

The proceed thereof, when in her judgment and in  
 in incident, that such acts, are or may be considered  
 to the welfare and interest of my little <sup>estate</sup>. After this  
 it is my will that this little estate be divided in  
 equal shares, between my children, to wit, Louise  
 Cyrine, Cecile, Adeline, Horinsky, Alexander, Edmond  
 Henry d'Estival, all six my beloved darlings; whom  
 I beg and pray to love, cherish and protect one another  
 and father, in the division of my too small es-  
 tate, those who will be the poorer, and who need most.

My dearest Cecile my ever companion, and you my  
 dearest children, I wish I had more success-  
 ful and had left you ample means, as it is I hope  
 that with economy and prudence, you dear Cecile and  
 the children living with you, may enjoy a modest  
 and comfortable existence. My will be in mind  
 the interest I hold in the house of P. Salelon & Co.  
 the copy of the act of partnership is amongst my papers  
 of court - my just debts are to be paid, as far as  
 possible. Now my dearest Adeline may God bless you,  
 may you forgive my faults, pardon me if I have not  
 addressed you, as I ought to have done, it was not  
 the fault of my heart. Pray God for me.

Done at Demopolis the first day  
 of September, A. D. 1862. I  
 under my hand and seal.

Signed, sealed and published in  
 our presence, who signed in  
 evidence of each other and  
 sold in presence of the notary:

John H. Roberts  
 Wm. D. Brantley  
 G. M. Whalen  
 J. A. Martiniere

I do hereby certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1860, I do know  
 that in case there is any obligation to apply to  
 the Probate Court for testamentary letters, I sim-  
 ply have this will probated I hereby relieve un-  
 derly my dear wife the said Adeline B. d'Estival  
 from the usual obligation of giving security, to ob-  
 tain testamentary letters.

A. Fournier.

Testimony of the State of Alabama,  
 Morgan County Probate Court  
 To Hon. Thomas J. Woolf, Judge of said court  
 The undersigned, Adeline Brantley d'Estival  
 Fournier respectfully represents unto your Honor

that Alexander Fournier late of said county  
 died at Demopolis in said county of Alabama  
 on the 31 day of December 1861 leaving the paper  
 firsts appended and marked "Substituted as his  
 last will testament" that the subscribing wit-  
 nesses to the execution of said will are all dead  
 except Alfred Brantley who resides in Demopolis  
 in said county. That the said Alexander Fournier  
 left him surviving the undersigned his widow who  
 resides in Demopolis in said county and who is of  
 mature age - and the following children:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Horinsky Alexander Fournier who resides in  
 the city of New Orleans State of Louisiana -
- 2<sup>d</sup> Edmond Henry d'Estival Fournier who resides  
 in city of Mobile State of Alabama -
- 3<sup>d</sup> Cecile Brantley wife of George B. Brantley  
 who resides in the city of Demopolis Morgan  
 county State of Alabama -
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cecile Grayson wife of John B. Grayson  
 who resides in Turner county, Alabama -
- 5<sup>th</sup> Louise Cecile who resides in Demopolis in  
 said Morgan County and
- 6<sup>th</sup> Adeline Brantley wife of Horis B. Brantley who re-  
 sides in said city of Demopolis Morgan County  
 and all are of mature age -

and she therefore prays that such proceeding  
 be had, to admit the said paper to Probate, as  
 the last will of said Alexander Fournier as di-  
 directed by law in such case &c.

A. B. d'Estival Fournier

The State of Alabama) Probate Court of said County  
 Morgan County.

