The estate of } At a County Court began and held for the County of Clarengo and
Benjamin Glover } State of Alabama on the second monday in april in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty for the purpose of Orphans business
at the house of Capt Busby within a half mile of Cahawba on the south side of which
assembled Present their Hons John Leckhart & S. Chris Compton & Ephraim
Bates & Henry Pearson Esqrs On order of Letters of Administration granted to Polly Glover
& Samuel B Shielby on the estate of Benjn Glover deceased Ordered that Nathaniel
Norwood Britton Lapell Isaac & Perkins & Hodgerick Allord or any three of them shall be
the appraisers of the Estate of Benjn Glover decd On order granting letters
temporary of administration to Polly Glover wife of Benjn Glover dcd and Samuel B
Shielby on the estate of said Decd State of Alabama Clarengo County August 22nd 1820
I Samuel B Shielby do solemnly swear that I will perform all the duties required by
Law as administrator on the Estate and effects of Benjamin Glover deceased to the best
of my knowledge and ability so help me God (signed) Saml B Shielby Sworn before me
Jno Leckhart Clk Coburn Cunningham State of Alabama Clarengo County April Term 1820 Be
it Remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on the application of Polly
Glover and Samuel B Shielby to our said Court we have caused these our Letters administration to
issue in favour of and for the sole use of the said Polly Glover and Samuel B Shielby in and
upon the Goods & Chattels rights & Credits of Benjamin Glover deceased and in every case which
occasion may require the said Polly Glover & Samuel B Shielby are authorized to bring suit
and be sued as the lawful administrator of and to the said Benjamin Glover deceased Witness
John Leckhart Esqr Chief Justice of said Court the 22nd day of August 1820 and the year of Amer-
ican Independence the forty fifth Christ Cullum Adams Clerk State of Alabama Clarengo Coun-
ty Know all men by these presents that we Polly Glover Samuel B Shielby Nathaniel Norwood Britton
Lapel and Isaac S Perkins are held and firmly bound to John Leckhart Esqr Chief Justice in
and for the orphans Court of the County aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of one hun-
dred thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our Execu-
tors and Administrators firmly by these presents The condition of the above obligation is such that
if the above bound Polly Glover and Samuel B Shielby Administrator and Administratrix of all
and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Benjamin Glover deceased do make
or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattels rights and
credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said
Polly Glover or Saml B Shielby or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for the
said Polly Glover & Saml B Shielby and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into
the registers office of the orphans Court of the County of Clarengo at or before the expiration of
twelve calendar months or sooner if required by the Court from the date of this obligation and
the same goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time
after may come into the hands or possession of the said Polly Glover & Saml B Shielby or into
the hands or possession of any other person or persons for the said Polly Glover and Saml B Shielby do
well and truly administer according to law and further do make or cause to be made a just and true ac-
count of the administration within twelve calendar months or sooner if required from the date of this obli-
gation, and all the rest and residue of the said goods chattels & Credits which shall be found remaining
upon the account of the said administration the same being first examined and allowed by the Orphans
Court of the County aforesaid shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as
or shall be by law entitled to receive the same. and if it shall hereafter appear that any false
will and testament was made by the said deceased and the executor or executors thereof make
or any other person or persons do exhibit the same into the said Court making request to have
it allowed and approved of the said Polly Glover and Saml B Shielby being thereunto required
do render and deliver the said letters of Administration (approbation of such testament being
first had & made) to the said Court then and in such case the above obligation to be void
otherwise to be of full force & virtue (Witness our hands & seals this tenth day of April in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty (Signed Polly Glover (Seal) Saml B Shielby (Seal)

John A Glover and Benjamin Glover (the latter being a minor but acting by and with the consent of Nathaniel Norwood his guardian) have covenanted and agreed and by these presents do covenant and agree to and with each other in the manner following (viz) The said Samuel B Shielby John A Glover and Benjamin Glover with the consent of his guardian aforesaid have renounced released and forever relinquished and by these presents do renounce release and forever relinquish unto their Mother the said Polly Glover all their and each of their right title claim interest and demand to in and upon The SW qr of Section 18 T 15 R 5 E the SE qr of Sect 14 T 15 R 5 E and the north E qr of Sect 13 T 15 R 5 E Together with such a number of Land Warrants now belonging to said Estate as shall be sufficient to entend the above described three quarter Sections out of the Land office Also all their right and claim to the negro slave by the name of Julia and Fanny his wife Dick Anthony and Betty his wife and Abram Hannah and Harriet their children Armstead and Fanny his wife and Ebenezer their children Lucy Jack and Jenny his wife Big Peter Lizzette Randall and Lydia his wife and Jeff and Mary their children and Charles Anthony in all the number of twenty two also one pleasure Carriage the harness belonging and a pair of matched horses (a mare and some) one road waggon and gear with a pick screw one two horse waggon and gear Five sheep Rock Delphin Morgan Benny and Jack Jarvis one saddle horse called Linder Jimmy one sorrel filly and three other horses called the Polly Friar Leland Bob and the Silver Medium one set of blacksmiths tools complete forty five head of assorted cattle and seventy five head of assorted hogs more or less one lot of kitchen furniture and house hold furniture together with the tools belonging to the Estate one pair of timber wheels the plantation tools and the nails belonging to said Estate together with one half of the leather now in Jackson To have and to hold all and singular the property viz Land Negroes Horses Cattle &c &c as described and enumerated above together with their and each of their respective product increase and issues unto the said Polly Glover to her and her sole use to be used in her complete exclusive and entire control order and disposal as well during her term of her own life as from after death and we the aforesaid Polly Glover Samuel B Shielby & John A Glover have renounced and released and forever relinquished and by these presents do renounce release and forever relinquish unto Nathaniel Norwood as Guardian of the aforesaid Benjamin Glover and to his said Ward the beginning exclusive use and benefit until he shall arrive at lawful age or even of maturity the SW Qr of sect 19 T 15 R 5 E the SE Qr of Sec 19 T 15 R 5 E the SW Qr of Sec 19 T 15 R 5 E Together with all the remaining land contiguously that belongs to the said Estate or such a number thereof as shall be equal to six thousand dollars estimating each certificate by or according to the amount aforesaid paid thereon also the following negro slaves viz Sandy Dave who by consent of all parties has been exchanged for Sam Billy Paul and Philly his wife and Pleasant their child Cuffy and Sarah his wife and Phillis Caroline Rose Balinda Lenty their children Prudence the Mother of the aforesaid Billy and America her child Chandenga Jenny Dinah and Sidney his wife and Frank Orland and George their children and Bob making the whole number of twenty three three horses viz one Paddy Charcoal and Roan and one sorrel horse called Tiger Chief viz Ringwood Jim Jack Bush and one other without a name supposed to be in the Cane break one dun mare and one Jenny the eldest of two Forty five head of assorted cattle and seventy five head of assorted hogs more or less one light road waggon and gear one saddle horse called Linder one four horse waggon and harness being included from Stoney and one half of the leather in Jackson To have and to hold all and singular the property viz Land Negroes Horses Cattle &c as enumerated above together with their and each of their respective product increase and issue unto the said Nathaniel Norwood in trust as aforesaid for his ward Benjamin Glover by and with the consent of his guardian as aforesaid have renounced and

and for ever relinquished and by these presents do renounce and for ever relinquish unto John A Glover all our right and title claim interest and demand to in and upon the following negro slaves viz Frank Rozilla and Caroline Richard Harriet & Solomon her children Patty Estell and Nelson her son and Polly and Willy making in the whole number eleven Together with two matched bay horses called Sir Richard & the Barksdale horse one saddle and harness and one bay or lot of yearlings and steel (heifers) now in South Carolina To have and to hold all and singular the property viz Negroes horses &c as enumerated above together with their and each of their respective increase and issue unto the said John A Glover his heirs and assigns forever and the said Polly Glover and John A Glover and Benjamin Glover (by and with the consent of his Guardian aforesaid) have renounced and relinquished and by these presents do renounce and for ever relinquish unto Samuel B Shielby in right of his children aforesaid all their right and title claim interest and demand to in and upon the following negro slaves viz Bil Little Peter Leah John (Amys child) Frank Washington and Henry (Randel & Peggy's children) and whereas making the aforesaid or whole number of Eight together with one young Jack called Jacky Leathers one sorrel mare called Flora one Jenny (the youngest of the two) one large Harlow and harness being and thirteen prime Stears now in Jackson To have and to hold all and singular the property viz Negroes &c as before enumerated and described together with their and each of their respective issues and increase unto the Samuel B Shielby his heirs and assigns forever and it is further covenanted and agreed to by and between all the parties to these presents that whereas the Samuel B Shielby acting as the administrator of the Estate aforesaid thought it advisable to sell a certain Negro or Mulatto woman slave named Martha or Martha to the Estate aforesaid for a valuable consideration in part Payment of a certain debt due from the said Estate for which he has rendered a satisfactory account to us all that we hereby assent and give our assent to a just alienation to the said Negro or Mulatto as fully and effectually as if we had all been present and gave our absent nod when the sale was made In testimony whereof the parties have hereunto subscribed our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Polly Glover Samuel B Shielby John A Glover Ben. Glover Nathaniel Norwood Guardian for Benjamin Glover Witness Bennet Allen Glover and Abner Ridgedale We the undersigned do hereby acknowledge that we have severally and individually received the distributive part or share of the Estate of Benjamin Glover Deceased as set forth and described at large in the foregoing instrument that of right belongs to each of us this the 21st day 1821 as above written Polly Glover S B Shielby John A Glover Benjamin Glover Nathaniel Norwood Guardian for B Glover Witness Allen Glover

The State of ... } At a County Court held and held for the County of Clarendon & State aforesaid
2 Regular Sitting } on the second monday in June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one for the purpose of doing business in the house of Levi Easley within one mile of Long Pole in the South side of Lynches river Present their Honors John Steadman & Joshua Conyers & William Daily & Regnal Pearson Esqrs Justices of Quorum

State of Clarendon } Clarendon County Court February 13th 1824 I Shielby Bozeine do solemnly
swear that I will faithfully discharge all the duties required by law of a Administrator on the Estate and effects of Stephen Williams Deceased to the best of my knowledge and abilities so help me God (Signed) Shielby Bozeine Attest Chesterfield Delany Clk

State of Carolina Clarendon County } know all men by these presents
we Shielby Bozeine of Sumterbolly and William Barton of Clarendon all of the County of Clarendon & State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Hardy Richardson Esqr Chief Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County and his successors in office in the sum of twenty Dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs and Executors firmly by these presents. Given under our

and seal this 13th day of February 1821 The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Shelby Corzine Executor of all and singular the goods, chattles, rights and credits of Stephen Williams Dec'd and do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattles rights and credits of said Deceased according to law, and shall do perform all and every act and thing in and about the Estate aforesaid which and Executor ought to do according to Law, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain of force and virtue in Law signed Shelby Corzine (Seal) Jesse Barton (Seal)
Attest John Lockhart C.C.66 State of Alabama Marengo County February Term 1821 Be it remembered and made known to all whome it may concern that on application of Shelby Corzine to our said Court we have caused these our Letters of administration to issue in favor of and for the sole use of the said Shelby Corzine and upon the goods and chattles rights and credits of Stephen Williams Dec'd and in every case where occasion may require the said Shelby Corzine is authorized to bring suit and be sued as the law directs as administrator to said Estate Witness John Lockhart Clerk of said County Court the 13th February 1821 and of American Independence the forty fifth year of ours

We the undersigned appointed by the Honorable the County Court of Marengo to appraise the property of Stephen Williams Deceased present the following list of appraisement

1	Black broad Cloth Coat	$7	00	Amount brought forward	$41 50
1	pr Sheep skin pantaloons	3	00	1 Do Do	50
1	Coarse Do	4	00	2 pr white cotton Stockings @ 25	50
2	Russian Do	3	00	1 Buck skin	50
1	Linnen Drawers		50	1 Bundle of sundries	1 50
2	Vests at 3	6	00	1 Trunk	2 50
1	Surtout Do @ 2	4	00	2 Shirts	1 00
2	Coarse Linnen Shirts @ 250	5	00	1 Hat	25
2	pair Gallo @ 25	3	00	Sum Total	$15 75
	Amount carried up	$41	50		

Memorandum to forty five Dollars and sworn to this sixth day of March 1821 Before Nathan H Boles Justice of the Peace

We the undersigned do certify that we made the within appraisement truely and to the best of our judgment July 8th 1821 Michael Kennard Pettibone Barney Nathan Boles
I Shelby Corzine do Solemnly swear the within list is a true Inventory of the property of Virginia Williams Deceased Shelby Corzine sworn and subscribed before me 10th July 1821 John Lockhart Clk Ct Bill of the sale of articles of which the estate of Stephen Williams consisted made 25th of May 1821 the same being first and the Count and of silver

1	Pocket Knife a comb & sundries	25		Amount brought forward	13 50
1	Razor		36½	Thomas Brown 1 pair of pantaloons	3 50
1	Thomas Clay 1 Unfinished Shirt		43¾	Do Do 1 home cloth coat	5 12½
1	Michael Kennard 1 pr suspenders		25	William Johnston 1 Vest	2 50
1	Do Do 1 pair hat	1	31¼	Shelb Corzine 1 Shirt	50
1	Do Do 1 pr pantaloons	1	18¾	Thomas Brown 1 mixed coat	2 37½
1	Thomas Brown 1 pr pantaloons	1	31¼	Widow Perry 1 pr socks	50
1	Michael Kennard 1 mixed coat	1	43¾	Thomas Brown 1 pr Socks	31¼
	Thomas Brown 1 pr corset		31¼	Widow Perry 1 shirt	31¼
1	Michael Kennard 1 mixed coat	2	25	Do Do 1 Do	3 12½
1	Thomas Brown 1 pr mixed pantaloons	1	31¼	Thomas Brown 1 pr Drawers	31¼
1	Shelby Corzine 1 vest & coat	1	62½	John Ussel Clerk 1 pr mixed cloth	5 00
	Amount carried forward	13	50	Thomas Brown 1 hound	3 75
				Total amount of Sale	46 63¾

1825	Shelby Corzine in account current with the Estate of Stephen Williams Dec'd						
May 17	To balance due for a horse					20	00
	for using do for said Williams					2	00
	for Mrs Corzine						
	for washing done for said Williams					13	00
	for the cost of his administration			Shelby Corzine		13	25
	Amount of Sale of the Estate of said Williams made					54	75
						41	50
	26th May 1821					4	13¾
	By balance in hand subject to be paid to the heirs						

Errors excepted Shelby Corzine Adm. the State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of said County Shelby Corzine Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Williams Dec'd and being duly sworn saith that the foregoing account current presents a full true and just discovery of the Estate of said Stephen Williams Deceased and that the charges above stated are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th May 1825 Thomas Kingsold J.C.C. (Seal)

At a County Court began and held in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama on the 13th of February 1821 present there Hon. John Lockhart C.C.C. 1st Barton Esq. Com. Comptn Esq. Ct. Whereupon Esq. Ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration be granted to Shelby Corzine Executor to administer on the Estate of Stephen Williams Deceased and that Michael Kennard Nathan H Boles and Stephen Barney be appointed to appraise the Estate of Stephen Williams Deceased Bridge Book 9

Guardianship

By Order of Court for Benjamin Glover

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 9th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one by the justices of Orphans Courts in said County present there Hon. John Lockhart C.C.C. Thos. Barton Esq. Com. Comptn Esq. Ct. Isaac Pelot Esq. Ct. Whereupon Esq. Ordered by the Court that Nathaniel Worsford be and he is hereby appointed Guardian to Benjamin Glover at the request of said Benjamin Glover he being sufficient age to chuse a Guardian.

