AD 1885 leaving
assets in this State and leaving a Last Will and
Testament duly signed and published by said John Hunter
and attested by C.B. Whitfield, W.H. Jones, James S. Moore
and P.J. McCauls all of said County & State That your
petitioner as she verily believes is named in said Will
as Guardian of the children of said John Hunter deceased
and does now herewith surrender said Will to the Court
and pray that after proper proceedings and proofs it
may be probated and admitted to record as the true
Last Will and Testament of said deceased Your
petitioner further represents that your petitioner is the
widow of said deceased and that the names ages
residence and condition of the rest of kin are as
follows to wit: John L. Hunter who is under twenty
one years of age of sound mind and resides in said
County of Marengo with petitioner his mother Louisa
T. Hunter who is under twenty-one years of age of
sound mind and resides in said County of Marengo
her mother M. J. Wade who is over twenty one years
of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County
and is a sister of said deceased being a widow
Your petitioner would further represent that each of
the said attesting witnesses resides in Marengo County
Ala and therefore further pray that a day be set
for the hearing of this petition and to sue notice
thereof be given as required by law to the next of kind
of said deceased and that such other proceeding
and decree may be had and made in the premises as
may be requisite and proper to effect the due prove and
Record of said Will according to law Bettie A Hunter
Sworn to and subscribed before me this sixteenth day of
March AD 1885 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Filed this 16th day of March AD 1885 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL.

Last Will and Testament of Sarah J. Ashe Deed
The State of Alabama I Sarah J. Ashe widow of the late
Marengo County William Circumatus Ashe deced
said County being mindful of my mortality and believ-
ing that in life we should prepare for death do hereby make
and publish my last will and testament in writing as
follows: I do hereby give bequeath and devise
all of my property of every description whatsoever

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niece Cammie Ashe Matters of the said County and State
I hereby nominate and appoint my said niece Cammie
Matters, the Executrix of this my last will and testament, and
exempt her from having to give any bond or security for the
faithful performance of this trust. In witness whereof I have
and do hereunto set my hand & seal this the eighth day of
January AD 1884.

Signed Sealed and published by Mrs Sarah J. Ashe, the widow
of the late W C Ashe, test as her last will and testament
in my presence and at my request, and in her presence,
and in the presence of each of us, we agreed this and
witnessed thereof this the 8 January 1884. Geo S Lyon & F G Griffin
the State of Alabama Before me James W Taylor Judge of
Marion County Probate and for said County came
and personally appeared, as aforesaid, George S Lyon
who being duly sworn and examined deposes and says
that he and James F Griffin are each subscribing wit-
nesses to the instrument of writing now shown to and
read by him, and which purports to be the last will
and Testament of Sarah J Ashe, deceased late in an
habitual of this County, that said Sarah J Ashe, in her
lifetime signed and executed the said instrument of wri-
ting on the day the same bears date, and then declared
the same to be her last will and testament, and that
affiant and said James F Griffin set their signatures
thereto, on the same day the said instrument bears date,
as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of
said Testatrix, at her request, and in the presence of each other.
That said Testatrix was of sound mind and disposing mem-
ory, and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of making
her will, at the time the same was so made as aforesaid;
and that said Testatrix was on the day of the date of said
will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
Sworn to and subscribed before me Geo S Lyon
this 2d day of March 1885. James Taylor Judge of Probate
the State of Alabama. In Probate Court

PETITION. Marion County To Hon JAMES W Taylor Judge of said
Court: Your petitioner Cammie A. Matters who is of full
age and a resident of said County and State, respectfully
represents unto your Honor that the late Sarah J Ashe,
who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her
death, departed this life in the town of Demopolis, in said
County, on the 1st day of January, 1885, leaving a last
will and testament duly signed and published by her
and attested by George S Lyon and F G Griffin, residents
of the said town of Demopolis in Marion County State
of Alabama in which with your petitioner remained as
executrix, and devised, and which said will is herewith
produced to your Honor and pronounced for probate and

and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that
the next of kin of said decedent are as follows: Your petitioner
Cammie A. Matters, a niece of decedent, who is of full age and
resides as aforesaid at Demopolis, Marion County, Alabama.
Julian A. Matters, a grand nephew who is of full age and
resides in Choctaw County State of Alabama. Lucre Chancy
a grand niece, who is of full age and a married woman,
and resides with her husband Green P Chancy in Choctaw
County, State of Alabama, and Stacy J. Matters, a grand nephew
who is of full age and resides in Marion County State
of Alabama. Wherefore your petitioner prays that it may be
set for hearing this petition, that decree thereof as re-
quired by law be given to the said next of kin of said de-
cedent, that such process may be issued to the said subscriber
witnesses to appear and testify on such appointed day
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 recording of said will
according to law.

Cammie A. Matters
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d day of
January 1885.

E S Commiss J P

Filed January 10, 1885. James W Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Oswald Eddins
The State of Alabama The last Will and Testament of Oswald
Eddins of said State and County by the
name of God Amos O Oswald Eddins of said State and County
being desirous in view of the uncertainties of life and the
certainty of death and that my worldly affords may be
disposed of during my life as I desire them to be in the
event of my death do hereby make and declare this to be
my last will and Testament, 1st I hereby will and
bequeath to my son J W T Eddins the one hundred and
sixty acres of land which has been exempted to me as
a Homestead and comprehending the Homestead res-
idence where I now reside 2nd I bequeath to my
son Frederick S Eddins the bed, bedclothing bedstead
and wash stand now used by me in my room, and
also the bureau in my room which has a looking glass
on it or attached to it, 3rd I bequeath to my two
grand daughters Mary S Cockrell and Josephine B
Cockrell, my Piano, the said two grand daughters to
have one half interest in common in said piano
4th I desire all the remainder of my property consisting
of household and kitchen furniture plantation im-
plements, a cotton gin head a lot of sheep about six
head of cattle and any other article not herein mentioned
that I may now own to be equally divided between
my sons J W T Eddins and Frederick Eddins and my

daughter Josephine I. Cockerell, and Martha A. Edwards, but I desire that the share of my daughter Martha A. Edwards be paid to her by my other child deceased above named in money, and I desire that it be distinctly understood that it is not my desire that my daughter Mary E. Eddins shall have anything after my death, that I now give and am compelled to dispose of by will, because she has already received more than her share of my property and also because she has been to me a most ungrateful daughter. In testimony of all which I hereby affix my signature,
Witness: J. D. Harwell, S. D. Smith, J. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County.