In the matter of the Probate of the last will  
 and testament of Alexander Fournier deceased  
 Before me, Thomas J. Woolf, Judge of said court  
 personally appeared in open Court Alfred  
 Brantley who having been, by me, first duly sworn  
 and examined did and does 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 Alexander Fou-  
 nier, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county  
 that said Fournier since deceased signed and  
 executed said instrument on the day the same  
 bears date, and declares the same to be his  
 last will and testament in his presence  
 in the presence of the other subscribing

witnesses on the day the same was made,  
 that he attested the same in the presence  
 of said testator and of the other witnesses  
 and that such other witnesses subscribed  
 their names as witnesses in his presence  
 and in presence of said testator. The said  
 testator then declaring that said instrument  
 to be his last will and testament. That said  
 testator was of sound mind and disposing mem-  
 ory, and in the opinion of deponent fully cap-  
 able of making his will, at the time the same  
 was so made as aforesaid. Offidavit 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, and the said witnesses fur-  
 ther depose and swear on oath that he is acquainted  
 with the handwriting of said decedent and that  
 the codicil and the signature thereto annexed to  
 said will is in the proper hand writing of the  
 said testator, that he has seen him write often  
 soon to be subscribed. *Wm. B. Bunting*  
 before me this 9 day of  
 March 1868  
 Sheriff of the County of  
 Choctaw

Hill of  
 Choctaw  
 I Thomas Gover of the county of Marengo and  
 State of Alabama, do make public and declare  
 my last will and testament as follows  
 1st I desire that my body be decently interred  
 and my Executors to procure and place  
 over my grave a neat and substantial tomb  
 stone.  
 2d I devise to my son in law - John R. Hebler  
 after the tract of land on which I reside,  
 containing 400 acres to be held by him to  
 and for the use of my son Thomas - for and  
 during his natural life, and at his death  
 to be equally divided between such of his  
 children as he may have being surviving  
 and if he die leaving no children chil-  
 dren him surviving then the said land  
 to be equally divided between my children,  
 and the descendants of such as may be dead  
 such descendants to take the shares to which  
 their deceased parents would be entitled if  
 alive.  
 3d To my daughter Calvina Painter I devise  
 my Choctaw tract of land containing 220

acres to be held by the said John R. Hebler  
 in trust for her use and benefit for and during  
 her natural life, and at her death I devise  
 said land to such of her children as may sur-  
 vive, and the descendants of such as may be  
 dead - such descendants to take the share to  
 which such deceased parents would be en-  
 titled if alive.  
 4th To my son - Joseph I give and bequeath the sum  
 of one hundred dollars in cash.  
 5th To my daughter Jemina Neal - wife of James Neal  
 of Choctaw - I give and bequeath my negro girl  
 named Edny.  
 6th The remainder of my property of every description I  
 give and bequeath to my children - Harrietta Ches-  
 ley - Thomas Gover, I Calvina Painter, and  
 Harrietta Hebler, to be equally divided between  
 them, their share thereof of my son Thomas and  
 Calvina Painter to be held for their use by my  
 said son-in-law John R. Hebler on the usual  
 trust and to be subject to the same conditions and  
 limitations as the real estate conveyed to them  
 in the 2 and 3d clauses of this my last will and  
 testament.  
 7th I hereby constitute and appoint my said son-in-law  
 John R. Hebler Executor of this my last will and  
 testament, and avow that the Probate Judge shall  
 require no bond and security of him, in granting  
 letters testamentary therein.  
 In witness whereof I have set my hand and  
 seal this 30th day of June A. D. 1857  
 Thomas <sup>his</sup> Gover  
 mark Seal

We the subscribing witnesses hereto certify  
 that the said Thomas Gover signed his name to the  
 foregoing in our presence as his last will and  
 testament and bequeathed us to attest the same  
 requested us to attest the same by witnesses there-  
 to and that we do so attest the same in his presence  
 this 30th day of June A. D. 1857. *H. C. Clarke*  
*W. H. Howell*

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama  
 May term held the second Monday and 10 day of  
 said month 1863. The Probate of the alleged will  
 of Thomas Gover deceased being  
 the matter of the Probate of the  
 will of Thomas Gover deceased appearing for the

issued to the said often been duly executed and that publication has been made for three successive weeks in the London Jeffersonian Newspaper for the new resident next of kin to appear and Henry H. Hooff having been duly appointed guardian ad litem for John Thomas and Mary Pender minor heirs of said deceased and the said Hooff appearing and accepting said appointment, and W. C. Carter one of the subscribing witnesses of said will being duly sworn deposes and states that he has viewed said said Thomas Green for his sign and publish said instrument as his last will and testament that he and W. C. Carter the other witness subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of said testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other on the day the said will was made. He further deposes that said testator was at the execution of his will, of sound & disposing mind and memory. Deposition further states that he wrote said will under and according to the instructions of the testator and that the contents thereof are true. He states that said testator signed and published said will in the presence of said W. C. Carter the other witness as well as of himself W. C. Carter.