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State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Nathaniel Worsford and Samuel B Shelby are held and firmly bound unto John Lockhart Esquire Chief Justice of the County Court of Quarter or Other sessions in and for said County and his successors in said office in the penal sum of Four Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truely to be made we bind ourselves our heirs and each of our Executors Administrators or assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this ninth day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty one The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Nathaniel Worsford has this day been appointed Guardian to Benjamin Glover Minor of the said Nathaniel Worsford now if the said Nathaniel Worsford doth in all things well and truly perform the office of Guardian aforesaid and shall be thereunto lawfully called by the Court aforesaid and shall render a true account of his said Guardianship when lawfully required to do so and shall in all things behave himself as a faithful Guardian to the said Minor then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Witness our hands and seals in the presence of us this 9th day of April 1821 Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us before signing (signed) Nath'l Worsford (Seal) Saml B Shelby (Seal)
George Cumming Jr Name

Dr Benjamin Glover in account current with Nathaniel Worsford Guardian Cr

1821	To cash this day			$10	00	1821	By this amount paid to the heirs
July 1	To do for a horse called Miss Lady sold on money						being the amount received by us Shelby for the use of
	received by us Shelby & used by him			90	00		this sum received of Sam'l B Shelby
	Cash paid John Buckley for work of horses			35	00		this day in part of money belonging
April 18	To do for selling Land on Sand Creek sold			49	00		to their Estate

	Dr Benjamin Glover in account current with Sl Stanwood (and by his lifetime) who was by Guardian						Cr	
	To Cash paid or pence at Cahaba & his attending as above	$	¢	Nov 10th	By Cash received for a Section of Land sold to Glover	$	¢	
26	Do given Benj Glover to pay expence to St Stephens to make return of entry & certificate to the land office	10	00					
1822 Nov	Do due me on money from Benj Glover	60	00	1822 Feb 7	By Cash rec'd of Benj Glover	160	00	
	Do paid Glover Gaines & Co their acct agt Benj Glover	85	37½		By received of sundry persons as Interest on money lent	100	00	
	Do paid Henry Chitty at charge for a bottle of wine for Benj Glover 20th Feb 1821	1	00					
	Do paid Saml C Griffith for tuition of B G	2	41		amt received of S Stanwood Shelby the 1st Feb 1822	315	33¾	
	Do paid Dr Phelps for Benj Glover's rent	32	12½					
	Do paid Benj Pierce for wages of overseer on Benj Glover's plantation	87	00					
	Do paid Isaac for Benj Glover's rent	42	74					
	Do paid Mrs Glover's taxes for 1821 to St Clair	65	00					
	Do expended in boarding & cloathing Benj Glover	26	00					
	Do paid Mr Mc Clure	6	00					
	Do paid Mr Hays Justice's fee act	5	37½					
	Do paid Hudson & Chilwell their acct agt Benj Glover	50	62½					
	Do paid the sheriff for tax prices marshall	3	00					
	Do paid Francis Mitchell & Co Bound	1	00					
	Do the amt paid by Glover in Huntsville money	181	00					
	Do the note delivered up to Benj Glover	110	00					
	Do the note delivered to Wm Glover	150	00					
	Do Saml Glover's note delivered up to Benj Glover	150	00					
	Do paid two notes for money lent	2	88					
	Do balance of Shelby & Bartons notes as per settlement	310	00					
	Do Glover's acct to Cash in 1823	73	37½					
	Balanced due this day the 5th Jany 1824 which may been settled since as per note	575	08½					
	Note The above account has been settled with Benjamin Glover since the attaining the age of twenty one years and his receipt in full of all claims agt his Guardian	2198	33¾	Dollars		2198	33¾	

Be it remembered that at a County Court begun and held in the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama on the 7th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one Present John Coffee Esquire Chief Justice & Isaac Briggs Esquire Judge &c It is ordered by the Court that Mr Thomas Norwood be and he is hereby appointed Guardian of Benjamin Glover at the request of said Benjamin Glover he being of sufficient age to choose a Guardian

At a County Court began and held in the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama on the third monday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four for orphans business present the Hon Thomas Kennard Judge &c the following order was made (to wit) It is ordered by the Court that Elkanah Glover Executor of Nathaniel Norwood Guardian of Benjamin Glover not having appeared to file his vouchers this case be continued till the next term of this Court

At a County Court began and held (in lieu of adjourned) in the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama for orphans business on the 14th day of September A.D. 1825 present the worshipfull Thomas Kennard Judge &c Pursuant to previous notice given as directed by law At this day comes Elkanah Glover surviving executor of Mr Thomas Norwood deceased who in his lifetime was Guardian of Benjamin Glover and the said Benjamin Glover being personally called come not and the account of the said Guardianship by the Court now here

having been seen inspected and considered and the said Elkanah Glover shewing to the Court now here a receipt from the said Benjamin Glover for the sum of $2198.33¾ bearing date the 5th of January 1824 for the remaining estate of the said Benjamin Glover entrusted to his said Guardians and the signature of the said receipt being sworn to by Williams & Olston whereby it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Benjamin Glover has settled for and received from his said Guardian & the said Elkanah Glover as Executor aforesaid the full amount of his estate the goods and chattels rights & credits & monies belonging to him & entrusted to his said Guardians It is therefore considered by the Court that the said account and settlement be allowed and entered of record and the said Elkanah Glover Executor as aforesaid and the securities of the said Guardian be discharged and go hence &c

The Estate of Stephen Williams dec'd } Be it remembered that at a County Court for orphans business held for the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama at the Court House in Shelbyville on the third monday in March A.D. 1825 Present The Hon Thomas Kennard Judge &c Cunningham and Mc Coat the following order was passed to wit Shelby Borzine administrator of said estate having made application for leave to settle his account with said estate It is therefore ordered by the Court that the third monday of May be appointed for that purpose and that the kindred and creditors of said deceased be cited by advertisment at the Court House and three other places in the County to appear and show cause if any they have why said settlement should not be made. At a County Court for orphans business began and held on the third monday of May A.D. 1825 Present Thomas Kennard Judge &c said Court and George Cunningham Esqr elected by his deputy Shelby Borzine and Thomas Kearney Sheriff by his deputy Drury R Cobb &c the following order was passed (to wit) The account current of Shelby Borzine Administrator of Stephen Williams deceased duly sworn to having been seen and inspected by the Court whereby it appears there remaining in the hands of the said Administrator the neat sum of four Dollars one hundred three fourths & one cent to one of the heirs of said deceased and three fourths & one cent to each of the remaining heirs as by said account as by law directed and no person appearing to contradict the settlement as aforesaid thereupon it is considered by the Court that the said account be in all things allowed and that the same be entered of record as a final settlement

Estate of John R. Irby

Alabama Territory Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Irby and Samuel Easley and James Clay all of the County and Territory aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Michael Kennard Chief Justice of the orphans court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of twenty thousand Dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs & executors firmly by these presents given under our hands and seals this 10th April 1819 The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Elizabeth Irby Administratrix of all and singular the goods & chattles rights & credits of John R. Irby deceased also make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods & chattles rights & credits of said deceased according to Law and shall do and perform all and every act and thing in and about the estate aforesaid which an administrator ought to do according to law this obligation then to be void otherwise to remain in force and virtue in Law (signed)

Elizabeth Irby (Seal) Samuel Easley (Seal) James Clay (Seal) test Richard Cobb

Letters of Administration Irby

Alabama Territory Marengo County } Be it remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on the application of Elizabeth Irby to our State Court we have caused these our Letters of Administration to issue in favor of and for the use of the said Elizabeth Irby in and upon the goods and chattles rights and credits of John R. Irby deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said Elizabeth Irby is authorized to bring suit and be sued as the lawful Administratrix of said John R. Irby deceased Witness Michael Kennard esquire Chief Justice of said Court at St. Stephens in the year of our Lord 1819 and of american Independence the fortyfourth Thomas Peleham Clerk Marengo County Alabama Territory of the United States

Appraisement of the estate of John R. Irby deceased Estate

1 waggon & gear	$ 60	00	3 Stone Jugs	$	1 00
4 Steers	13	50	1 frying pan & 4 barrels	1	50 2 00
1 pr Gears	1	50	30 head of hogs		6 50
1 grubbing hoe		75	1 Sett Blacks Commentaries		8 00
3 weeding hoes	1	50	2 English Readers		25
1 Grind Stone	5	00	1 Murrays Grammar		3 75
1 pr Steers	6	00	9 Chairs 4.50 3 Trunks 14.00	18	50
4 Cows	5	00	1 pine table		25
2 Calves		50	4 Feather Beds & furniture	150	00
5 Chickens	1	00	3 Bedsteads & cords	12	00
1 Cross cut saw	6	00	5 Sheets		2 75
2 Pitch saws	2	00	1 Testament & Wheat		2 00
2 cross cut files		124	1 Saddle & Bridle		4 50
1 Bracing	1	00	1 Pistol & Cartridge		10 00
1 Hammer		25	1 Branding Iron		1 00
1 Iron Square		75	1 Bucket tree & nippers		1 00
1 Large Pott	12	00	1 Castor		2 00
2 Small Pots	1	50	13 pr Chairs ward		3 00
1 Large Kettle	4	00	1 Pewter		2 00
2 Irons & Trivets		50	3 Dishes & 1 bowl		3 00
1 Skillet & Lid	2	00	1 Razor Strop & Case pr Steels		3 00
1 Spade 1.00 1 Ear Kettle 1.50	2	50	1 pr Spectacles Box		1 25
1 pr Pot Hooks 1.00	1	00	1 Table Secretary	1	75
1 pr Smoothing Irons	1	50	1 Bottle & Tea Stand	1	00
1 Gridiron 75 2 candlesticks 50c	3	75	2 Coffee pots 1 Tea pot	3	00
2 pails 1.00 2 jugging 1.50	2	50	1 Table 1 Spoons & Tea Spoons		50
1 Churn 2.50 1 pr bushels .75		75	6 Knives & 5 forks		93
1 wash Tub 1.00 1 Stone jar 1.00	3	00	1 Cloth brush		624

1 pr Saddle Bags	$ 1	50	9 Cows & Calves at 22.50	202	50
1 powder flask & shot pouch	2	00	42 Grown Heifers @ 18$	72	00
1 Black Horse	60	00	12 Yearlings	96	00
1 Yellow Do	80	00			
1 Black Do	50	00	The above is a true return of the		
1 negro man John	650	00	appraisement of the property of		
1 Do Jim	800	00	John R. Irby deceased as given		
1 Woman Easter	650	00	by us this 4th of October 1819		
1 Do Silby	450	00	James Clay		
1 negro woman	300	00	John Kelly		
1 " girl Phillis	300	00	Saml Easley		
1 " " Hannah	350	00			
1 " boy Sam	300	00			
6 cows & Calves @ 30$	180				

State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally came before me Elizabeth R. Irby widow and administratrix of John R. Irby deceased who being duly qualified as the law directs deposeth and saith that the preceding Inventory containing a true list of the property in her possession at the time it was taken with the exception of Blackstone Commentaries February 25th 1822 Shelby Corzine

Citation State of Alabama } Marengo County } County Court return day 4th Monday 1821

To the Sheriff of said County Greeting whereas you are hereby commanded to summon Elizabeth Irby to attend on saturday 24th Instant and make known to the Court in what manner she has arranged the Mallety and effects of John R. Irby deceased Extracted from the minutes of Court this twentieth November 1821 by William Cochran Clerk

Sheriffs Deed Recd in Office the 26th November 1821 B Barton Sheriff executed the 22nd return November 1821 B Barton Sheriff

Bond State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Irby Jacob Gimsar and William H Clark are held and firmly bound unto Shelby Corzine Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the penal sum of fifteen thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators & firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 25th February 1822. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Elizabeth Irby has been duly appointed sole executrix of the Estate of John R. Irby deceased now if the above bound Elizabeth Irby shall well and truly perform all the duties which she now may be by law required of her as such administratrix then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue

Irby (seal) Jacob Gimsar (seal) William H Clark (seal)