PROOF

Marengo County, Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open court, J. D. Harwell, who being duly sworn and examined deposes and says that he and S. D. Smith are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Russell Eddins, deceased late, an inhabitant of this County, that said Russell Eddins signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiant and S. D. Smith set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said Testator, at his request and in the presence of each other. That said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent, fully capable of making his will, at the time the same was so made, as of record. Affiant further states that said Testator was on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of twenty five years and upwards. J. D. Harwell Subscribed before me this the 10th day of August 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION

Marengo County, Probate Court.
Yours petitioner J. W. Taylor, Judge of said Court, your petitioner J. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County respectfully represents that the late Russell Eddins, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 26th day of June 1885, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by him and attested by J. D. Harwell and S. D. Smith, residents of Demopolis, Ala. in which your petitioner is named as executors, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and pronounced for probate & recording in this court. Your petitioner further states that Mrs. Mary Eddins, the widow of said decedent resides near Demopolis, Ala., that the rest of them are as follows: Mrs. Martha A. Edwards, a married woman, residing with her husband J. M. Edwards at Elton Hickory Co. Missouri. Josephine I. Cockerell, a

married woman residing with her husband Nathan Cook, near Demopolis, Ala. J. M. T. Eddins, Demopolis, Ala. Louis E. Eddins, Demopolis, Ala. Mary E. Eddins, Demopolis, Ala. all of whom are of adult age. Therefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the said executors of him of said deceased, and that such other orders, proceedings, and decrees may be had in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and recording of said will according to law. Deponents subscribe before me J. W. Taylor, this 11th day of July 1885. J. D. Harwell, J. P. M. C. Filed July 13th, 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Nathan Etheredge
The State of Alabama I now, in my present state, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament. I, Joe D. Etheredge, my wife, Little Etheredge, the use, and movements and income of my dwelling house lands and appurtenances to have and to hold during her lifetime. And I give and bequeath unto my son Joe D. Etheredge the use of the dwelling house, now occupied by him, and as much land as he can work, free from rent during the lifetime of my wife and at the death of my wife my property is to be equally divided between my children. And I do nominate and appoint my son Joe D. Etheredge executor of my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 16th day of June 1885.

Nathan Etheredge

I, Gray Little, mark
Signed, sealed, in presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

PROOF

Gray Little

Ann McHardy

Marengo County, Before me Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared Ann McHardy in open court, and who being duly sworn and examined deposes and says that he and Gray Little are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, the said affiant, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Nathan Etheredge. Deceased. That said deceased at the time of her death was an inhabitant of this County, and that said Nathan Etheredge in his lifetime signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant and said Gray Little set the signatures thereto on the day the same bears date.

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subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said Testator, at his request and in the presence of each other; and that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testator is on the day of the date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Attn. 14 A.M.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of September 1885.

Jesse Taylor, Judge of Probate
The State of Alabama, To the Hon James W. Taylor, Judge

Marengo County, Probate of said County. The petition of the undersigned Joe D. Etheredge, respectfully represent, unto your Honor that Iathur Etheredge who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County, he parted this life at his Residence on or about the 17th day of July 1885, leaving a Last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by Gray Little and Wm H. Hasty residents of said County. That your petitioner, as I verily believe, is named in said Will as Executor hereof, also a legatee and does now herewith subscribe said Will to the Court, and pray that after proper proceedings and proofs it may be probated and admitted to record as the true Last Will and Testament of said deceased. Your petitioner further represents that Idaun Etheredge is the widow of said deceased and that the names, ages, residence and condition of the rest of her are as follows: First, Nancy Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Clarke County, Alabama. James Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Lewis J. Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Providence Fortner who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Eddie Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Melita Etheredge and Henry L. Etheredge who are under twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Ida Etheredge and Sallie P. Etheredge who are under twenty one years of age, of sound mind, and reside in Marengo County, Alabama. Your petitioner would further represent that Gray Little & W H Hasty the above attesting witnesses are persons

who are creditable, and of sound mind and memory and therefore further prays that a day be set for the hearing of his petition, and that due notice thereof be given as required by law to the 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.

Joe D. Etheredge
Deponents and subscribed before me this 19th day of August A.D. 1885. R. L. Kealy, Justice of the Peace Marego County
Filed this 21st day of August 1885.

Jesse W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of S. R. Robnett Deceased
Know all men by these presents that I Sarah R. Robnett a citizen of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky, residing with my brother Andrew Wright in said Bourbon County, was visiting my Sister Amanda Thomas in Shelby County Kentucky being sound in mind but feeble in health knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore by me made. That is to say 1st. I will that my general expenses and just debts be paid out of my estate. 2nd. I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Alice Tisdale daughter of my late daughter Alice Robnett wife of James W. Tisdale of York Station, Sumpter County State of Alabama One Hundred Dollars to be held in trust and kept interest by my hereafter named Executor until said Alice Tisdale becomes of age (now about two years old) in case she dies under age or without living issue said one hundred dollars and accrued interest except lawful expenses and taxes shall revert back to my estate or other heirs at law. 3rd. I will and bequeath my plantation or tract of land lying and being in Marengo County and State of Alabama viz: The South West quarter of section 26, twenty six township 68 Eights, Range 2 east containing 160 acres more or less, deeded to me by Adele B. M. Gandy dated Jan. 27, 1877, together with all my cash, cash notes and other effects of every kind and character by me possessed at my demise to my daughter Annie Lee Robnett. I appoint my friend Nathan Doyle Sr. of Bourbon County, State of Kentucky to execute this my last will and testament and request the same to be probated in the Bourbon County Court and State of Kentucky. Given under my hand and seal signed in the presence of Andrew Wright, Moses Thomas, this 4th day of December A.D. 1885. Monroe Thomas, Andrew Wright, S. R. Robnett

CERTIFICATE
OF CLERK

Morris Thomas Andrew Bright

Bourbon County Court, March Term, March 6th 1885.
This last Will and Testament of Sarah R. Robnett deceased
filed and continued at this last term of the Court March
2^d 1885, was this day proved in open Court by the oath of
Morris Thomas & Andrew Bright, attesting witnesses thereto
and ordered to record. Witness Jas. M. Hughes, Clerk of said
Court the date above. J. M. Hughes, Clerk

State of Kentucky, I, S. J. Jas. M. Hughes, Clerk of the
Bourbon County Court in and for said County
in the State aforesaid do certify that said Court is a Court
of Record having ardeal that the foregoing will of Sarah R.
Robnett and the proof of the same are matters of record in
my office and that the same are truly transcribed from
said record as they appear of record in said office that
said will was duly executed and proved agreeably to
the laws and usages of said State of Kentucky, and
that the foregoing is a complete copy from the records
of said Court of said will and of the proof thereof.