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

The undersigned John P. Webster respectfully shows unto your Honor that Thomas Green late of Marengo County departed this life on the 13th day of Feb. 1868 in said County leaving the instrument hereunto annexed as "Exhibit A." as his only last will and testament that at the time of his death he, the said Thomas, resided in said County, and left him surviving as his only heirs and distributees the following - his children Joseph Green residing in the State of Texas, Maria Green wife of James Green residing in the State of Arkansas - Marcia Webster wife of the undersigned John P. Webster residing in Greene County Alabama, Thomas Green residing in Marengo Alabama - and Marcia Cady residing in said County of Marengo - and the following grand-children, who were the children of Delcinea Ponton the said Delcinea having departed this life in the life time of the said Thomas Green to wit: Thomas Ponton about twelve years of age, who resides with his father John Ponton in the County of Wilcox, Ala. - Mary Ponton about ten years of age and John Ponton about six years of age who reside in the County of Greene with the undersigned John P. Webster and the undersigned

hereby proclaims for Probate the said instrument in writing and prays your Honor to admit the same as the last will and testament of said Thomas Green deceased -

John P. Webster

Will of W. C. Ashe deceased

W. C. Ashe of the City of Demopolis, County of Marengo, and State of Alabama, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say, First, I desire that my Estate, real and personal be applied to the payment of my just debts. Second, I hereby give and bequeath to my Wife Sarah Ashe, absolutely, all of my property, both real and personal remaining after the payment of my debts as aforesaid. Third, I hereby appoint and constitute my niece Camilla A. Waller, sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, with power to dispose of my real and personal Estate, for the execution of my will at public or private sale, at such times, upon such terms, and in such manner as to her shall seem meet, and I desire that no bond be required of her for the execution of her duties as Executrix as aforesaid. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this, the second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

W. C. Ashe

Witness  
 C. Korrugay  
 R. H. Clarke  
 State of Alabama } Probate Court  
 Marengo County } of said County  
 In the manner of the Probate of the last will and testament of W. C. Ashe deceased before me J. J. Woolf, Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court R. H. Clarke who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, did and doth depose and say on oath that he and C. Korrugay and each subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing, now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of W. C. Ashe deceased, late an inhabitant of

County; that said Th. C. Ashe, 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 affiant and C. Hornegay set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator. That in his opinion, said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and 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 over twenty-one years of age.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, R. H. Clarke, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1868,  
 Thos. J. Woolf  
 Judge

Will of C. P. Litchfield deceased  
 State of Alabama } Be it known to  
 Marengo County } all concerned that  
 on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1868 we were  
 requested by Charles P. Litchfield during  
 his last sickness and at his dwelling house  
 where he had resided, ten days or more before  
 his death called upon us to bear witness be-  
 ing then present to take notice, or bear wit-  
 ness that it was his last will and desire  
 that at his death P. H. Towles was to have  
 to himself and his forever all of his Estate  
 both real and personal then in possession or in  
 expectancy, and that he desired said Towles  
 to pay Mrs. Sarah Allen, one hundred dollars out  
 of his Estate, out of what remained after the  
 payment of all the debts. Reduced to writ-  
 ing by me this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 1868

W. Perkins  
 Amelia Litchfield  
 mark

J. W. Smith

State of Alabama } On the motion of the  
 Marengo County } Probate of the last  
 will and testament of  
 Charles P. Litchfield coming in to be heard  
 this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1868 to be established  
 by the testimony of George W. Perkins and