Citation State of Alabama Marengo County } County Court to sit on Tuesday the 23rd October 1823 Order in the Court aforesaid that Elizabeth Irby late Administratrix of John R. Irby deceased be cited to present her account current and settle the same at the said November Session and the third monday of December next & that due publication be made of this order by the Clerk as required by law in such cases & Bracket from the minutes of Court this 4th day of November 1823 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Resignation Elizabeth Irby } The Honorable the Judges of the County Court of Chickasaw County Alabama State Greeting I hereby tender my resignation as administratrix of John R. Irby deceased which I hereby make October 30th 1823 Elizabeth Irby

Order of Sale State of Alabama Marengo County } County Court began & held in and Administration for the County of Marengo & State of Alabama on the third monday in October 1823 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Kennard Judge, George Cunningham Clerk, Thomas Cochran Sheriff by his Deputy Caleb B Cochran the following order was passed to wit } Ordered by the Court

Ordered by the court that in the place of Elizabeth Irby late administratrix of John K Irby deceased who has resigned said administration Jacob Mitchell be and he is hereby appointed administrator to finish the administration of all and singular the goods & chattles rights & credits of the said John K Irby deceased on his entering into bond and security in the amount of ten thousand five hundred Dollars and duly acting as such on or before the third monday in November next At a County Court held in the County of Clarence and State of Alabama for orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Presiding At this day the following order was passed (to wit) It appearing to the court that the appraisement heretofore made of the goods and chattles rights and credits of John K Irby Deceased under the administration of the administratrix Elizabeth Irby being wholly destitute of any showing of the said appraisers being duly sworn as the law directs It is therefore ordered that John Jordan Henry Chitty Jacob Lindsey Abner Chitty & John Crosier be & is appointed appraisers of the goods and chattles rights and credits of the said deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return of the same. Ordered by the court that Elizabeth Irby late administratrix of John K Irby deceased be cited to present her account current and settle of her said administration on the third monday of December next and that due publication be made of this order by the Clerk as required by law in such cases Thomas Ringgold Judge County Court At a County Court began and held in the County of Clarence & State of Alabama on the third monday in December 1823 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding &c this day the following order was passed (to wit) Elizabeth Irby Administratrix on the Estate of John K Irby deceased having rendered her account for settlement pursuant to notice and publication it is ordered by the court that the same be continued until the next term in order that the court may have time to examine and unsettled the accounts of said administration

Order for citation to Elizabeth Irby to render new account current

Account current

For the estate of John K Irby in a/c current with Elizabeth Irby administratrix &c

1823 Dec. 1	To this amount paid John Jamison	133	00	By this amount from the leger of said Estate Side in the Ga	271 75
" 2	To this amount paid Williamson & Daly	38	00	" account collected of Mr Moore	53 37
" 3	To this amount paid James C Mellering	39	37½	" this amount from C Blackmon	12 50
" 4	To this amount paid Abimeleck Tinnin	50	00	" this amount from Robinson	3 00
" 5	To this amount paid John Jane	3	00	" this amount from Parker	
" 6	To this amount paid Mr Powell in note	3	00	" this amount from Gaching	
" 7	To this amount paid D Dooley	28	62½	Chas for Cows & Calves	65 00
" 8	To this amount paid Wm Compton	14	37½	" this amount from Thos Parker for cows	35 00
" 9	To this amount paid James Green	6	00	" this amount from Gaching	
" 10	To this amount paid C D Taylor	1	12½	Cows & three calves sold	60 00
" 11	To this amount paid John Chas	46	00	" this amount from G D Cook	
" 12	To this amount paid Cook & Wright	525	83	for cows & calves	13 18
" 13	To this amount paid James C May	143	75	" this amount from John Cook	
" 14	To this amount paid Pleasant C May	167	87½	for 4 hides, tenant & cattle	39 00
" 15	To this amount paid Thomas Carter	3	50	" this amount from John Carter	
		$1800	00	for a horse	20 00
					614 18

The account current of Elizabeth Irby late administratrix of John K Irby deceased pursuant to a citation having been returned on the third monday of December last and unsettled for settlement and allowance as the same having been continued from time until the present day to the end that the said Executrix should present an exhibition of her Inventory & sale of said estate which has been given as required by law and no person appearing to contest the settlement and allowance of the said account current and vouchers having been inspected by the Court now here and it appearing therefrom that there is a balance from said Estate to the said Elizabeth Irby for money paid and by her for debts due by said Estate the sum of six hundred and nineteen Dollars ninety four cents & one fourth cent It is therefore considered by the Court that the said account be allowed and that the said Elizabeth Irby receive from the administrator de bonis non the said sum of six hundred and ninety four and one fourth cents over and above her distributive share of the said Estate for money paid as aforesaid subject nevertheless to a deduction of the amount of any deficiency of the Estate as in her Inventory & sale now which may be discovered when the administrator de bonis non shall make return of the appraisement of the said Estate duly made At a County Court began & held in the County of Clarence & State of Alabama on the third monday in December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three for orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that Jacob Mitchell who was appointed administrator de bonis of the Estate of John K Irby deceased refusing to qualify as such that Letters of administration be issued to the Coroner of the County as administrator de bonis non of the said Estate. Order by the Court that the appraisement heretofore made by the administratrix of the Estate of John K Irby deceased being considered by the Court as informal for the want of a certificate of the qualification of the appraisers It is therefore ordered that William Blake Jacob Lindsey John Jordan Jonathan May John C Frazier or a majority of them be appointed appraisers of said Estate and make due return as the law directs At a County Court held in the County of Clarence & State of Alabama on the third monday in February 1824 for orphans business Present the Honorable Thos Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the accounts of Elizabeth Irby administratrix of John K Irby dec which were to have been presented for settlement be continued until the administrator de bonis non shall have returned an Inventory as directed to be done by a former order of this Court At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Clarence & State of Alabama on the third monday in march 1824 for orphans business Present the Honorable Thos Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the accounts of Elizabeth Irby administratrix of John K Irby deceased for her administration be continued until the third monday in April next At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Clarence & State of Alabama on the third monday in April 1824 for orphans business present the Honorable Thos Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the adjudication of the account current of Elizabeth Irby administratrix of John K Irby deceased be continued until the third monday of may next At a County Court for orphans business return day being the third monday in the month of February (viz) Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is thus the following order was passed (to wit) It is ordered by the court that the letters of administration heretofore granted to the Coroner of this County on the Estate of John K Irby deceased be revoked and Charles Irby eldest son of the deceased appearing in open court and making application for letters of Administration on the Estate of his deceased father and having entered into bond in the sum of fifteen thousand Dollars with Jacob Mitchell & Charles Mitchell his securities thereon and the said Charles Irby being duly qualified in open court It is therefore considered by the Court that the said Charles Irby do and he is hereby appointed administrator de bonis non on all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of John K Irby

Irby deceased

Bond — The State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Charles Irby and Jacob Chitchell and Charles Chitchell all of the County & State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Kingsbold Esqr Judge of the County Court aforesaid in the sum of fifteen thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said Thomas Kingsbold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us our heirs Executors and administrators and assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this nineteenth day of February A.D. eighteen hundred and twenty seven The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Charles Irby has been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and credits of John R. Irby deceased Now if the said Charles Irby shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required by law of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue (Signed) Charles Irby Jacob Chitchell Jacob Chitchell Jr Charles Chitchell Jr signed sealed and acknowledged in open Court this 19th day of February 1827 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Letters of administration granted to Charles Irby

The State of Alabama Marengo County } By the Judge of the County Court for said County Whereas John R. Irby late of Chalenda County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels and credits within the County aforesaid by reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and also all power dismissing from the same to the Court aforesaid of right belong They desiring that the goods chattels and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Charles Irby administrator de bonis non full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattels rights and credits of said deceased which he the said in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to law and then the balance to pay over to the legal heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Charles Irby having given bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by law necessary to his just Qualification as administrator do bring now here in Court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted and appointed administrator de bonis non of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said John R. Irby deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 28th day of February 1827 Geo Cunningham (Seal) Clerk & ex officio County Court in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in February 1827 for ordinary business present the Honorable Thos Kingsbold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was granted to wit, It being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the debts due from the Estate of the said deceased are now all fully satisfied and paid except a balance due to Elizabeth Irby the widow and late administratrix which by and with her consent can be settled and satisfied in the final division and distribution of the said estate so as to avoid a sale of the same and on motion of two of the legal heirs for their distributive shares of said Estate It is ordered by the Court Shelby Cozine John C Jones John R Chitchell Henry Chitchell and Emery R Malone be appointed Commissioners to make division and distribution of the same into eight equal distributive shares one share appertained to each of the heirs following (to wit)

Elizabeth Irby widow and Charles Irby Chitchell intermarried with Jacob Chitchell James Irby Eliza Ann Irby William Irby Madison Irby and Mariah Irby children of said John R Irby deceased and that said Commissioners make report of the same under their hands and seals on or before the third monday of May next

Division of the Estate — The State of Alabama Marengo County } The Commissioners appointed by the worship ful the County Court of said County to make division and distribution of the Estate of John R Irby deceased among the Legatees or legal representatives of the said deceased met on the 10th day of April 1827 and after being duly qualified according to law examined and appraised the personal property of the said deceased namely the negro woman Esther & her child Anika at four hundred and fifty Dollars negro woman Silvy and child Mary at four hundred Dollars negro girl Phillis & Hannah at four hundred & twenty five Dollars each negro boy Sam at four hundred Dollars negro girl Chilly & boy Jack at five hundred Dollars negro man Toby at four hundred and fifty Dollars and negro man Scipio at five hundred Dollars amounting in the whole to three thousand five hundred and fifty Dollars And there being eight legatees named by Elizabeth Irby widow of the said deceased and Charles Irby Chitchell Mitchell James Irby William Irby Madison Irby and Mariah Irby children & heirs of the said deceased the distributive share of each will amount to four hundred and forty three Dollars and seventy five cents which amount we order and appoint to be received by the legatees as aforesaid in the property and articles constituting following to wit To Elizabeth Irby widow as aforesaid we the said commissioners allot & assign the negro woman Silvy and the child Mary at four hundred Dollars to Charles Irby one of the heirs aforesaid we allot and assign the negro man Scipio at five hundred dollars to Chitchell Chitchell another of the heirs aforesaid we allot & assign the negro girl Phillis at four hundred and twenty five dollars to James Irby another of the heirs as aforesaid we allot and assign the negro man Toby at four hundred & fifty dollars to Eliza Ann Irby another of the heirs as aforesaid we allot and assign the negro girl Hannah at four hundred and twenty five dollars to William Irby another of the heirs as aforesaid we allot & assign the girl Chilly and the boy Jack at five hundred dollars to Madison Irby another of the heirs aforesaid we allot and assign the boy Sam at four hundred Dollars and to Mariah Irby another of the heirs aforesaid we allot and assign the woman Esther and the child Anika at four hundred and fifty dollars Agreeable to which division & distribution Mariah Irby & James Irby are to receive six dollars and twenty five cents each more than their distributive proportion William Irby is to receive fifty six dollars & twenty five cents more than his distributive proportion & Charles Irby is to receive also fifty six dollars and twenty five cents more than his distributive proportion of said Estate and Elizabeth Irby & Madison Irby are to receive four hundred three dollars and seventy five cents each less than their distributive proportion and Chapleate Chitchell and Eliza Ann Irby are to receive one hundred dollars and seventy five cents each less than their distributive proportion of said Estate

In order therefore to equalize the shares of the several Legatees we do order and appoint that such of the aforesaid legatees as have received more than their exact proportion shall contribute in due proportion to those who have received less than their exact proportion namely that James Irby Mariah Irby & Charles Irby pay to Chitchell Chitchell six dollars and twenty five cents each that Charles Irby pay also to Madison Irby forty three dollars and twenty five cents & to Eliza Ann Irby six dollars and twenty five cents and that William Irby pay to Eliza Ann Irby twelve dollars and fifty cents & to Elizabeth Irby widow as aforesaid forty three dollars & seventy five cents to be spread and received by such of the Legatees as are under age by them when they become of age or the payments to be made sooner by their Guardians at their discretion

the remaining personal Estate of the said deceased as mentioned in the aforesaid Inventory amounting to twelve hundred and eighty eight dollars having been previously used and consumed by Elizabeth Scrutchfield late Exrx of administration were first granted and the same being settled & accounted for by & between her & Charles Irby the present Administrator in payment and satisfaction to the said Elizabeth for money paid laid out & expended by her in discharging the debts due by the said deceased at the time of his death for expences of Court to be by her fully paid and for supporting mentaining and educating the children heretofore which said personal Estate the aforesaid negroes excepted with the use and services of the negroes which she has hereto for had she accepts as in full satisfaction to her use forever the witness of which settlement & agreements of the consent of the said Elizabeth & Charles to the division and distribution aforesaid they the said Elizabeth & Charles have hereunto set their hands & seals in presence of the said Commissioners Elizabeth (Scrutchfield) Charles Irby adm'rs Given under our hands & seals this 18th day of April 1827 Henry Chilly (seal) Shelby Cozine (seal) John C Jones (seal) Drury D Malone (seal) John C Ellis (seal) The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of the said County the aforenamed Commissioners (to wit) Henry Chilly Shelby Cozine John C Jones Drury D Malone & John C Ellis Esqrs who being duly sworn made report to make division & distribution of the Estate of John Irby deceased according to Law and the Order of Court to them directed Given under my hand and seal at Linden this 16th day of April 1827 Thomas Kingsbery (Seal)

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo & State of Alabama on the third monday in April 1827 for orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Kingsbery Judge of said Court Presiding