Signed under my hand and the seal of said Court
this 31st day of August 1885. J. M. Hughes, Clerk
State of Kentucky, I, S. J. Matt. Turney, Judge of the
County of Bourbon, County Court of said County, do
certify that J. M. Hughes whose genuine signature appears
above is now and was at the date thereof Clerk of the
Bourbon County Court, and that his said attestations
are in due form and entitled to full faith and credit.
Signed under my hand as Judge of said Court, this 31st
day of August 1885. Matt Turney

sole and presiding Judge of Bourbon County Court.
Filed Sept 2nd 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION FOR
PRODUCTION
OF WILL

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Glower
To the Honorable James W. Taylor, Judge of the Probate Court of
said County. The petitioner Edwin Glower respectfully repre-
sents unto your Honor, 1st. That Mrs. Elizabeth Glower died
testate in Marengo County, Ala. within the last sixty days
leaving property both real and personal situated therein
2nd. That the will of the decedent is now in her possession
or under the control of one Pearson Glower who is the
executor named therein. That petitioner is the principal
devisee or legatee named in said will & therefore interested
in said estate. The petitioner therefore prays your Honor
to issue a citation to the said Pearson Glower requiring
him to appear and produce in your Honor's Court at as
early a day as practicable the will of the said Elizabeth
Glower in order that it may be probated according to law.
And as in duty bound etc.

Edwin A. Glower

Searched and subscribed before me Nov 2nd 1885. Chas. J. Harville, J.P. Not.
Filed Nov 2nd 1885.
The State of Alabama, } To the Hon. James W. Taylor, Judge of
Probate Court, Marengo County, } Probate Court
I, James W. Taylor, Judge
Probate of said Marengo County. The petition of the in-
signed Pearson J. Glower respectfully represents unto your
Honor that Elizabeth Glower, who was at the time of her
death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life
at Demopolis, about the 27th day of October, 1885,
leaving assets in this State and leaving a Last Will
and Testament, duly signed and published by said Eliz-
abeth and attested by Chas. J. Foster and E. T. Logan. That
your petitioner, as he verily believes, is named in said Will
as Executor thereof and does now herewith surrender said
Will to the Court and pray that after proper proceedings
and proofs, it may be probated and admitted to record
as the true Last Will and Testament of said deceased.
Your petitioner further represents that - and that the
married, aged, residence and condition of the rest of her
are as follows and to wit: Pearson J. Glower who is over
twenty one years of age, of sound mind, and resides
in Marengo County, Ala. and who is the only rest of her
and only child of said deceased - and he hereby waives
the ten (10) days notice of the hearing of this petition, and
asks that the hearing in thence be now proceeded with.
Your petitioner would further represent that C. J. Foster
one of the said attesting witnesses is now present in
Court and therefore further prays that no such other
process, summonses, orders and decrees may be had and made
in the premises as may be required and proper to effect
the due probate and record of said Will according to
law.

J. J. Glower

Searched and subscribed before me this 30th day of Nov.
A.D. 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate
Filed this 30th day of Nov. 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.
I, Elizabeth Glower of Demopolis, Marengo County and
State of Alabama, do make and publish this my last Will and
Testament in manner of form following. 1st. I direct that
all my just debts be paid by my executor as soon as
possible after my decease. 2nd. I give and bequeath to my
son Pearson J. Glower all my Personal Property not depo-
sed of by this Will, as follows: my household and kitchen
furniture, and the ring on my finger, and all the cattle
I own, of every kind and description. 3rd. I give and be-
queath to Mary Glower wife of Pearson J. Glower, my
Clock and China Tea Set, &c. I give and bequeath
to my grand daughter Lizzie Glower, the canary bird given
Decr. 5th I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter
Sue Glower, my other place gold ring, and round op-

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buttons, and my pictures to the I give and bequeath to Ella S. Glover, whom I placed under her now lives with me my sewing machine, two sets dressed one a bandana stripe, the other a brown plaid, summer silk, also a new Marcelline quilt, and a bundle directed to her in my large trunk. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Edwin A. Glover, my Mother's ring with the set out all my silver ware, and my watch and chain and a small bundle directed to him in my large trunk. I also give, devise and bequeath to my said grandson Edwin A. Glover my house and lots in the City of Demopolis, which I now own and occupy, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto and I empower and direct my Executor to rent out from year to year the said House and Lots hereby devised to my said grandson Edwin A. Glover and to apply the rents and issues thereof to his maintenance and education until he attains the age of Twenty-one years, but in the event of his death under that age, it is my will that the said House and lots shall be the absolute property of my said son Pearson J. Glover, & to make my said grandson Edwin A. Glover the residuary legatee of this my will, & I hereby nominate and appoint my son Pearson J. Glover the Executor of this my last will and testament, and revoke all other wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 17th day of July A.D. 1877.

Elizabeth Glover, P. S. G.
Witnesses: Thos. J. Foster, E. T. Ligon

PROOF.

The State of Alabama. Before me, Jas. Taylor, Judge of Probate, Marengo County, before and for said County personally appeared in open court, Thos. J. Foster, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he and E. T. Ligon are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to him, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Glover, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County, that said Elizabeth Glover, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and then declared the same to be her last will and Testament, and that affiant and said E. T. Ligon set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said Testator, at her request and in the presence of each other. That said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent, fully capable of making her will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testator was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Thos. J. Foster
I do solemnly declare before me this the 1st day of

Spanished 1885.
St. Paul, March 30, 1885.

Judge of Probate
David Taylor, Judge of Probate

- WILL -

The last will and testament of Minifred B. Coleman died for the name of God Rivera
& Minifred B. Coleman of the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, being impressed with the uncertainty of life, lack of sound and disposing mind and memory do now in safe and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others.