Amelia Litchfield witnesses to said last will  
 and testament, G. W. Perkins being sworn de-  
 posed and said that he was present at the  
 residence of Charles P. Litchfield in said County  
 during the term of his last sickness and  
 at his residence of said Litchfield when he  
 had resided ten days or more before his death  
 and that he called upon witnesses to take notice  
 and bear witness that if he Litchfield  
 died before Mr. Towles came, to tell him  
 P. H. Towles that he wanted him to have all  
 of his property. That said Towles after-  
 wards came, but he was then so far gone  
 as to be insensible so far as witness knows  
 and also said Litchfield wanted Mr. P. H.  
 Towles to pay Mrs. Sarah Allen one  
 hundred dollars out of his Estate after  
 all of his debts were paid, & said wit-  
 ness further testifies that said will  
 was reduced to writing on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
 after the death of said decedent by

John H. Smith & G. W. Perkins  
 sworn to and  
 subscribed before me  
 July 13 1868 Thos. J. Woolf  
 Judge

Amelia Litchfield being my sworn  
 deposed as follows: She says she was pres-  
 ent at the house of Charles P. Litchfield  
 during his last sickness and at the  
 place where he resided for more than ten  
 days before his death and that said  
 C. P. Litchfield called upon her to take notice  
 and bear witness that when he died he  
 wanted Mr. P. H. Towles to have all of his  
 property, and Mrs. Sarah Allen to have  
 one hundred dollars out of his estate  
 after paying the debts, and that said  
 will was reduced to writing on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of ~~July~~ after the death of said C. P.  
 Litchfield and witnessed by me  
 Amelia Litchfield  
 mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 in open Court this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 A.D. 1868  
 Thomas J. Woolf  
 Judge

Will of  
Elizabeth Hendricks

State of Alabama, In the name of God, Amen.  
Elizabeth Hendricks, of the County of Perry, State of Alabama, do hereby declare and publish this as my last will and testament:

It is my will and desire that my beloved daughter Rebecca Warner have at my death all of my estate both real and personal in any wise descending to me which may now be in possession expectancy or which I will be entitled to by the will of my late husband Henry Hendricks deceased.

For the purpose of effectually carrying into effect this will I nominate and appoint my friend R M Tate Executor thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1862. (Signed) Elizabeth Hendricks  
Witness John Bradfield  
A R Coleman  
R M Tate

Testimony

The State of Alabama, Probate Court of said Monroe County & County - In the matter of the Probate of a copy of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Hendricks deceased.

Before me P. E. O'Connor, Judge of the said Court, personally appeared in open Court John Bradfield, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath that he was a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing of which that now shown to him is in matter, manner and form a copy, and which purports to be in substance the last will and testament of Elizabeth Hendricks deceased, who an inhabitant of this County.

That said Mrs Hendricks, since died, signed and executed an instrument of writing in the month of October 1862, and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto at the date above stated in the presence of said testatrix and in the presence of A R Coleman, the other subscribing witness, that said Coleman signed his name in the presence of said affiant and in the presence of said deceased, that said testatrix was sound of mind and in the opinion of the deponent fully capable of making her will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid that said testatrix died in Uniontown Perry Co Ala and that the provisions of said will and last testament was the same as shown in the

instrument of writing purporting to be a copy (Signed) John Bradfield

Before me, P. E. O'Connor Judge of said Court, R M Tate also personally appearing in open Court and being by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath, that he had in his possession the last will and testament of Mrs Elizabeth Hendricks deceased, that it was executed in the month of October 1862 and in manner and form as testified by the subscribing witness, John Bradfield, and providing as is stated in the instrument presented as a copy of said last will and testament, that diligent search was made for the last will and testament of said deceased, and it is the opinion of the deponent that it is her last, that said testatrix was at the time of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years of age and upwards, and sound of mind (Signed) R M Tate before me, Aug 11, 1868

P. E. O'Connor  
Judge

Will

of John Ethredge deceased.  
State of Alabama, I know all men by these presents that the County of Monroe, State of Alabama, and I John Ethredge of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament to take effect immediately after my death. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ann Ethredge all of my Estate both real and personal so long as she remains a widow, should she marry again then only to hold a child's part during her life time which must return to my children at her death, and I here by give her full power to collect receipts and manage as fully as I could do myself, if living, all of which I give to her during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided with my children, should they all be of age, otherwise to go into the hands of A. J. Ethredge to be held by him for their benefit until the youngest shall be of age, should said A. J. Ethredge not be living then the living one to choose a guardian in his stead. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament, this the 12th day of August A. D. 1864 - (Signed) John Ethredge







twenty one years and upwards.