Decree Ordered that the commissioners appointed to make settlement division & distribution of the Estates of John Irby deceased having filed their return report duly certified as directed by Law and no reason appearing to the contrary the same be confirmed in the event that the said report be not entered of record and becomes the judgments and decrees of this Court and in pursuance to the terms and effect of the said report it is considered and decreed by the said Court here as follows to wit First that Elizabeth Irby widow of the said deceased for and in consideration of monies by her said late out and expended in paying off and discharging the debts due by the said deceased at the time of his death for supporting maintaining and educating the children of the deceased up to the present time and for the expences incurred in this court in and about the administrating the Estate of the said deceased to be by her fully paid and satisfied and as in full satisfaction to her for the same as well as for all sums of money now declared due or which hereafter may be found to be due to her by reason of the aforesaid premises and every part thereof she the said return to her own use forever all the goods and chattels and personal Estate (the negroes excepted) in the aforesaid Inventory set forth and contained amounting to the sum of one thousand two hundred and eighty eight dollars besides also the hire use and services of the negroes she has hereto for had as agreed upon by and between the said Elizabeth and Charles Irby the administrator and so awarded by the commissioners aforesaid in their report aforesaid Secondly that the said Elizabeth Irby widow as aforesaid receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as her full proportion and distributive share of the said Estate to be paid and satisfied to her as follows to wit that she receive have & retain to her own proper use and service forever the negro woman

Sibby and the child (slave) of the personal Estate of said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred dollars and that she retain the sum of forty three dollars and seventy five cents to be paid to her by William Irby a minor when he arrives at the age of twenty one years as hereinafter mentioned or sooner at the discretion of his Guardian as the full amount of her said distributive share as by the Commissioners aforesaid to her allotted and assigned Thirdly that Charles Irby one of the heirs of the said deceased receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as his full distributive share of the Estate of the said deceased in manner following (to wit) that he receive have and retain to his own proper use and service forever the negro man slave named Scipio of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of five hundred dollars but that he pay the surplus over and above the amount of his said distributive share to wit the sum of fifty six dollars and twenty five cents in manner herein directed (that is to the Guardian of Eliza Ann Irby a minor the sum of six dollars & seventy five cents for the use and benefit of said Eliza Ann to the Guardian of Madison Irby a minor for the benefit of the said Madison the sum of forty three dollars & seventy five cents and to Jacob C Mitchell the husband of Henrietta one of the heirs the sum of six dollars and twenty five cents as directed allowed and assigned by Commissioners aforesaid in their report aforesaid and that the said Silver receipted by the said Charles received as in full of his distributive share and of the monies ordered and decreed so to be paid by him as aforesaid Fourthly that Henrietta another of the heirs and Jacob C Mitchell her husband receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as their distributive share of the Estate of the said deceased in manner following (to wit) that they receive have and retain to their own proper use and service forever the negro girl slave named Phillis of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred and twenty five dollars and that they also receive the sum of six dollars & seventy five cents from James Irby and the same sum of money from Chariah Irby minors to be paid to the said James & Chariah as soon as they arrive at the age of twenty one years or sooner at the discretion of their Guardians and also that they receive from Charles Irby the sum of six dollars and twenty five cents as in full of their said distributive share to the said Henrietta allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid Fifthly that James Irby another of the heirs receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as his full distributive share of said Estate in manner following (to wit) that he receive have and retain to his own proper use and service forever the negro man Cato valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars but that he at coming to the age of twenty one years pay the amount over and above his said distributive share to wit the sum of six dollars and seventy five cents to Jacob C Mitchell the husband of Henrietta one of the heirs or the said sum may be sooner paid to his Guardian if he see fit and that the said James and his Guardian receive the said Cato Irby as in full satisfaction of his distributive share of the said Estate and of the said sum of money to be to him paid as aforesaid as directed allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid Sixthly that Eliza Ann Irby another of the heirs receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as her full distributive share of the Estate of the said deceased in manner following to wit that she receive have and retain to her own proper use and service forever the negro girl Hannah of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred and twenty five dollars that she also receive six dollars and twenty five cents to be paid to her or to her Guardian for her by Charles Irby and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents to be paid to her or to her Guardian for her by William Irby when he attains the age of

twenty one years pay the amount owned above his said distributive share to wit the sum of six dollars and twenty five cents or sooner at the discretion of his Guardian and that she receive the same or her Guardian for her as in full satisfaction of her said distributive share as to her allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid in their report aforesaid. Seventhly that William Irby another of the heirs receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as his full distributive share of the said Estate in manner following to wit that he receive have and retain to his own proper use and service forever the girl Milly and the boy Jack (slaves) of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of five hundred dollars but that he pay the amount of the said valuation over and above his said distributive share to wit the sum of fifty six dollars and twenty five cents as herein directed to wit to Eliza Ann Irby twelve dollars and fifty cents and to Elizabeth Irby forty three dollars and seventy five cents to be by him paid as soon as he attains the age of twenty one years or sooner by his Guardian if he think proper and that the said William or his Guardian for him receive the said slaves Milly and Jack as in full satisfaction of the said Williams distributive share of the said Estate and of the said sums of money so to be by him paid as aforesaid as directed allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid. Eighthly that Madison Irby another of the heirs receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as his full distributive share of the Estate of the said deceased in manner following to wit, that he receive have and retain to his own proper use and service for ever the negro boy slave named Sam of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred Dollars and that he receive from Charles Irby the sum of forty three Dollars and seventy five cents and that he (or his Guardian for him demand have & receive the same as in full of the said Madisons distributive share of the said Estate as allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid. Ninthly that Mariah Irby another of the heirs receive the sum of four hundred and forty three dollars and seventy five cents as the full amount of her distributive share of the Estate of the said deceased in manner following to wit that she receive have and retain to her own proper use and service for ever the negro woman slave Esther and the child of the said Esther named Anicha of the personal Estate of the said deceased valued by the Commissioners aforesaid at the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars but that she after attaining the age of twenty one years (or her Guardian sooner at his discretion) pay the amount of the said valuation over and above her said distributive share to wit the sum of six dollars and twenty five cents to Jewel Mitchell the husband of Mehitable one of the heirs of said deceased and that the said Mariah or her Guardian for her receive the said slaves Esther and her child Anicha as in full satisfaction of the said Mariahs distributive share of said Estate and of the said sums of money so to be by her paid as aforesaid as directed allotted and assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid. And Lastly it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Estate of the said John A Irby is now fully administered It is therefore considered by the Court that the said administrator after paying over the aforesaid distributive shares as above directed and decreed be discharged from farther administering the said Estate.

The Estate of Michael Pearson } At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three for the purpose of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Kinggold Judge the following order was passed to wit It having been proven to the Court that Michael Pearson deceased has no widow nor nearer kindred than brothers and sisters and Henry Pearson having made application for letters of administration and having this day entered into bond and being duly qualified according to law It is therefore ordered that letters of administration issue to the said Henry Pearson on the goods and chattles rights and credits of all and singular of Michael Pearson deceased late of this County ordered by the Court that James Gay Thomas Patton Rodrick Easley Isaac Greer and Richard Brackenridge or a majority of them be appointed appraisers of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased and make due return on oath of the same within the time prescribed by law

Letters The State of Alabama Marengo County } By the Judge of the County Court for said County Whereas Michael Pearson late of Marengo County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattles and credits within the County aforesaid by reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of the said deceased and also a final dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong, they disriing that the goods chattles rights and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Henry Pearson administrator full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattles rights and credits of said deceased which to him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to law and then the balance justly to pay over to the legal heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Henry Pearson having given bond and security and taken the oath and performed all the requisites required by law necessary to his just qualification as administrator he is by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted and appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of the said Michael Pearson deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 18th day of August 1823

Bond State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Henry Pearson Leonard Pearson and Wm Fluker are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold esquire Judge of the County Court for orphans business of Marengo County and State of Alabama and his successors in office in the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold and his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs executors & administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seats and dated this 18th day of August 1823 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Henry Pearson has been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods & chattles rights & credits of Michael Pearson deceased Now if the said Henry Pearson shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void otherwise

otherwise to remain in full force (signed) Henry Pearson (seal) Leonard Pearson (seal)
Wm Hudson (seal) Signed & sealed in open Court before me Clerk this 18th day of August 1823
Jno Cunningham Clerk Approved this 18th day of August 1823 Thos Ringgold Judge by Court

Oath

State of Alabama Marengo County } You Henry Pearson do swear that Michael Pearson deceased died without any lawful will to your knowledge or belief and that you will well and truly administer all and singular the goods & chattles rights and credits of the said deceased and return a true Inventory thereof so far as they may come to your knowledge and a just account of sales & of your said administration as required by law So help me God (signed) Henry Pearson Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 18th day of August 1823 Thomas Ringgold Judge by Court

Inventory

State of Alabama Marengo County } We the undersigned appraisers sworn to appraise the property belonging to said estate as follows (viz)

1 sorrel mare 10 years old	350	00	one hatchell		37½
the preceding 10 years old	350	00	one clasp hammer		37
1 sorrel colt 3 years old	200	00	seven Books	8	50
1 " " 4 " "	125	00	one shot gun	5	00
one waggon	30	00	one pine chest 125 one hatchell		
one Bed & furniture	30	00	dozen silver tea spoons	6	00
three Barrels	9	00	one Pocket book		37
one cross cut saw	4		Totals	1240	62½

Given under our hands & seals this 4th day of October 1823 Wm Hudson (seal) Leonard Pearson (seal) Jno Cunningham (seal) Jas Gay (seal) Isaac Greer (seal) Thomas Patton (seal)

State of Alabama Marengo County } You Roderick Easley Isaac Greer and Thomas Patton do solemnly swear that you will make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattles rights & credits of (ready money excepted) of Michael Pearson deceased as shall be produced by Henry Pearson the administrator of the said Michael Pearson deceased and that you will return the same certified under your hands unto the said Henry Pearson administrator as aforesaid within the time prescribed by law So help you God (signed) Rodk Easley Isaac Greer Thomas Patton Sworn to and subscribed before this the 4th day of November 1823 Wilnig C Harbrough Justice of Peace. State of Alabama Marengo County } Henry Pearson administrator of the estate of Michael Pearson deceased do solemnly swear that the preceding Inventory & appraisement containing the true and faithful account of all goods & chattles rights & credits of the said deceased that have come to my knowledge as such administrator So help me God (signed) Henry Pearson. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of December 1823. Test C Harbrough (J.P.)

Petition

To the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of the County of Marengo State of Alabama the petition of Henry Pearson adm of Michael Pearson deceased Sheweth that the intestate died possessed of & entitled and was possessed of at the time of his death of the following property to wit four negro's a waggon some household furniture & plantation utensils together with the crops of cotton corn & fodder and stock of horses amounting in appraisement to the sum of four thousand and twenty three dollars and ten cents exclusive of some few debts due said estate that there are seven heirs (to wit) John Pearson Henry Pearson Mary Jones Elizabeth Chivers and the (orphan children) heirs of Garland Pearson deceased from the above statement of the said Estate the property of said intestate cannot be equally divided among the heirs of said deceased unless it be sold therefor the administrator prays this Honorable Court to grant him an order to sell the whole of said Estate Henry Pearson administrator

Supplemental Inventory

administrator 5th January 1824 State of Alabama Marengo County } You James Gay Isaac Greer & Thomas Patton do swear that you will make a just & true appraisement of all and and singular the goods & chattles (ready money only excepted) of Michael Pearson deceased as shall be produced by Henry Pearson administrator of the said Michael Pearson deceased and that you will return the same certified under your hands unto the said Henry Pearson administrator as aforesaid within the time prescribed by law So help you God (signed) James Gay Isaac Greer Thomas Patton Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January 1824 C Harbrough J.P. Supplemental Inventory & appraisement of the personal Estate of Michael Pearson deceased (ready money excepted) as produced to us by Henry Pearson the administrator agreeable to an order of appraisement from the Judge of the orphans Court of the County of Marengo to us directed

2139 lbs seed cotton at 2½ per cwt	53	47½	4 heads hoes	seven pair			
300 bushels corn at 37½ per bl	112	50	ax	eleven dollars	for	11	00
1 Sulky Fodder 1200 lbs at 25 per cwt	0	50	running at large in the range				

State of Alabama Marengo County } We whose names are here unto subscribed do certify that the above schedule is a second and true appraisement of the balance of the personal Estate of Michael Pearson deceased as far as the same has been produced to us by Henry Pearson the administrator & certified to us this 2nd day of January 1824 (signed) James Gay Isaac Greer Thomas Patton appraisers

State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court aforesaid Henry Pearson administrator of Michael Pearson deceased and made oath that the preceding Supplemental Inventory & appraisement contains a true list of all the property & effects rights chattles and credits of the said deceased so far as they come to the deponents knowledge & acceptting an account against Thomas Heatherower of eighty dollars & four cents (80 04/100) Henry Pearson (and also one of the appraisers in the last inventory & appraisement to the amount of ten dollars & fifty cents (10 50/100)) Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th day of January 1824 Geo Cunningham Clerk County Court Orphans Business

Order of sale

On the petition of Henry Pearson administrator of Michael Pearson deceased praying an order of sale of the goods & chattles of the said estate and having examined the appraisement and being satisfied that the Estate cannot be equally divided without manifest injustice It is ordered that an order of sale issue to the administrator to sell and dispose of the goods and chattles of the said Estate according to Law Thos Ringgold Judge County Court

Sales List

On account of the sale of the personal Estate of Michael Pearson deceased agreeable to an order of the orphans Court of the County of Marengo held at the house of Henry Pearson with a home the said Michael Pearson deceased formerly lived Saturday 31st Feb 1824