Item 1.

I will and bequeath to my beloved grandson William P. Curry all of my bed room furniture, consisting of a mollogany bedstead, one spring mattress, a wool mattress, feather bed, two pairs of pillows, five quilts and one pair of blankets, one center table, bureau, washstand, book case and wardrobe.

Also one-half dozen teaspoons, one-half dozen table spoons, one-half dozen forks and a soup ladle, all of silver; also one-half dozen cane bottom chairs. Also give and bequeath to the said William P. Curry, my gold watch now in the possession of my grandson W. Syrd Curry, who borrowed it of me some time ago. I hereby direct my Executor herein afternamed to get it and deliver to the said William P. Curry.

Item 2. I hereby direct my Executor to sell the balance of my household, and my kitchen furniture and all of my personal property of every kind and to give and apply the proceeds for the support of the four younger children of my beloved son James M. Curry.

Item 3. I hereby give and devise to my said son James M. Curry, my small tract of land, lying south of Dayton, adjoining the lands of David M. Prowell and A. J. Myrick, known as the "Ford Place", consisting of forty acres, numbers not now known to me.

Item 4. I hereby direct my house and lot on which I now reside to be sold as soon after my death as my Executor shall think best, and the proceeds of such sale to be divided equally between my beloved sons Thomas B. Gaines, James M. Curry and the children of my deceased son David G. Curry.

Item 5. I hereby appoint my son Thomas B. Gaines Executor of this my will and testament believing that he will carry out my wishes as herein expressed.

For testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 14th day of February A.D. 1885.

Minifred B. Coleman

Lori H. Reeves.

S. J. Choker.

The above and written instrument was at the date thereof, read over to, and subscribed by, the said Minnie B. Coleman, the testatrix, and declared to be her last will and testament; and we at her request sign our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

Levi W. Reeves
T. J. Archer.

Filed Sept. 13, 1886. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W.
Marengo County } Taylor, Judge of the
Probate Court in and for said County, personally
appeared in open Court T. J. Archer & L. W. Reeves, who
being first duly sworn and examined, deposes &
says that they are each subscribing witness to the
instrument of writing, now shown to them, and
which purports to be the last will and testament
of Minnie B. Coleman, deceased, late an inhabitant
of said County; that said Minnie B.
Coleman in her lifetime, signed and executed the
said instrument on the day the same bears date,
and thus declared the same to be her last will
and testament in the presence of affiants, who
themselves their signature thereto as subscribing
witnesses to the same in the presence of said
Testatrix, at her request, and in the presence
of each other: That said Testatrix was of sound mind
and disposing memory and, in the opinion
of affiants, fully capable of making her said will
at the time the same was so made as aforesaid, and
that said Testatrix was on the date of said will
of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.
Sworn to and subscribed } Levi W. Reeves
before me this the 13th. } T. J. Archer.
day of December 1886.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.
Marengo County.
Filed Dec. 13, 1886. Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate
Marengo County

PETITION

State of Alabama }
Marengo Co. } Probate Court.
To Hon. Jas. W. Taylor.

Judge of Probate of said County.

Your Petitioner, Anna E. Trippre, a married woman, by her next friend, Silas C. Trippre respectfully represents to your honor, that the late Minnie B. Coleman, who was a resident of Marengo County, State of Alabama at the time of her death departed this life on the day of Nov. A. D. 1884, leaving a last will and testament duly made, signed and attested according to the laws of the State of Alabama, in which your Petitioner is named as one of the Devisees and Legatees of the estate.

And your Petitioner here with prays that the said will, which has been produced in Court by Thomas H. Gaines, of Mareng. County, State of Alabama, by order of your Honor, be admitted to Probate and record in your Honorable Court.

Your Petitioner further states that the Devisee and Legatee of the said Minnie B. Coleman, deceased, under the said will are Wm. P. Curry, Jas. M. Curry, four younger children of Jas. M. Curry, T. P. G. Garrison, said children of David B. Curry, deceased. Of whom your Petitioner is one.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof be given, as required by law, and that such other and further 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.

Subscribed and sworn to } Anna E. Trippre.
before me this the sixth }
day of Nov. A. D. 1886.

S. W. John.

T. P. G. Garrison.

Filed Nov. 11, 1886. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL
PETITION

Will of Louis Rosenthaler Deceased.

The State of Alabama } August 30th 1886.
Marengo County. }
To Hon. Jas. W. Taylor

Judge of Probate Court of said County.
The Petitioner of Louis Rosenthaler, respectfully represents to your honor, that the late Louis Rosenthaler, who was an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in said Marengo County, and State of Alabama, departed this life on the 20th day of August A. D. 1887 in said City of Demopolis leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him, attested by George C. Michael and Morris Mayer, residents of the City of Demopolis in

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Marengo County, in which your petitioner is named
one of the legatees, and petitioner herewith produces
such wills and profound the same for Probate and record
in this Court.

2^d Your Petitioner further states that the said deceased
leaving widow or children or brother or sisters surviv-
ing him, and that the brother Frederick Rosenbaum
mentioned in said will died before he, said testator
did, and that the following persons are the only ones
who are interested in the estate of the said Testator and
who are his heirs at law to wit: Martin Rosenbaum
who resides in the city of San Francisco, State of
California. Charles Rosenbaum who resides in the
City and State of New York. Gustave Rosenbaum
who resides in the City of Cincinnati State of Ohio.
Louis Rosenbaum, your petitioner, who also resides
in the City of Cincinnati State of Ohio, and Pauline
Postlethwait, who is now the wife of Emanuel
Postlethwait, and who resides with her said husband
in City of Salina State of Kansas - and that the
said Martin, Charles, Gustave, Louis, and Pauline,
are the children of said Frederick Rosenbaum, and
the same mentioned in said will, and that Harry
Rosenbaum who is one of the children of the said
Frederick Rosenbaum mentioned in said will
also resides in said City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio,
and that they are all over twenty one years of age
and of sound minds.

3rd And your petitioner further states that he is informed
and believes it to be true, and therefore alleges it upon
said information and belief, that the said Testator
owed no debts at the time of his death, and that the
only claims against his estate, is the expenses incident
to his last illness and funeral.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that a day be set
for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof be required
by law, be given to the wife of him of said deceased:
and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees
may be had and made in the premises as may be
convenient and proper to effect the due Probate and
record of said will according to law.
Sworn to and subscribed before Louis Rosenbaum
me, this 30th day of August 1886.