J. J. Griffin

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1869. J. E. Connor Judge &c

WILL OF L.B. LAINE JR

The last Will and Testament of Levin B. Laine Jr.

I, Levin B. Laine Jr being in sound mind and of disposing memory; do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any former Will by me at any time heretofore made.

First- I wish all my just debts paid-

Secondly- I will and bequeath unto my beloved father, Levin B. Laine all my real and personal property consisting of land, negroes, horses, mules, oxen, cows, hogs, money, bills, notes, accounts, in fact all my property of every kind and description whatsoever I give to my beloved father.

Thirdly- I nominate and appoint my beloved father, Executor of this my last Will and testament and request that no security be required of him on his official bond. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on the 17<sup>th</sup> August A.D. 1859.

L. B. Laine Junr.

Witness my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> August A.D. 1859. J. J. Griffin

Probate Court, Marengo County, State of Alabama, December Term A.D. 1861.

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of L. B. Laine Junr. This day came L. B. Laine the Executor nominated, in the instrument heretofore pronounced, as the will of said Levin B. Laine Junr & it appearing that A. A. Conwell & Conwell his wife and Le and his wife the next of kin of said deceased have had notice of the pronouncing said will ten days previous to the present term; the Probate of said will comes on to be heard and Williamson A. Glover one of the subscribing witnesses appearing & being duly sworn deposes, as follows, viz. The testimony of Williamson A. Glover a subscribing witness to the aforesaid instrument, who being duly sworn deposes that his signature to said instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Levin B. Laine Junr is genuine; that he has no distinct recollection of attesting said will, but from his own habit of himself he knows he would not have put his signature as a witness if he had not seen the execution of the same by said Laine and had not

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been requested by him to attest it. Witness therefore says he cannot be said will was duly executed by Levin B. Laine as attested by him & by the other witnesses J. J. Griffin, although he cannot recall now the circumstances attending the same. He further says that said Laine was well known to him & that he was at the date of said Will, of sane mind. Wm. A. Glover.

And it appearing that the testimony of J. J. Griffin cannot now be procured & it further appearing that said Levin B. Laine Junr dec'd was a resident of Marengo County in the State of Alabama, and was over 21 years old and the foregoing testimony of Williamson A. Glover signed by him & annexed to said Will being by the Court considered it is therefore ordered that said instrument be received & established as the last Will & Testament of said Levin B. Laine Jr dec'd & be entered of record as such, and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon. Jas. A. Young, Judge.

PETITION OF N. B. LAINE. TO HAVE THE WILL OF L. B. LAINE JR RECORDED HINC. PRO TUNC.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J. A. Young, Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County. Your petitioner respectfully represents that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1861 the Will of Levin B. Laine Junr deceased was deposited in the Office of the Probate Court for this County, as appears by the records, and was probated on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1861 (Eighteen hundred and sixty one) before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J. A. Young then Judge of the Court; and that said Will was entered as recorded, but has never been spread in the records of the Court, and is now in your Office on file. Your petitioner now asks that said Will may be spread upon the records of the Court, "nunc pro tunc", as is required by the law in such cases. Sworn & Subscribed to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1869. N. B. Laine. W. J. Glover, J. P.

WILL OF L. W. HOBBS DECEASED.

The last Will and Testament of L. W. Hobbs.

In the Name of God Amen. I L. W. Hobbs of the Town of Linden in the County of Marengo State of Ala. being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail life. do therefore make, ordain publish and declare, this to be my last Will & Testament, That is to say, first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha A. Hobbs all of my property real & personal