Wm Milly	to 1 hatchell		15¾		15¾	Henry Pearson	1 dog		
Leonard Pearson	to 1 carpenters hammer		31¼			silver tea spoons		6	00
"	" " 1 trunk		2	00		11 head hoes		11	00
"	" " 2139 lbs seed cotton at 2½		53	47½		1 Grindstone		2	50
"	" " 300 bushels corn at 37½		112	50		1 pine chest		1	12½
"	" " 1 waggon		40	00	318	43¾			20 62½
John Pearson	to 1 Pocket Knife		11	01¼		bot of	Saunders	0	50
"	" " 1 pocket Knife			43¾		Henry Pearson	negro girl		
"	" " 1 Dictionary		1	50			Henry	230	
"	" " 1 modern Geography		1	00		1 negro girl	Henry	175	00
"	" " 1 memoirs Gen Jackson			75		Bot of	Jesse Howard		
"	" " 1 Federalist		1	37		Pearson	negro woman		
"	" " 2 Vols Benedicts History of the Baptists		5	00		Rebecca	& child	312	00
"	" 1 History of the world		1	50	22	25	bot of	Guilford Locke	154 00
Moses Pickering	to 1 cross cut saw		3	50	3	50	bot of	Henry Pearson	bed & furniture
									1 00
									3 50
									5 12½
									7 00

State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court aforesaid Henry Pearson administrator of all and singular the goods & chattles, right & credits of Michael Pearson deceased who being duly sworn made oath that the foregoing account of sales of the personal Estate of the said Michael Pearson deceased as stated in the said schedule is just & true (signed) Henry Pearson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

At a County Court began and in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama in vacation on the 5th day of Dec 1825 for orphans business the following order was passed (to wit) Whereas application of John Pearson one of the heirs of the Estate of the said Michael Pearson deceased It is ordered by the Court that the administrator file his account current for examination & settlement & allowance on or before the third monday of June next and that citation issue to the said administrator Thomas Ringgold Judge County Court

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County Court for orphans business 5th May 1825 To Henry Pearson administrator of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased You are (at the instance & upon the application of John Pearson one of the heirs of the said Michael Pearson deceased) cited and required to file your account current as administrator of said Estate for examination settlement & allowance on or before the third monday of June next extracted from the minutes of the Court this 5th 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk Costs 6¼ cts by his deputy Benja. Posey

Return Rec'd in office 16th June 1825 not executed 25th June 1825 Thomas Ordeing Sheriff

At a County Court began and holden in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in June A.D. 1825 for the purposes of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the following order was passed to wit 5th August Court Term 1825 This cause coming on to be heard and it appearing to the Court that an alias citation issued in this cause

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County Court for orphans business August Term 1825 To Henry Pearson administrator of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased You are (at the instance and upon the application of John Pearson one of the heirs of the said Michael Pearson deceased) cited & required to file your account current as administrator for said Estate for examination settlement & allowance on or before the third monday of September next Extracted from the minutes of court August 23rd 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Return Received in office the 29th August 1825 Executed the 8th Sept 1825 by Barton Stiff by his deputy Ezekiel Dent

To The Estate of Michael Pearson dec'd in account current with				Henry Pearson the administrator		Cr	
1825 Sept 23	By amount paid Stiff & Miller for funeral expenses	$	13	50	By amount of sales of the personal Estate as per account of Sales filed in office	$ 1576	134
	" paid D Cain for coffin made (1)		4	00			
	" paid Lemuel Glenn mileage (2)		4	00			
	" paid Thomas Patton Smith Court (3)		2	50			
	" paid W Bevill the proper fee for publication of administration (5)		3	50	By amount received of Thomas Wright Lower deal from him to the deceased	40	00
	" paid Hall's Acct in full (6)		1	93¾	By balance in the hands of the administrator	1758	134
	" Wright & Carter bill account (7)		16	68¾		1574	75
	" paid Clancy & Carter Acct (8)		04	10	By net balance now in the hands of the admr for distribution	1457	32½
	" paid for Negro due in Georgia (9)		2	50			
	" Amount due to the Estate of Garland Pearson dec'd		60	00			
	" paid Elizabeth Chivers (10)		10	00	Errors excepted November the 21st 1825 Henry Pearson		
	" Balance in hands of administrator		1574	75			
	To commissions to the Amt of 5 per cent on $1457.32	$	72	86½			
	To the amount paid Court to Hands for Block Posey		2	00			
	To balance in the hands of the admr as per Contra		1457	32½			
			1514	75			

The State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of the said County this 21st day of November 1825 the above named Henry Pearson administrator of the Estate of Michael Pearson dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that his above account current with the Estate of the said deceased contains a just full and true account of the values of the said Estate so far as the same has come to his knowledge or power and that the disbursements therein charged and the said account current as stated are just & true according to the best of his knowledge & information & belief. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of November 1825.

Thomas Ringgold (Seal) (166)

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in September A.D. 1825 for the purposes of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding, the following order was passed to wit Henry Pearson administrator of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased having filed his account & vouchers for settlement this day thereupon it is considered by the Court that the third monday of November next be appointed for auditing said account and making final settlement of said Estate & that the Clerk forth with advertise at Linden and two other public places in the County the said allowance & settlement

At a County Court began & held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in November A.D. 1825 for the purpose of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding, the following order was passed (to wit) The account current of Henry Pearson administrator of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased stating with the gross value of said estate as come to the hands of the administrator at the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty four dollars three & three fourth cents by charges for debts, said necessary expenditures & commission of five per cent as a compensation amounting to the sum of two hundred & ninety six dollars seventy one and a fourth cents which being deducted leaves in the hands of the administrator for his distribution among the heirs the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty nine dollars thirty two & a half cents and the same coming on this day to be heard for allowance and final settlement due notice whereof having been given as directed by the statute in such case made and the said account as now stated & sworn to having been by the Judge in vacation audited and thus stated and the matters and things therein contained and referred to being seen & inspected & found by the court to be correctly understood & true passed & pronounced in open & solemn court allowed and the settlement thereof It is considered by the Court that the said account be in all things allowed and entered of record. It being made appear to the satisfaction of the court now here that there are now living the following children & heirs of the said deceased (to wit) John Pearson Henry Pearson & Leonard Pearson brothers and Nancy Leonard Mary Jones Elizabeth Chivers and Francis Albert sisters of the said deceased and also the orphan children of Garland Pearson deceased a brother to the said Michael Pearson deceased where upon it is considered adjudged and decreed that the aforesaid net balance of the Estate of Michael Pearson deceased now in the hands of the administrator be divided into eight several distributive shares and distributed paid over and accounted for by the said Henry Pearson administrator as follows (to wit) to the said John Pearson Leonard Pearson Nancy Leonard Mary Jones Elizabeth Chivers Francis Albert each the sum of one hundred and eighty two dollars forty one and one half cents and to the Guardian of the children of the said Garland Pearson deceased the sum of one hundred and eighty two

dollars forty nine and one half cents and that the said Henry Pearson administrator retain the remaining balance of one hundred and eighty two dollars forty one and one half cents as his distributive share of the estate of his said intestate And it is further considered that when the said Henry shall have accounted for & paid over the aforesaid several sums of money as above discribed decreed that he be discharged from further administering the said Estate and that the said Henry and his security in his administration Bond be released and discharged from the said bond and from suit day

The Estate of Reading Wolf } At a County court began and held in and for the County of the
6 } Counties in the State of Alabama on the 3d day of February 1833 for
the purpose of Orphans business The Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge
of said Court Presiding the following order was passed to wit

The Estate of Reading Wolf } Ordered to the Court that Elizabeth Wolf widow of Reading Wolf
Siting } a Year at next Court on the third monday in March & show cause
why Letters of Administration should not be granted on her said deceased husbands
estate It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that from indisposition she
is unable to attend to due that they Father she wishes to administer her
self Of a County Court began & held in and for the County of Marengo in the
State of Alabama on the third monday in April 1833 for the purposes of Orphans
business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of the said Court presiding
the following order was passed (to wit) Ordered that the application for Letters
of administration on the estate of Reading Wolf be continued until the third
monday in this next County Court to be held in and for the County
of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in May 1833 for the
purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge
of the said Court Presiding the following order was passed (to wit) Ordered by
the Court that Letters of administration on the estate of Reading Wolf
deceased issue to Elizabeth Wolf widow of the said deceased upon her giving
with her security
Letters } with her bond in such case made and provided which is
the Court that David Curry John Holland John Jackson Jared Mckenny and
John Patrick or any three of them be appointed appraisers to appraise the goods
and Chattles rights & credits of Reading Wolf deceased and make return thereof
as directed by law State of Alabama Marengo County Be it remembered
and known that on the application of Elizabeth Wolf
to our said Court we have caused these our Letters of administration to issue in favor
of and to the sole use of the said Elizabeth Wolf in and upon the goods and
chattles rights & credits of Reading Wolf deceased and in every case which
occasion may require the said Elizabeth Wolf is authorized to sue and be sued
as the lawful administratrix of said Reading Wolf deceased Witness Thomas
Ringgold Esqr Judge of said Court the 20th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833
and the year of american Independence the fifty seventh attest William
Cobarn Clerk State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally Elizabeth
Oath Wolf administratrix swear that Reading Wolf deceased died without any lawful
will

will so far as you know or believe and that you will well and truly administer all and singular the goods chattles rights & credits of the said deceased as far as may have come to your knowledge and just account of sales and of your administration as required by law & deliver your Good
(signed) Elizabeth Wolf Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May 1833 Thomas Ringgold Judge &c &c

Bond State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Wolf James B Wolf & Henry Wolf are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of the Orphans Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals this seventeenth day of may one thousand eight hundred and thirty three The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Elizabeth Wolf has this day been duly appointed administratrix of all and singular the goods chattles rights & credits of Reading Wolf deceased Now if the said Elizabeth Wolf shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as such administratrix then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue (signed) Elizabeth X Wolf (Seal) James B Wolf (Seal) Henry Wolf (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged in open Court before me 20th May 1833 William Cobarn Clerk
Jur Thomas Ringgold Judge &c &c State of Alabama Marengo County } David Curry John Holland John Jackson Jared Mckenny & John Patrick or any three of them greeting You and each of you are hereby required to proceed to the dwelling house and premises of Reading Wolf in the county aforesaid deceased who died intestate within one month from the date hereof and you or a majority of you will view and state proceed to and appraise the personal estate of the said Reading Wolf deceased so far and so much thereof as shall be rendered to you by Elizabeth Wolf the administratrix of said deceased according to law and return a true inventory and appraisement thereof to our next County Court to be held in and for the County aforesaid at the Court house in Linden on the first monday in June next Witness Thomas Ringgold Judge of our said Court this 20th day of May 1833 William Cobarn Clerk June 13th 1833 We the undersigned being duly sworn Inventory and appraised the estate of Reading Wolf deceased to eight hundred and sixteen dollars eighty eight cts (signed) David Curry Jackson John Holland John Patrick Sworn and subscribed in the presence of me one of the Justices of the Peace for the State County Marengo June 10th 1833

Inventory A Inventory of the goods and chattles of Reading Wolf deceased (to wit)

1 Head of sheep appraised	$80	00	1 Gun 2.00 1 Rifle gun $20 1 pistol		
3 Cows & Calfs	30	00	1 mole & pr jacks $12. 1 Handsaw $2.00	3	50
2 Cows heavy with Calf	30	00	1 Drawing knife 25 1 Jointing plane 1.50	2	00
2 Cows & Yearlings	24	00	1 Chain 3.25 1 coffee mill 75 cts	4	50
1 Barrow Hog	10	50	2 coffee pots 2 tin pans 1 tin bucket		
1 pair of young cattle	50	00	1 dish 12 plates 6 cups & 5 saucers 6		
1 Gray mare & colt	40	00	knives 6 forks 2 steel 1 mug 1 bell		
1 Bay yearling horse	50	00	1 pitcher 1 one bottle 1 bread		
1 two year old horse colt	30	00	basket 1 tea pot and sugar bowl		
1 Black Horse	00	00	6 spoons tea tin cups	0	00
1 waggon two pair of harness & pair geers	30	00	1 chest 3.00 two feather beds		
2 sadles 2 bridles 1 pair saddle bags			2 blankets 2 sheets 2 quilts two		
1 side saddle 2 surcingles & cloth			counterpanes 2 coverlids	35	00
1 reading chair	8	00	1 feather bed sheet & mattress		
1 Bell	1	00	cover lid	8	00
1 Pair & cloth & surcingle tree	2	50	1 pad of the gears 2 50 1 bell 25	3	75
1 Do. 3.50 1 mule at $1 1 yearling 150	6	00	1 pair of smoothing irons	1	00
			1 shovel 1 candlestick 25 1 pair hames 50 cts	2	25