C. S. Corrigan

Justice of the Peace, Marengo County.

The State of Alabama {
Marengo County {

For the sum of \$1.

I Louis Rosenbaum of the City of Demopolis, Marengo

County and State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing
mind, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will
and testament. I hereby revoke all wills heretofore made by me.
I give and bequeath all my real property, both real and personal
unto my nephew Martin Rosenbaum in trust for the benefit
of himself and his brother, Charles, Gustave, Louis, and his
sister Pauline. The said named persons are the children
of my brother Frederick Rosenbaum, residing in the City
of Cincinnati State of Ohio. Said property to be equally
divided between the named persons share and share alike.
The said Martin to have full power to sell and dispose of
said property by sale if necessary, and to convey titles to
the purchaser and to distribute and to divide the proceeds
arising from said sale equally between the said Martin,
Charles, Gustave, Louis, and Pauline, my nephews, and
niece, all being children of my brother Frederick Rosenbaum.
If the said Martin should for any cause cease to be Trustee
as designated and hereby intended, or decline to act as Trustee, the
Authorize and empower the said Charles, Gustave, Louis and
Pauline to select and appoint some competent and suitable
person to act as Trustee, and to carry out the purpose declared
in this my last will.

Henry Rosenbaum my nephew and son of my brother
Frederick Rosenbaum, exclude from the benefits and purposes
of this my will and from any share or claim in my Estate
as it is my purpose and intention to exclude him entirely
I do not owe any debt and have sufficient funds on hand to meet
all my present wants.

In testimony whereof, the said Louis Rosenbaum, have
subscribed and signed this my last will and testament,
on this the eleventh day of May in the year eighteen
hundred and eighty six 1886.

Witness:

Geo. J. Michael

May 11, 1886

Before me Jas. L. Taylor,
Marengo County { Judge of the Probate Court
in and for said County, the foregoing instrument was
this day in open Court read by the proper testimony,
and proven to be the genuine last will and Testament
of Louis Rosenbaum, deceased, and as such admitted to
probate and ordered to be recorded as the law directs
in such cases. As witness my hand at Linden the
7th day of October 1886. Jas. L. Taylor
Judge of Probate

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The foregoing will and the said testimony in and for the
same have been duly recorded in Book of Wills at page
Jas. L. Taylor Judge of Probate

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The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor,
 Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and
 for said County, personally, in open Court, Morris
 Mayer, who having been by me first duly sworn and
 examined, deposes and says that he and Geo. J. Michael
 are each subscriber witnesses to the instrument writing
 now shown to him, which purports to be the last
 will and testament of Louis Rosy Baum, deceased
 late inhabitant of this County; that said Rosy Baum
 in his life time signed and executed said instrument
 on the day the same bears date, and the same to be his
 last will and testament, and that affiant and said
 Geo. J. Michael, set their signatures thereto, on the
 day the same bears date, as subscriber witnesses
 to the same, in the presence of said Testator, at
 his request and in the presence of each other;

That testator was of sound mind and disposing
 memory; and, in the opinion of affiant, fully
 capable of making his will, at the time the same
 was so made as above said. Affiant further
 states that said Testator was, on the day of the said
 date of said will, of the full age of twenty-one years
 and upwards.

Sworn to and subscribed { Morris Mayer.
 before me this the 7th
 day of October, 1886.

Jas. W. Taylor,
 Judge of Probate

Filed Oct. 7th 1886 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

Will of Wm. Langford, Deceased.

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these
 Marengo County, I presents, that I, William
 Langford, senior to her by revoke, renew and make
 all former wills made by me as to any and all real
 estate except, as to the heirs of my son Wm. D. Langford
 and his wife Mary J. Langford, which has already
 been described in deed of gift, dated the 12th day of
 November, 1870. And in the stead thereof, do by these
 presents make this my last will and testament
 to wit, 1st I will myself, to God who gave it,
 my body to the earth from whence it was taken, and
 good will to all my fellow creatures.

2nd I do will and bequeath that all Doctors bills
 or other medical service, in my last sickness,
 together with all funeral expenses, shall
 forth be paid.

3rd That all my just debts if there be any shall
 be next paid to creditors.

4th I do will and bequeath that my son William D. Langford
 Langford shall be the executor of my will during his life,
 and in case that my son William D. Langford shall die,
 then my son in law E. M. Gardner shall be my Executor,
 or his will and bequeath all my personal property to my
 son William D. Langford, and the rest of my real estate to my
 grand children namely, Clara, C. Langford, Mary Langford, Lilly
 Langford, and Henry Norman Langford, and the lands and
 Councill Gardine, containing in all about three hundred and fifty
 acres, and lying and being situated in Marengo County and State of Alabama,
 and joining the lands described in a deed of gift to my son William D.
 and his wife Mary J. Langford. Provided that my son William D. Langford
 Langford shall have the sole control of the rents that may accrue therefrom
 for a series of five years; and that said rents shall be paid out for improvements
 on said lands, and that my son William D. Langford shall have
 for his services an equal share with the before mentioned heirs, or a
 child's part.

5th I do will and bequeath that after the expiration of the said five
 years before mentioned, that said lands, or rents are to remain together
 for the purpose of improving the same, that said three hundred and
 fifty acres of land shall be valued by three good, honest, disinterested
 people land owners of Marengo County, which valuation may be regulated
 by the rate of County assessment of lands of the same grade & quality,
 and that my son William D. Langford shall pay or cause
 to be paid, one sixth part of such valuation to each of my granddaughters
 viz: Ida Ainsel, and Councill Gardine, whereupon my two
 granddaughters, Ida Russel, and Eusanna Gardine, for their
 legal children shall convey all of their right, title and interest
 to said three hundred and fifty acres of land, to my granddaughters
 Councill, Mary, Lilly and Henry Langford or their legal children.
 6th To my daughter Eliza Orme, I give and bequeath five
 dollars, as I have already given her more than an equal share
 with my other children.

8th And last, I do will and bequeath all of personal property
 to my son William D. Langford. In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of January
 A.D. 1887.

Witness:

O. T. Saunders
 Lawrence Russell Smith
 The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor
 Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for
 said County, personally came and appeared in open Court
 O. T. Saunders who being examined and sworn by me, deposse
 and saye that he and L. R. Smith are each subscriber
 witness to the instrument now shown to him, and
 which purports to be the last will and Testament of

William Langford deceased, late an inhabitant of this

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County. That said Wm Langford in his life time, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant and said L. P. Smith set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of each other: That said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of deponent, fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made, aforesaid; and affiant further says that the said testator was, on the day of the date of said will, of the full age of twentyone years and upwards.

C. F. Saunders

Swear to and subscribed
before me this the 9th
day of May 1887.

Jas W Taylor.

Judge of Probate.

Filed May 9th 1887, Jas W Taylor, Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama } To the James W Taylor,
Marion County } Judge Probate of said Marion County.
The petition of the undersigned William B. Langford, respectfully
represents unto your Honor that William Langford who was at
the time of his death an inhabitant of this County, departed this
life at Dayton or about the 5th day of February A. D. 1887
leaving assets in this State, and leaving a last Will and Testament
fully signed and published by him, William Langford and attested
by C. F. Saunders and Lawrence Russell Smith.

That your petitioner as heretofore believes, is named in said
Will as the Executor thereunder and does now herewith surrender
said will to Court, and pray that after proper proceedings
and proofs it may be probated and admitted to record as the
true last Will and Testament of said deceased Your petitioner
further represents that there is no widow of said deceased and
that the names, ages, residences, and conditions of the next
kin are as follows to-wit:

Roger B. Gardin who is 21 twenty-one years of age, sound mind
and resides in Atlanta Georgia.

William L. Gardin who is 21 twenty-one years of age, of sound mind
and resides in Gonzales Tex.

Eurania Gardin who is 21 twenty-one years of age, of sound mind
and resides in Birmingham Ala.

Joseph Gardin who is over 14, under 21 years of age, of sound mind
and resides in Birmingham Ala

Olivia Ann Oreyord who is 21 twenty-one years of age, of sound mind
and resides in Waco Texas.

See Russell who is 21 twenty-one years of age, of sound mind
and resides in Meridian Mississippi.

William B. Langford who is 21 twenty-one years of age of
sound mind and resides in Dayton Marion Co. Ala.
Eurania C Langford who is 21 twenty-one years of age of sound mind.
Mary Langford who is over 14, and under 21 years of age.
Lilly D. Langford over 14 under 21 years of age.

Mary M. under 14 years old.

All of said minors are of sound mind, reside with their
father William B. Langford in Marion County Alabama.

Your petitioner would further represent that C. F. Saunders
and Lawrence Russell Smith the said attesting witnesses
reside in Marion County, and therefore further
prays that a day be set for the hearing of this petition, and
that due notice thereof be given, as required by law to
rest of kin of said deceased, and that such other pro-
ceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the
proceeding as may be requisite and proper to effect the
due Probate and Record of said Will according to law.

Swear to and subscribed before William B. Langford d.
me, this 14 day of February A.D. 1887, by E. M. Ceda.

Jas W Taylor

Judge of Probate

Filed this 14th day of July, A. D. 1887, Jas W Taylor.
Judge of Probate,

David B. Turner's last Will Oct. 8th, 1861.

For the natural love and affection I bear my natural
mother, Sarah Turner, I give and bequeath a life time
interest to her, the lot upon which her houses are
situated including yard, garden and stables running
north to where it meets her land containing about
3 acres &c. I give and bequeath to my aunts dead
wife all the interest I have or may have in lands
negroed notes, accounts, stock of every description
farming utensils household and kitchen furniture
to have and to hold during her widowhood and
at the event of her marrying, an equal distribution
to be made of the estate, in trust or board to
be charged to any of the children for an English
education. It must be remembered that 1/10th
David Turner has received at least three thousand
dollars in cash notes and a negro boy from the
estate. I desire also that my wife use the privilege
of giving to any child at her option any portion
of that estate that she may desire not going be-
yond the child's full interest in the estate. Also
give my dear wife my Barouch, Bagg, oil lantern
cannons from my God that my beloved wife all the
children in my mother, my sister in law my son

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and all my servants may meet me in the Kingdom of God and of his Christ. I will that my wife be sole administrator of my estates.

David B. Turner,
Witnesses, Edward W. Wright, J.W. Sanders

Probate Court July Term 1862. Application to probate the last will of David B. Turner.

John H. Sanders appeared in open Court and being first duly sworn deposes and says that the paper exhibited to the Court at the last will and testament of David B. Turner was written in his presence by the request of the testator, that the testator signed the same in his presence and that he affiant signed the same as a witness in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of the other subscribing witness and that he saw the other subscribing witness sign the said will in the presence of said at the request of the testator. That the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time sworn to and subscribed to the said will.

before me July 21st 1862, W.H. Curtis, Clerk,
State of Mississippi Probate Court July 21, Term
Carroll County. 1862, David B. Turner last Will.

This day came on to be heard the application to probate the last will of David B. Turner deceased John H. Sanders one of the subscribing witnesses appeared in open Court and first being duly sworn according to law gave his testimony which was reduced to writing and the Court being fully advised in the premises doth order adjudge and decree that said will be admitted to probate as the duly executed, proven and published last will and testament so far as so far as the personal estate is concerned of David B. Turner deceased and that the same be recorded.

The State of Mississippi, & Jno. P. Marshall Clerk of
Carroll County, the Chancery Court in and
for the County and State of aforesaid, do hereby certify
that the last will and testament of David B. Turner
deceased was proven in the Probate Court of said County
on the 21st day of July 1862; and that the foregoing
transcript being pages numbered from one to two
inclusive is a true and correct copy of said will
and of the probate thereof, as the same appears of record
in my office, recorded in Book A P. 111, page
111, W. P. 1862, sworn under my hand and the seal of
said Court at Carrollton in the State and County
aforesaid, this the 13th day of September anno 1887.

The State of Mississippi, Jno. P. Marshall Clerk
County, R. Williamson, Chancellor of

the 13th Chancery District of the State of Mississippi and
of the Chancery Court of the County of Carroll in said State
which county is included in said District do hereby
certify that Jno. P. Marshall whose attestation appears
to the foregoing certificate, is the Clerk of the Chancery
Court of said County and is the proper officer to make
such certificate; and I do further certify that his
said attestation is genuine. Swear under my hand this
16th day of September 1887. R. Williamson, Chancellor.