1 fine 250 1 bridle 3.00 1 side saddle	5	37	50	Eliza Elizabeth Wolff to 1 gray horse	60 00
1 pair spot hocks 50 cts 1 barrel 2.00			50	" " 1 black horse	45 00
1 Loom and tim[illegible] 2.00 2 slays 1.50				Brown Bennett to 1 waggon	40 25
1 pr Saddle bags 50		4	50	Elizabeth Wolff one Set of Irons	8 00
2 hames & check leaces 50 cts 1 bridle 50		1	00	do do 1 do do	2 00
1 pail 62½ 2 pitching 25 1 skimmer 50		1	37½	do do 1 do Pot	2 00
1 pail & sifter & bread tray			50	Elizabeth Wolff 1 Spit	1 00
1 washing bat & pitch pail 25				Elizabeth Wolff 1 Spittle	1 00
2 Bridles 50 cts			75	Elizabeth Wolff 1 oven	3 00
1 sugar Stand 50 1 Razor 25				Henry Wolff 1 Gun	9 00
Shaving Box 75		1	50	Elizabeth Wolff 1 hand saw	2 00
1 one hole & hand for fifty				do do 1 drawing knife	50
Dollary bearing interest from				do do 1 spining wheel	1 00
the 1st of October 1822		50	00	do do 6 chairs	3 00
one note for twenty dollars				do do 1 Coffee mill	25
bearing Interest from the 10th				do do 1 lot house hold furniture	6 00
September 1822		20	00	do do 1 Chest	4 75
Fifty Dollars in Cash		50	00	do do 2 feather beds & furniture	40 75
one note of hand due the		99	00	do do 1 feather bed & furniture	8 00
first day of July next		65	88	do do 1 pair Steelyards	2 50
[illegible] & Policy for		30	00	do do 1 Bell	1 50
Cash in hand		17	00	do do 1 pr smoth Irons	1 00
1 Saddle		15	00	do do 1 Shovels & candlestick	25
We the undersigned being		6	25	Jeremiah Pitchlett, plaintiff's atty	1 25
duly sworn did Inventory &		3	10	do do 1 bedstead	3 10
appraise the Estate of Reading				do do 1 side saddle	3 10
Wolff to eight hundred and six				do do 1 pair fire dogs & shovel	1 12½
teen Dollars & eighty eight				do do 1 Loom & tumpling	2 00
June 13th 1823 John Jackson				do do 2 slays	1 50
Sumner John Hollance				Amount carried forward	327 50
sworn to & John Patrick				Amount Brought forward	327 50
before me Daniel Curry one				Elizabeth Wolff 1 saddle Bags	3 00
of the Justices in and for said				do do 1 set farming tools	2 50
County Daniel Curry JP				do do household & furniture	3 50
State of Alabama Madison County				do do household furniture	2 00
Elizabeth Wolff personally came				Henry Wolff 1 saddle	3 00
into open Court this 16th day				Elizabeth Wolff 1 gray mare & colt	45 00
of June 1823 and the foregoing				do do 1 grey colt	30 00
signed schedule containing				State of Alabama Madison County ss	411 50
a full & complete Inventory				Before me personally came Elizabeth Wolff	
of the goods & chattels rights				Administratrix of all and singular the goods	
& credits of debts due & accoun				and chattels rights & credits of Reading	
ing to Reading Wolff deceased who				Wolff deceased who being duly sworn maketh	
died intestate at the time of				oath and saith that the foregoing schedule	
his death so far as the same				amounting to $411 50 is stated as a just &	
have come to my knowledge as administ				true account of sales of the personal Estate	
rator to said Reading Wolff				of the said Reading Wolff deceased	
deceased (signed) Elizabeth Wolff				Sworn and subscribed by Elizabeth Wolff	
Witness Jno Cunningham				before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the	
Order of recording 21 Dec[illegible] Clerk				County Court at office this 16th of	
[illegible] Augt 23 1823				October 1823	
Elizabeth Wolff 25 head of hogs	63	00			

At a County court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 21st day of October 1823 for the purpose of Orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (to wit) on the application of James B Wolff one of the securities of Elizabeth Wolff, the administratrix of Reading Wolff deceased that the said administratrix give other securities It is ordered that she appear at or before the third monday of November next and give other good & sufficient security for her administration or the same will be recorded and granted to the Sheriff or coroner

Citation

State of Alabama Marengo County ss County court for orphans business 21st October 1823 Ordered by the court aforesaid that on the application of James B Wolff one of the securities of Elizabeth Wolff the administratrix of Reading Wolff deceased that the said administratrix give other securities It is ordered that she appear at or before the third monday of November next and give other good & sufficient securities for her administration or the same will be recorded and granted to the Sheriff or coroner Extracted from the minutes of court this 7th November 1823 George Cunningham Clerk

Return Order of Sale

Received in office the 8th November 1823 Thomas Adamy Sheriff executed the 14th November 1823 Thomas Adamy Shff. At a County court held and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 18th day of June 1823 for the purpose of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court President the following order was passed (to wit) Ordered by the Court that an order of sale be granted to Elizabeth Wolff administratrix of Reading Wolff deceased to sell the goods & chattels returned in the Inventory except the cattle and sell by due the estate therein mentioned this day produced in Court Thos Ringgold Judge 6th bt for account of sales see page 26

Bond

State of Alabama Marengo County ss Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Wolff David Curry & John P Freeman are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of six hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire & his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 17th November 1823 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Elizabeth Wolff has been here to fore appointed administratrix of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of Reading Wolff deceased and bond with James B Wolff & Richard Wolff security and on application of James B Wolff one of the securities to be released from being security for the said Elizabeth further and she being called in to Court to give other security and David Curry & John P Freeman above mentioned becoming her security as the aforesaid administratrix Now if the said Elizabeth Wolff shall well and truly finish the administration she has commenced and perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as such administratrix then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue (signed) Elizabeth Wolff (seal) David Curry (seal) John P Freeman (seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged in open court this 17th November 1823 before me Geo Cunningham Jr Clerk

Approved this 17th November 1823 Tho Ringgold Judge 6th bt Court

Elizabeth Wolff administratrix of Reading Wolff appeared in open court and gave new security it is therefore ordered by the Court that her former security be discharged from this day and that she continue in the administration Tho Ringgold Judge 6th bt

At a County court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in may 1824 for the purpose of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that

Elizabeth Woolf administratrix of Reading Woolf deceased be required to present her account current and make final settlement of the said administration at the regular & monthly Court to be holden at the Court House for sd County on the third monday of July next and that the Clerk advertise the same sixty days previously at the Court House and two other publick places within this County the said Elizabeth Woolf administratrix having this day made known to the Court that the Estate of sd said intestate is solvent & unincumbered It is therefore ordered by the Court that William Adams David Curry David Hogan John E Anderson and William Browning be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to make division and distribution after being duly sworn as the law requiring the Estate of Reading Woolf deceased equally among the children of the said deceased (to wit) Emily Woolf William Harrison Woolf Perry Woolf Irwin Woolf and Lucy Ann Woolf reserving and setting aside to the said Elizabeth widow of the said deceased a thirty part of all the estate of the said deceased State of Alabama Marengo County ss County Court for orphans business Return day third monday in May 1824 By the Court Witness by the Court that William Adams David Curry David Hogan John E Anderson and William Browning be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to make division and distribution after being duly sworn as the law requiring of the Estate of Reading Woolf deceased among the children of the said deceased to wit Emily Woolf William Harrison Woolf Perry Woolf Irwin Woolf & Lucythan Woolf reserving & setting aside to the said Elizabeth Woolf widow of the said deceased a thirty part of all the estate of the said deceased extracted from the minutes of Court this 18th day of May 1824 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Report of commissioners

We William Adams David Hogan and David Curry being a majority of the above commissioners met & made division of the negroe accordingly and find impossible to make such division without great injury to the widow and we would therefore advise the Court to make sale of said property (signed) William Adams Curry David Hogan

Account current

Dr. the estate of Reading Woolf to account current with Elizabeth Woolf admx Cr

To this amount paid cost fees & salary & medicine & attendance pr bill	$	148	50	By amount of sales of personal estate sold pursuant to order of Court	$ 410 00
Paid Jeremiah Chichester sailing grave Court & fees		5	00	To this amt for sales & collection proving	
		23	3/4	To administration	32 98
Commission on amt of sales and notes collected		54	46	this amount of debts collected & money on hand as pr Inventory	237 41
Balance remaining in the hands of the administratrix		291	68		
	$	680	89		$ 680 89

And the remaining property of the said Estate ~~consists~~ now in the hands of the administratrix consists of nineteen head of cattle. Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold judge &c of Elizabeth Woolf administratrix of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits which were of Reading Woolf deceased who being duly sworn upon her solemn oath deposeth that the foregoing report concerning and account current with the said Estate as stated are true and that the same contains a full true & just exhibit of the rights of the said deceased so far as the same have come to her knowledge and that the charges made for necessary expenses for the support of the children & herself were necessary and as stated are just & true to the best of her knowledge & belief (signed) Elizabeth L Woolf Sworn and subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1824 Thomas Ringgold J.C.C. Recorded 335 examined & fees Cents $20.36¼ A report of the situation of the estate of Reading Woolf deceased By Elizabeth Woolf administratrix of said estate To the Honorable the County

County Court of Marengo County the following is a schedule of Property which has come to the hands of the administratrix as follows (viz)

The amount of property sold by the administratrix on the 23rd day of August 1823 for the items of sale list of that date	$	410	50	Cows sold on Stickley Lacey for	$ 25 00
				with interest from 10th Sept 1823	1 50
				Cows sold on Henry Whitley	62 50
The following is a list of debts due the estate & which have been collected (viz)				On account on Cherington & Pettyfor	31 00
				This amount in cash at the sale of the negroes	47 00
one note of land in Jackson for	$ 30	00		The amount reserve for cotton proving to be taken	
with interest thereon from 18th August 1822	3	33		Tuttery of administration	32 98
					$ 680 89

Your reporter would humbly represent to your Honor that at the death of the intestate she had several small children for the support of which as well as herself she has necessarily incurred sundry expenses set forth in the following schedule or account current which she prays your Honor to inspect and if consistent with law admit the Estate of R Woolf dec

		$	cts		$	cts
	Elizabeth Woolf Dr			Dr County Debts	10	00
				Cloth Blankets &c for the use of family	21	00
1823	To cash paid for sugar & coffee	25	50			
1824	To do do	12	50	Sugar	3	00
	3 sacks salt @ 4.00	12	00	Seed 3 sacks	2	00
	100 bushels corn	40	00	Funeral expenses		
	paid Dr Flusker for medicine & attendance on the deceased	22	50	To Chichester sailing in grave	5	00
				Court fees & c pr bill	23	3½

Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold judge of the county court of Marengo County James B Woolf who being duly sworn deposeth that he is brother to Elizabeth Woolf admx of Reading Woolf dec and purchasing for the use of herself & family between thirty two & thirty three dollars worth of ~~necessary~~ at one store and that he believes the articles were necessary for the use and support of her self & family children of the deceased of her husband and also that he knows to her not playing as a physician Dr Mrs studied he believes necessarily and that his bill against her is moderate and allowance for the deceased intestate Reading Woolf is twenty two dollars & fifty cents and that she has paid the same and this deponent having seen and inspected the balances of the charges of the said administratrix in the bill of one hundred and forty eight dollars and fifty cents believes the amounts were necessarily expended from his best information and knowledge of her family concerning James B Woolf sworn & subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1824 Thomas Ringgold and also personally appeared before the aforesaid Judge the day aforesaid John P Freeman who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been in the habit of transacting for the aforenamed Elizabeth Woolf her business and that he is knowing to all the charges contained in the said bill of the said Elizabeth Woolf administratrix of Reading Woolf dec amounting to $ 148.50 excepting the thirty two or three dollars for medicine furnished by James B Woolf and one of the sacks of salt but believes she purchased and paid for them & this deponent further saith that so far as he has said purchases heard and expenditures have come to his knowledge they were necessary and by no ways extravagant or wastefully purchased or made to defraud the estate or hurt them of but for their comfort and sustainance John P Freeman

At a county court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in July 1824 for the purpose of ~~of~~ transacting business present the honorable Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz)

This day came the said Elizabeth Woolf administratrix of Reading Woolf deceased and pursuant to citation and ~~proving~~ proving notice given as directed by law presented her account current as administratrix aforesaid for allowance and settlement and the same being heard and inspected by the Court now here duly complied with the law and account of July and the

charges and debits with their vouchers being also inspected. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now here as represented by the said account current that there now remains in the hands of the said Administratrix after deducting all charges and debts paid and a commission of five per centum allowanced to the administratrix the sum of four hundred sixty nine dollars thirty six and a half cents besides nineteen head of cattle to be distributed among the legal heirs of the said deceased and no person appearing to contest the settlement and allowance of the account whereupon it is considered by the Court now here that the said account be in all things allowed and that the said administratrix be discharged from further administrating on the said Estate. At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the the State of Alabama on the third monday in October 1824 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (viz) The commissioners appointed to make division of the personal estate of Reading Wolff deceased having reported that the same cannot be equitable divided without a sale thereof and nineteen head of cattle being the remaining personal estate unsold and the administratrix having by order of this Court had settlement of her accounts been discharged from administrating further on said Estate and appointed as Guardian to the heirs thereof It is considered by the Court that the said Elizabeth Wolff as Guardian of the Children of Reading Wolff the heirs of the said Reading Wolff dispose such part thereof at publick auction on a credit of six months as may best tend to promote the interest of the heirs and make due returns of sales thereof Thomas Ringgold A a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in January 1825 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the sale bill of the remaining personal estate this day produced in Court and proven by the Guardian of the children Reading Wolff deceased be received and entered of record

Sales	Decembed 22nd 1824 Sale commenced agreeable to the order					
	Elizabeth Wolff Comunity Lifes	8	00	to 1 yearling	2	00
	do do pied Steer	3	00	to 1 Sided yearling	2	37
	do red heifer	1	00	to 1 red yearling	2	00
	do pied red heifer	6	00	to 1 white heifer	3	40
	do red Steer	5	00	Jeremiah Mitchell to 1 Road Steer	6	00
	do pied Steer	4	00	Elizabeth Wolff mulley cow	11	40
	do Bull	4	00		$17	95
	do cow	8	00			
	do heifer yearling	3	00			

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared Elizabeth Wolff Guardian to the children by her deceased husband Reading Wolff who being first duly sworn deposeth that the foregoing schedule containing a full and true just account of the sales of the personal property of the estate of the said deceased except five cows with their calves one cow and calf reserved for each child which this deponent says she believes to be the best method of improving the same to the advantage of the said children sworn in open Court return day of the County Court of Marengo County Alabama third monday in January 1825 (signed) Elizabeth Wolff mark

Geo Cunningham Clerk

The Estate of Henry Wolff } State of Alabama Marengo County } County Court in vacation 11th Oct 1823. Whereas James Wolff has this day applied for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Henry Wolff deceased Now these are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and creditors of said Henry Wolff deceased (viz) William Selman Elizabeth Wolff & John P Freeman to be and appear at a County Court for orphans business to be held at Marengo Court House on the third monday of October current and show cause if any they have why said Letters of administration should not be granted to James Wolff on the Estate of Henry Wolff deceased Given under my hand this 11th October A D 1823 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Return Received in office 11th Oct 1823 The Adams Sheriff executed in full Oct 13th 1823 The Adams Sheriff