To the Hon. James C. Taylor, Judge of Probate of Clarendon
County, Alabama. The petition of William S. Turner, and
Walter S. Turner respectfully shows unto your Honor:

1. That they are both inhabitants of the County of
Montgomery in the State of Mississippi, and are
each over twenty one years of age. 2. That they are
the children and only surviving issue of Mr. of
David B. Turner, who died near the town of Minona
now in said County of Montgomery but then in the
County of Carroll in said State - on the 29th day
of May 1862, being at the time of his death an in-
habitant of the said County of Carroll, and leav-
ing assets therein. 3. That said David B. Turner
left surviving him his widow Mrs. Martha A.
Turner, and five children viz: - Doctor David B.
Turner, Mary Martiney Turner, Frank G. Turner,
and these petitioners; his said widow and chil-
dren were the only heirs at law of said decedent,
4. That said decedent left a last will and testa-
ment which was on the 21st day of July 1862
duly admitted to probate as such in the said County
of Carroll. A copy of said will and of the probate
thereof, duly certified as provided by law, is
herewith produced and filed in your Honors Court
and pronounced for probate. 5. That the said
Mary Martiney Turner died on the 25th day of
October 1863; the said Frank G. Turner died on the
12th day of May 1864; the said Martha Ann Turner
died on the 6th day of July 1877; and the said Doctor
David B. Turner died on the 9th day of September 1887.

6. That their father the said David B. Turner left
at the time of his death assets in the said County
of Clarendon. The premises considered petitioners
pray that said will be admitted to probate in your
Honors Court, and to that end that all such a bill
and decree shall be made and such proceeding
had as may be necessary. And verily hundred

Walter S. Turner, Son of Turner
State of Mississippi. (Before me J. C. Cameron Clerk
Montgomery County of the Circuit Court and)

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the State and County aforesaid this day came William J. Tunner and Walter S. Tunner before me and signed to the foregoing petition and were are known to me and each of whom after being duly sworn deposes and says that the matters and things stated in the foregoing petition are true as therein stated.

W. J. Tunner,
Subscribed and sworn to by Walter S. Tunner,
before me this the 28th day of September AD 1887.

Filed October 4th 1887. James C. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Will of H. D. Dugger Deed

I, H. D. Dugger of Hale Co. Ala. do make and declare this my last will and testament; first I will and bequeath to my mother, Alice D. Dugger, all my real and personal property, consisting of my interest in the plantation situated near Black Station Hale Co., and known as Fredrikton Place and having interest in the plantation near Van Doorn Station Clanton Co. known as Van Doorn Farm and all interest I may acquire in suits now pending; and all my interest in stock, crop and appurtenances connected with the same. Second I do nominate and appoint my brother, H. H. Dugger to be the executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name this 27th day of Sept. 1886.

Witnesses, M. L. Dugger, A. T. Dugger.

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The State of Alabama } Before me, James C. Taylor
Clanton County } Judge of Probate in and for
said County, personally appeared P. H. Dugger, who
being duly sworn and examined, deposes and says,
that he and M. L. Dugger are each subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him,
and which purports to be the last will and testament of
Robert D. Dugger, deceased, late an inhabitant of
this County; that said H. D. Dugger in his lifetime,
signed and executed said instrument on the day the
same bears date, and declared the same to be his last
will and Testament, and that affiant and said M. L.
Dugger at their respective thaliby on the day the same
bears date, 27th day of September 1886, did subscribe
in the presence of said testator at his request, and in
the presence of each other. That said testator was
of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the
opinion of affiant, fully capable of making his will,
at the time the same was or made, as of sound, and

and that said testator was of the full age of twenty
years and upwards on the day of the date of his said will
decreed to and subscribed before P. H. Dugger
me this 27th day of December 1887.

Jas. C. Taylor Judge of Probate
Filed Dec. 12, 1887. Jas. C. Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL

The State of Alabama I Willie Petet of said County
Clanton County, and State, being of sound mind
and memory, do make declare and publish this as my
last will and testament. Item 1. Trusting in the merits
and mercy of the Redeemer of mankind, I dozign I
resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to
the dust from whence it sprung, to be decently buried
by my family. Item 2. It is my desire that all of my
just debts shall be honorably and fully paid.

Item 3. To my beloved wife Martha S. Petet, who
has been a kind and affectionate wife to me, I give,
bequeath and decree unto her and her heirs forever,
all of my property, both real and personal of which I
may die seized and possessed of. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 27 day of September 1884.

Willie Petet
Signed and published in presence of Jas. C. Kelly
J. P. Munro.

The above will was acknowledged and signed before
me this Sept 27, 1884. Jas. C. Taylor, J.P.
Filed April 27, 1888. Jas. C. Taylor Judge of Probate,

The State of Alabama } Before me James C. Taylor
Clanton County } Judge of Probate in and for
said County, personally appeared in open Court Geo. Kelly

and T. P. Clever who having been by me first duly
sworn and examined, doth and say on oath that they
and James C. Clever are each subscribing witness to
the instrument of writing now shown to affiant, and
which purports to be the last will and Testament of
Willie Petet deceased, late an inhabitant of this
County; that said Willie Petet in his life time,
signed and executed said instrument of writing
on the day the same bears date, and declared said
declared the same to be his last will and Testament,
and that affiant and James C. Clever set their
signatures thereto on the 27th day of September 1886
as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence
of said testator, at his request and in the presence
of each other. That said Testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion
of affiant fully capable of making his will, at the time

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the same was so made, as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testator, was on the day of said testate of said Will, of the full age of twenty-one years and up to his death, ^{Geo. B. Kelly} Esq., ^{E. T. D. Attorney} Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of May 1888. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Acknowledged May 21st 1888. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Clayton County } To the Hon. Jas. W. Taylor
Judge Probate of said Clayton County:
The petition of the undersigned Martha C. Petet respectfully represents unto your Honor that whereas Petet who was at the time of his death and inhabitant of this County, deposited this will in this County on or about the 1st day of March A.D. 1888, leaving assets in this State, and leaving a Last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by Glad Kelly, J. D. Cheever, and Jas. L. Choné.
That your petitioner as she verily believes, is named in said Will as sole devisee and legatee and does now herewith surrender said Will to the Court, and pray that after proper proceeding, and proofs, it may be probated and admitted to record as the true Last Will and Testament of said deceased. Your petitioner further represents that she is the widow of said deceased and that the names, ages, residences and condition of the next of kin are as follows to wit:
Mrs. Esther Williams who is over twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in said County with her husband Mr. Williams who is also over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County.
John Petet who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County, Andrew J. Petet who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County. Robert E. Petet who is under twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Willie E. Petet who is under twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Emily Estelle Petet who is under twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Herbert S. Petet who is under twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner.
Your petitioner would further represent that the said attorney witness resides in said County, and therefore further prays that a day be set forth hearing of this petition, at which day and place thereof he gives her, as required by law, to the next of kin of said deceased,

and that such other proceedings, orders and decree may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due Probate and Recording of said Will according to law.