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 20th day of October A D 1823 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz) Citation having issued as directed to cite the heirs of Henry Wolff deceased to show cause at this Court why Letters of administration should not issue to James B Wolff the applicant Elizabeth Wolff being solemnly called came not and William Selman & John P Freeman appearing and failing to show cause to the contrary It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters of administration on the Estate of Henry Wolff deceased issue to James B Wolff upon his entering into Bond and security in the sum of seven thousand dollars and qualifying as the Law directs also ordered by the Court that William Adams John Holland Elijah Morris David Berry and Jared McHenry be appointed appraisers of the Estate of Henry Wolff deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return of the same according to Law

Bond State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we James B Wolff William Selman and John Jackson are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of seven thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves and heirs executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 20th day of October 1823 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound James B Wolff has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Henry Wolff deceased Now if the said James B Wolff shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligations to be void otherwise to remain in full force (signed) James B Wolff seal William Selman seal John Jackson seal Signed sealed & acknowledged in open Court before me Geo Cunningham Clerk

Oath State of Alabama Marengo County } You James B Wolff do solemnly swear that Henry Wolff deceased died without any lawful will as far as you know or believe and that you will well and truly administer all and singular

pin[illegible] the goods and chattles rights & credits of the said deceased and return a true Inventory thereof as said as they have come to your knowledge and a just account of sales and of your administration as required by law so help you God

James B Wolf Sworn and subscribed before me in open Court Thomas Ringgold Judge the Court

Sales The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court for said County Whereas Henry Wolf late of Marengo County deceased died intestate seizing which he died and at the time of his death divers goods chattles & credits within the County aforesaid by reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattles rights & credits of the said deceased unto me also appertain by the same to the Court aforesaid of right belong they desiring that the goods chattles and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do thereby grant unto James Wolf administrator full power & the time of these presents to administer the goods chattles right and credits of the said deceased which belong to him in his life time and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law and then the balance justly to pay over to the legal heirs and distributes of the said deceased and the said James B Wolf having given Bond & security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites by required by law necessary to his just Qualification as administrator he is by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted an absolute administrator of all and singular the goods chattles rights & credits of the said Henry Wolf deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 20th day of October 1823

Inventory State of Alabama Marengo County We William Adams John Holland and Elijah Morris do swear that we will well and truly appraise the estate of Henry Wolf deceased that shall be given to James B Wolf administrator of the estate of Henry Wolf deceased and make a true return of the same within the time prescribed by law to the best of your knowledge so help you God William Adams (Seal) John Holland (Seal) Elijah Morris (Seal) Sworn and subscribed to before me Jarvis Curry Justice of the Peace of said County November 24th 1823 We William Adams John Holland and Elijah Morris do certify that this is a true appraisement of all the estate of Henry Wolf deceased that has been given to James B Wolf administrator of the same

	$	cts		$	cts
One Negro man Peter	400	00	two trunks	3	00
One do Stephen	350	00	1 pair of Steelyards	2	50
One do Samuel	400	00	1 pair Locks		75
One negro woman Patience	200	00	1 lot of pails & tubs & [illegible]	15	00
One Sorrel Colt	130	00	1 lot of cotton cards & [illegible]	1	00
One gray horse	100	00	1 do Cooper's axe &c	1	75
One Sorrel horse	80	00	2 wheel cards & handle	10	75
One bay horse	60	00	1 lot of farming tools	24	75
Stock of hogs 90 head	230	00	1 do of old saddles	6	00
do of cattle 8 head	35	00	1 do of old iron & tools	3	00
one waggon & gear	30	00	old bridles & two bells	2	00
one pair of double Harness	130		1 lot of both packsaddles	8	00
three beds & furniture	105	00	[illegible] cloth Lady's hat	9	00
one middle bead	8	00	four chairs	2	00
thirteen yoke of oxen & [illegible] & 1 big Howely &c	10	00	1 rifle gun & steel pouch	12	00
one head stead & bed	3	00	1 coffee mill cricket & saddle bags	3	00

	$	cts		$	cts
Rice Pot & Ladle	5	00	Carried forward from other side	269	61
Jack screw and Jug	9	00	98 Cash in the House		
one raw hide	3	00	one note on Edward McKinney for	6	50
one corpse of corn suppose 125 bus	362	50	one note on William Wood for $35 in		
Six Stacks fodder	24	00	three notes on [illegible] payable in a Year		
crop Potatoes	25	00	one settlement against Isaac McKinney for		
one note on John Holland	59	00	One thousand four hundred & [illegible] per pounds	132	84½
			Ready money	21	62½

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do hereby certify that the within is a true schedule of the estate of Henry Wolf deceased so far as has been produced to us by James B Wolf administrator certified by us this 3rd day of December 1823 * One also a note on William Wood for $35 00 is considered by the administrator of no value it being out of date & the drawer insolvent William Adams John Holland Elijah Morris appraisers

State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of said County James B Wolf administrator of all & singular the goods & chattles rights and credits of Henry Wolf deceased who being duly sworn deposeth & sayeth that the foregoing schedule of appraisement contains a full and true inventory of the Estate of the said deceased so far as the same has come to his knowledge & belief Sworn James B Wolf Sworn and subscribed at office this 15th of December 1823 before me Thos Ringgold Jdge

Cty Court County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in December 1823 for the purpose of opening business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Henry Wolf deceased as made by the administrator James B Wolf this day be received and entered of Record the Court having examined the Schedule and appraisement of the Estate of Henry Wolf deceased find that it contains articles of a perishable nature and subject to waste and on application of the administrator for an order of sale It is therefore considered by the court that an order of said be issued to the administrator of the said estate to sell and dispose of as the law directs all and singular the articles mentioned in the said schedule except the note and account four negroes and stock of cattle and that the clerk annex a list of articles to be sold to the order of sale

Account Sales An account of the sale of the personal property of Henry Wolf deceased agreeable to an order of the orphans Court of the County of Marengo held at at the house of the said Henry Wolf deceased

			one axe	3	50
monday 6th January 1824	William Selman to the hire of two negroes one month & a half	36	3/4	one fodder blade	1 00
				one bridle	1 00
	Wm Anderson to the hire of one negro one month & a half	15	00	one lot of pails &c	3 00
				one board	25
	½ Hackle and collars		50	one fodder blade	3 00
	John P Freeman to the hire of one negro one month & a half	1	50	Edwin Ashford one rail	42½
				two kaileys	1 25
	½ one Grindstone	1	43¾		
	½ one lot of hogs	66	18¾	middle of hogs	80 00
					245 62½
	George Pinner to one plad	2	00	Jeremiah Critchett to 1 fodder	50
	Elijah Morris to three shoeing & two hoes	2	37½	to 15¾ yds new cloth	8 20
		1	37	1 pair of saddle bags	1 62½
	one axe	1	31¼	1 waggon sheet	4 00
	two hoes shoeing	2	18¾	3 mattocks	3 00
	William Kelly one crop of corn	6	00		
	Jarvis & Morley to repairs & medicine	1	50	Daily attendance 1 p day	3 00

	Omitted					
	One pot rack		2	75	to 1 pair Cards	1 37½
	One pair smoothing irons		1	00	to 1 bag of Rice	3 12½
James B Wolf	one plow			81¼	to chop	1 12½
	One Chr			37½	Thomas Anderson to three cattle	2 25
	One coffee mill		2	35	to one book to frying pan & ladle	1 50
	12 cwt of Iron		1	37½	to one wheel	1 25
	to warping bars			25	Sheldon Davis to 1 lot of hogs	30 37½
	one pair steel yards		2	25	Holland Jenkins to one horse	160 00
	one axon		4	12½	John Ford to one horse	81 50
	1 Bolly		1	37½	John Anderson to one horse	90 00
	1 gray horse		13	00	to 1 cotton note on David Burr &	
	to hundredy bushels corn		51	00	one William Adamy nine Dollars	
	1 one lot of Hogs		19	75	one eight hundred and four	
	to one pair black lock			75	pounds of seed cotton at three	
	to one gun		12	25	dollars pr hundred	394 12½
	two Bally cloths		1	12½	to nine pewter plates	6 00
	to three Keys			56¼	to three Dishes	5 25
	to one barrel		1	00	Shy Sherry one pot	4 62½
	one Hammer			25	to pot hooks	25
	to two Gimlets		1	25	to Coffee pot & bucket	1 62½
	1 Skill G			37	to one barrel	37½
	one Waggon		25	12½	George Vaughn one pot	3 37½
John	Jackson to one mattress			62½	to one bed	41 37½
	one pair Screws		4	00	to three pillows & bolsters	44
	one plate		1	00	to 1 bread tray & plate	1 00
	one pair Shears			12½	John Mitchell to 1 bucket	3 25
	two Looking			50	to 4 keys	4 12½
	1 Set Knives & forks		2	86	Willis Glass one Nigger	814
William	Berger two hoes			56¼	Benjamin Lockhart 2 basons	3 62½
	1 pair Sad Irons			37½		
	to one Jugg		1	75	to two basons	4 00
	to one Bear skin			45	to one set chairs	30 18¾
	two pair Cards			50	to two quilts & 1 blanket	2 68
	to one raw hide		2	75	to two table cloths	1 00
Richard	Bondy one hand saw		1	56¼	Lodowick Hood 1 lot of Hogs	43 75
Dempsey	Sturdivant one saddle		5	25	Josiah Browning 1 Mare	41 00
	to Bridle & Saddle		1	00	Alfred Barefield to 1 Mare	43 50
	to one Mare		9	62½	Robt Dickson to four Mares	
Lacey	Anderson 1 pr candlemoldy		1	56¼	Sand four hundred & sixty	
Eliza	Beth Wolf one bed cord			60	six pounds of seed cotton at	
	one sett Stone			33	three dollars & seventy five	
	One Canoe		1	25	cents per hundred	167 47½
	one pair & one Thimble		3	00	John Shaw to four hundred	
	two Sheets two Knives		4	81¼	and two bushels corn	223 92
	to three Hand Towels			41	James Neely to 1 Fiddler Black	1 00
	to three Stools		1	36	to ten bushels potatoes	3 90
	1 Set of Knives			16	to ten bushels potatoes	3 00
	one meal Bag			37	to ten bushels potatoes	3
Thomas	Lacy to cash Virginia Stamp		1	25	Hugh & A Keys 1 lot Hogs & geese	1 62½
	to one Saddle		1	00	to one Headstead & cord	4 37½
	to one lot of Hogs		71	00	Edward Gooding 1 Black Stallion	1 50
	to one bunch of wool		1	80	Elisha Lacy 6 bushels potatoes	2 40

	to ten bushels potatoes	2	10	Berryman Adamy		
	Henry Bonner 1 hound	3	50	to bag of Rice	1	15
	David Berry pan Lantern & brush		31¼	Total	2916	84

Petition

To the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of Marengo County the petition of Johnny B Wolf administrator of Henry Wolf deceased Sheweth that the Estate of the said deceased consist of four negroes and a small stock of cattle which remain unsold that the legatees of said Estate are eleven in number to wit Fielding Wolf Mary Chatfield Henry Wolf William Duncan Lewis Wolf Samuel Farthan William Selman Eliza Wolf the heirs of Robin Wolf deceased James B Wolf & John B Freeman that your Honor at once see that said property cannot be equally divided amongst said legatees without much injury to said deceased estate and your petitioner therefore prays and order of sale of the aforesaid property James B Wolf Adm

a county Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in January 1824 for the purpose of orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was made to wit

Johnny B Wolf administrator of Henry Wolf on Petition of said administrator for an order of sale of the remaining goods & chattles of said estate setting forth that there are eleven legal heirs of the said estate and the Inventory as returned having been seen and inspected by the Court and it appearing evident that the said estate cannot be divided without manifest injury to the heirs it is therefore considered by the Court that the said administrator have an order of sale to sell and dispose according to law of all the personal goods & chattles of said estate Thomas Ringgold Judge by Court

account An account of the sale of the personal property of Henry Wolf deceased before of saleable to and ordered of the orphans Court of the County of Marengo held at the house of the late said Henry Wolf deceased

Saturday 21	at William Selman 1 cow & calf	30	25	John B Freeman 1 Negro		
February	One bed and bac	20	75	Negro boy	160	00
1824	to one box & gearing	18	25	Negro woman	201	50
	to one wheel	8	00	Negro woman	320	00
	to one Negro	3	00	Elizabeth Wolf to one Negro man	317	00
	James B Wolf one Gearing	4	00	Total	99	3

State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of said County James B Wolf who being duly sworn deposeth that the two foregoing schedules contain a full and true account of Sales of the personal Estate of Henry Wolf dec as the same stands stated in the said Schedules according to the best of his knowledge and belief (signed) James B Wolf Adm of Henry Wolf Sworn & Subscribed before me this 29th March 1824 Thomas Ringgold Judge &c &c

On the wonderful the Judge of the County County Court of Marengo County State of Alabama James B Wolf Administrator of all and singular goods & chattles rights and credits which were of Henry Wolf deceased first cleared to report his proceedings thereon & general account current with said Estate for Settlement and allowance and which is hereunto annexed He represents that pursuant to an order of Court on the 5th day of January 1824 he sold at public auction to the highest bidder all the personal Estate of said died excepting the negroes & cattle on a credit of twelve months that the sales thereof amounted in the sum of two thousand nine Dollars 99 cents as will be seen by reference to the account of sales returned into Court of which amount he received at the time fourteen Dollars & seventy three cents and for the remainder thereof he took promissory notes payable on the 5th and sixth day of January 1825 on the following persons to wit One on Goodrich Moore & William Selman for $46 75