M. C. Petet.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of April A.D. 1887. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL,
AND
PETITION.

Last will and testament of Gray Little Deed
The State of Alabama } On the Probate Court.
Marion County } To the Hon. James W. Taylor
Judge of said Court. Your petitioner, Gray M.
Little respectfully represents unto your Honor, that
the late Gray Little, who was an inhabitant of this
county, at the time of his death departed this life on the
14th day of March 1889, leaving a last will and tes-
tament, duly signed and published by him, and
attested by J. Langley and W. A. Little residents
of said county and State, in which your petitioner
is named as executor, which said will is heres-
with annexed to your Honor and pronounced
for probate and record by this court. Your
petitioner further states, that the following are
the only heirs at law and legatees under said
will, to wit, Mrs. Kate E. Little, the widow of the
testator is of sound mind and resides in Marion
County, Alabama. Jasper M. Little, a son of
deceased who is of sound mind over the age of
twenty-one years and resides in Milam County
Texas. Lucas A. Little a son who is of sound mind
over the age of twenty-one years, and resides in
Frio County, Texas. Jessie Little a daughter who is of
sound mind over the age of twenty-one years and
resides in Marion County, Alabama. Ellen Christian
a daughter, of sound mind and who resides with
her husband C. C. Christian in Fayette County, Texas.
John C. Little, a son who is of sound mind over
the age of twenty-one years and resides in Fayette
County, Texas. Gray M. Little a son of sound mind
over twenty-one years of age and who resides in
Marion County, Alabama. John Smith, a grand-
son, who is of sound mind over the age of twenty-
one years and resides in Frio County, Texas.
Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set
for hearing of his petition that he may have the
same recorded by law he goes to the widow and继承人
of said deceased and that such other proceedings
as may be necessary may be had and made.

in the premises, as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate of said will according to law.
S. M. Little

Selbyville and Swanton before me this 18th day of March 1889.

Jacob W. Taylor, Judge of Probate
I know all my property, that I, Gray Little
of the County of Marion, State of Alabama, considering
the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind
and memory do make, declare and publish this my
last will and testament. First, give and bequeath
unto my beloved wife, Estey E. Little, the following
property, to wit: N. E. of S. W. 1/4, S. E. of N. W. 1/4 in
Section six, C. P. of N. W. 1/4, and N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 in
Section seven in Township 12, Range 3 East, lying
in Marion County, Ala. and containing in all one
hundred and eighty acres, also the following personally
property to wit, all my household and kitchen furni-
ture, one horse and buggy, two cows and calves,
marked and numbered in the right and left, also
all my hogs that I now own marked and
numbered in the right and left. To have and
to hold the same to her, for and during her lifetime.
Second, I do nominate and appoint my son Gray
M. Little to be the executor of this my last will and
testament. In testimony whereof I have to this my
last will and testament, contained on this one sheet
paper, subscribed my name affixed my seal this 18th
day of August 1889.

Gray Little
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us,
who at his request, and for his presence and in the
presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses
hereunto, witness, J. J. Langley, W. A. Little

The State of Alabama Before me James W. Taylor, Judge
of Probate in and for said County
personally appeared in open court Wm. A. Little
who being duly sworn and examined deposes and
says that he and J. J. Langley are each subscribing
witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to
him the affiant and which purports to be the last
will and testament of Gray Little deceased late an
inhabitant of this county, that said Gray Little
signed and executed said instrument on the day he
same bears date and deposited the same to his last
will and testament, and that affiant and J. J.
Langley set their signatures thereto on the day the same
bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the
presence of each other, at his request, and in the pres-
ence of each other. That said testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of

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affiant fully capable of making his said will at the
time the same was so made as affiant affiant further
states that said testator was, at the date of said
will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

M. A. Little

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of
April 1889.

Jacob W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

Filed April 18th, 1889 Jacob W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION.

Last will and testament of

Saltith Bradford Deceased

The State of Alabama Probate Court
Marion County To the Hon. James W. Taylor, Judge
Probate of said Marion County. The petition of the
undersigned John H. Bradford respectfully represents
that my wife Saltith Bradford died on the 1st day of
August 1889, leaving assets in this State and leaving a Last will and Testament
fully signed and published by Saltith Bradford and
attested by W. R. Gaines and G. W. Darkley. That your
petitioner as her - is - interested in the estate of
said decedent and does now herewith surrender
said Will to the Court, and pray that after proper pro-
ceedings and proofs of may be probated and ad-
mitted to record as the true Last will and testament
of said deceased. Your petitioner further represents
that in the widow's ages, residence and condition
of the rest of her and her follows, to wit, John H.
Bradford who is over twenty-one years of age, of
sound mind, and resides in Marion County, Alabama;
Mariana A. Springfield, who is over twenty-one years
of age of sound mind and resides in Marion Co., Ala.
with her husband A. G. Springfield; nearly Bradford
who is under twenty-one years of age of sound mind
and resides in the State of Texas; Luke M. Bradford
who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind
and resides in Marion County, Alabama; Harry
H. Bradford who is over twenty-one years of age
of sound mind and resides in Marion County
Alabama; Columbus C. Bradford who is over twenty
one years of age of sound mind and resides in the
State of Texas; Richard L. Bradford who is over
twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides
in Marion County, Alabama; Alice H. Shiley who
is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and
resides in the State of Miss. with her husband Alon
Shiley; Nat H. Bradford who is over twenty-one