One on Holland Jenkins Edward Jenkins Hez Reynolds & John Shann	161	00
One on Jno P Chitty and David Curry for	19	3/4
One on Daily McAnderson and Stephn Davis	8	18¾
One on Alford Barefield Lewis Barefield & Garrison Anderson	43	50
One on William Borger & John Jackson	3	35
One on John Ford & John Shann	81	50
One on John Anderson & John Shann	315	3/4
One on Benjamin Lockett & Zachary Green	61	43¾
One on Edward Jenkins & Lloyd Jenkins	1	50
One on Edwin M Clarr & John Bishop	81	8/4
One on John Mickesm Hez Reynolds & Thomas Lacy	1	37½
One on James Wells & William Kelly	37	65
One on William Anderson	15	50
One on John Jackson & James B Wolf	12	36
One on Hugh M Reynolds & William Borger	11	8¾
One on Henry Darnell & Richard Bonds	5	50
One on Dempsey Sturdevant & David Curry	14	8/4
One on Enoch M Cook & Bailey W Anderson	8	56¼
One on Jeremiah Mitchell William Adamy & David Curry	12	53¾
One on John P Freeman and David Curry	15	12½
One on John Shann & William Selman	223	93¾
One on George Faun & Calvin Anderson	43	8/4
One on J M C Jackson & Jared W Sherry	167	4/4
One on Thomas Lacy & David Curry	43	81¾
One on Elisha Sherry & Jared W Sherry	3	15
One on Stephen Davis & Alexander Birdsong	30	3/4
One on Sarah Murry & Elisha Lacy	6	8/4
One on Philip Goodtread & Elijah Morris	1	37½
One on William Kelly & Stephen Davis	6	50
One on Isaiah Browning & John Shann	41	00
One on William Selman	36	3/4
And for property purchased by the Administrator will thereby be accountable for the sum of	321	68¾
	2061	03¾

And the Administrator further represents that pursuant to an other Order of Court he sold on the 22nd day of February 1824 at publick sale to the highest bidder the negroes & also the cattle belonging to the said Estate being the remaining personal Estate upon a credit of ten months and that the sales thereof amounted to two thousand two hundred and ninety eight Dollars & ninety five cents for which and a part of the former sales he took and now holds the following notes due and payable the 25th Dec 1824 to wit

One on John P Freeman William Adamy & David Curry for	1301	00
One on Samuel Harman & John Anderson	320	00
One on Eliza Ann Wolf & William Adamy	514	23
One on William Selman	72	85
Amounting to two thousand three hundred and eight Dollars & 08	2308	08

Your Administrator the acct of the said deceased so far as they have been presented and the funeral expences and also the contingent expences of the Estate as stated in the annexed account current and prays your worship that the same may be allowed to him together with a reasonable compensation for his time attention and trouble of Administering thereon The Administrator would further

represent that there are not few if any other debts to come against the Estate other than those below and the Estate is Solvent

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Clarke in the State of Alabama on the 25th day of August 1824 (in vacation) present Thomas Ringgold Judge & George Cumming Clerk the following order was made viz

James B Wolf Administrator of Henry Wolf Dec'd having made application for permission to settle his accounts as administrator of said Estate It is therefore ordered by the Court that the monthly Return day of this Court be holden on the third monday of October next be appointed for the purpose of adjudicating and allowing the accounts of the said Administrator it is further ordered that the Clerk give forty days previous notice of this order by advertising the same at the Court house door & three other publick places in the County that all persons interested in the settlement of the said accounts may attend and Shew cause if any they have why any part or the whole of said accounts should not be allowed (Signed) Thomas Ringgold J C C

At a County Court began & held in and for the County of Clarke in the State of Alabama on the third monday in October 1824 for the purpose of ordering business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cumming Clerk & Thomas Adamy Sheriff the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that the allowance in settlement of account of James B Wolf Administrator of Henry Wolf Dec'd be continued until the third monday of november next to give time to examine and audit the account of the said Administrator At a County Court began & held in and for the County of Clarke in the State of Alabama on the third monday in november in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty four for the purpose of ordering business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed (viz) This day came the said James B Wolf and having previously filed his account current as Administrator of the Estate of Henry Wolf Dec'd for settlement & allowance pursuant to previous notice given as directed by Law and the Judge in vacation having audited examined & restated the same no person appearing to contest the allowances thereof and the same as now stated appearing to the satisfaction of the Court to be just & true whereupon it is considered by the Court now here that the same account be in all things allowed and entered of Record & it is further considered & ordered by the Court that the Administrator aforesaid be allowed to retain as a compensation for his services for administering thereon & settling the same a commission of two & a half per cent upon the amount thereof

Dr The Estate of Henry Wolf Deceased in acct current with J B Wolf the administrator Cr

1824				1823				
Jany 5	To his own paid for whisky sundries at the sale of Estate	$ 8	00	Dec 5th	By his amount of money on hand at the death of the Dec'd	241	63¾
	" Whisky furnished hands to shuck corn	6	50				
	" Victualling & cooking same	8	00	1824 Jany 5th	By his amount rec'd of John Holland in part of his note		
Nov 1823	Postage paid		18¾				
	Leather purchased for negroes	2	00		in the Inventory	29	00
	Salt purchased for cattle &c	2	00		By his amount of Sales & Notes in part of his account		
Jany 23	paid for pickering out Cotton	2	00				
	Paid Printer for publication	3	50		on the Sales of Negroes	5	00
	Paid for two Certificates	1	00		By his amount of money rec'd in part of sales of personal Estate	20	43
	Paid Jordan & Mitchell balance of their account	1	93¾				
	Paid Jeremiah Mitchell Funeral expences & bill	13	00		By his sums in part of amts above mentioned in Jeremiah		
	Paid Dr H C Curly for medical attendance pr Bill	1	00				
	His amt paid the Clerk expences of Court	23	00		Contingencies	1	00
	By his amount of money in hand	305	93¾			$384	06¾
		384	06¾				
					By balance of money in hand as per Contra	305	93¾

By this amount due from John Holland on his note	$ 31	50
By this amount due from M Sherry	1	50½
By this amount in notes above set out due 21st June 1824	2345	65
By this amount in notes above set out due 3 January 1825 deducting $10 paid on settlement	2845	32

In addition to the above is a note mentioned in the appraisement the makers being insolvent & no prospect of getting it is not brought in this account

The State of Alabama Marengo County } Personally appeared James Horsley & being duly sworn deposeth that the foregoing report and account current is a just true & perfect exhibit & statement of his account as administrator therein mentioned and preceding thereon that the charges therein against the Estate are just & true according to the best of his knowledge & belief (signed) James Horsley

Sworn & subscribed this day of November 1824 before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of said County Thomas Ringgold

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The Estate of } At a County Court began and held in and for the County of
William Anderson } Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in
deceased } August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four for
the purpose of orphans business the following order was passed (viz) This day
Letters of Letters came Thomas Anderson and in open court made application for Letters of
Administration Administration on the Estate of William Anderson deceased and Bellitha
Anderson the widow of the said deceased came also into Court in her own
proper person and waiving all objection appended to Letters of Administration
being granted pursuant to the application whereupon the said Thomas Ander-
son entered into bond and security in the sum of two thousand five hundred
Dollars and took the oath required by Law of him as administrator of the
said deceased Whereupon it is considered and ordered by the Court now here
that Letters of Administration do issue to the said Thomas Anderson
upon all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits Which
were of the said William Anderson deceased at the time of his death
It is further ordered by the Court that Shrod Parker James Harper Joel
Chatam Thomas Brightower & Joseph Brackenridge be appointed ap-
praisers of the Estate of the said William Anderson deceased & that they
make due return thereof as required by Law

Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents
that we Thomas Anderson Jordan Anderson & Thomas Brightower are held and
firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the
County aforesaid in the sum of Two thousand five hundred Dollars to be
paid

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paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esqr or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of August A.D. 1824 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Thomas Anderson has been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods & chattles rights and credits of William Anderson deceased Now if the said Thomas Anderson shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required by Law of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force (signed)

Thomas Anderson (seal) Jordan Anderson (seal) Thomas Brightower (seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in open court before me Ferbunning Lanier Clerk The State of Alabama Marengo County by the Grace of God Letters County Court of said County whereas William Anderson late of Marengo County deceased died intestate leaving assets to be administered and at the time of his death died seized possessed and entitled to goods chattles and credits within the County aforesaid By reason Whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattles rights and credits of the said deceased and also a final dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid of right belong They desiring that the goods chattles and credits of said deceased may be well & truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Thomas Anderson administrator full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattles rights & credits of said deceased which to him in his lifetime did at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound according to his estate and effects will extend according to Law and then the balance justly to be over to the Legal heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Thomas Anderson having given Bond and Security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to his just qualification as administrator he by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted & appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods chattles rights & credits of the said William Anderson Before the Honorable the Judge of said County

At a county court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday in September A.D. 1824 for the purpose of orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following order was passed (viz) It is ordered by the Court that James Goodwyn O'Neill Thompson Richard Rutledge Samuel Wellburn & William Goodwyn be appointed appraisers of the estate which belong to William Anderson of this County deceased which is in the County of Perry and that they make due return of the same agreeable to Law

Inventory A Bill of the appraisement of the personal property of William Anderson deceased as returned out by the Administrator October the 5th 1824 to wit

Two five year old Steers	$ 35 00	Three Cows	$ 90 00
Two Cows & 1 yearling	33 00	Five yearlings	20 00
One Cow & Calf	10 00	(Total)	115 00

Perry

The State of Alabama } County } We the undersigned appraisers of
who were appointed & sworn to appraise the personal property of William An-
derson late of Marengo County deceased do said as was pointed out by the
Administrator of said deceased do duly certify the above to be a true Inventory
of Appraisement to the best of our knowledge and judgment October 5th 1824 (signed)
James Goodwyn Richard Rutledge O. Thompson State of Alabama Perry County
I Ransom Ebry an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County do cer-
tify that the above named appraisers were duly qualified by me as the law
directs

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(Signed) Ransom H. Elmy P.B. (Seal)

The State of Alabama Perry County } I Samuel Kelly Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do hereby certify that Ransom H. Elmy before whom the within appraisment was qualified was and is an acting Justice of Peace in and for said County therefore full faith and credit is due to all his official acts as such Given under my hand and Private seal there being no seal of office this given the day of October Eighteen hundred and twenty four and of the American Independence the forty ninth (Signed) Samuel K. Kelly Clerk

Account Sales

A Bill of the Sale of the personal property of William Anderson late of Charnge County deceased as rendered in Perry County October 8th 1824

Lewis Bowel	1 Brindle Steer	$15	00	James Gordon	1 white & red bull	$7	00
Thomas George	1 Black & white Do	13	50	Samuel K. Kelly	1 Red Cow & yearling	11	12
Lilly Bowel	1 cow & calf	8	25	Neil Thompson	for 2 yearlings	6	50
Lewis Bowel	1 Red Cow & yearling	10	25	James Gordon	1 Bull	6	00
Samuel K. Kelly	1 Cow & yearling	13	50		Total	$69	25
Sit. E. Peel	1 Cow & yearling	8	25				

I Samuel K. Kelly Clerk do hereby certify the above to be the true amount of the sale of the personal property of William Anderson deceased as rendered by the Administrator of said deceased and rendered by the Auctioneer Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1824 (Signed) Samuel K. Kelly

State of Alabama Charnge County } Before me personally came Thomas Anderson Administrator of all and singular the good and chattles &c whatsoever of William Anderson deceased who being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that the above account of the Sales of the personal estate of the said William Anderson deceased is stated in the said schedule is just and true and containing a list of all the property made said deceased unto Perry County as far as has come to this Deponents knowledge (Signed) Thomas Anderson. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of October 1824 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Inventory

A Bill of the appraisement of the property of William Anderson late of Charnge County deceased as priced out by the undersigned the 20th October 1824

1 Rifle Gun	$21	1 Fuzil Gun	$13	50	1 Rifle and Gun Worm	$35	50
1 Large Trunk	$3	50	1 Saddle	$3	00	1 Silver Watch	$11	00
2 Linen Sacks	$1	50	1 washing Tub		75	00	1 Razor & Shaving Box	$1	00
1 Linen	$1	25	1 Gallon Jug		75	00	1 Lot of Castings	1	37½
1 Lot of Lead	3	25	Head $3 per Head		25	00	1 Blowing Worm	25	
1½ Bushel Corn	1	25	Appraised to me per bushel		25	00	1 Pair Knives & Forks	1	50
3 Sides of Seal Leather	$3	00				00	1 Bottle Spot		37½
2 Cows and Calves	$32	00	1 Year old Steer			00	1 Staple & Ring for an ox yoke		75
								$231	25

The State of Alabama Charnge County } We the subscribers appointed to appraise the property of William Anderson late of Charnge County dec'd have being me Justices of the Peace for said County but are ready to be qualified at any time do the certify that the above appraisement is just and true to the best of our knowledge and judgment Witness our hands and seals this the 20th of October 1824 (Signed) Sharod Pb Parker (Seal) Sworn to in my presence James Chaffin (Seal) John H. Parland JP

Account Sales

A Bill of sale of the property of William Anderson late of Charnge County Deceased sold at Private Sale by the Administrator this 18th of October 1824

Sharod Parker	1 white pair Steers	$1	00	Jordan Anderson	1 Set of Chairs & Stools		
1 Dining Table	for 1 yoke	87½			and Lewis Fletcher	$1	50
1 Churn		75		1 Set of Corn Ears	and 1 Pair Do	25	50
Joel Challon	1 water pail and Tub	1	87½	Joseph Brackenridge	1 Ox Cart		87½
1 Gallon Jug		62½		1 Rifle Gun		20	00
1 Side Seal Leather		$3	87½	1 Case of Razors & Knife			75
Thomas Bridgmore	1 Shot Gun	$15	00	1 Side of Seal Leather		2	12½
1 Side Seal Leather		4	00	1 Blowing Worm		1	00
1 Lot Corn	25 Bushels	$12½	00	Leonard Pearson	1 Cow & yearling	9	62½
2 Lots of Corn	57 Do	28	50	1 Cow & yearling	Calf	9	25
3 Lots Do	53 Do	26	50	1 Cow & yearling		11	12½
1 Work Oxen		20	00	2 two year old	Steers	12	00
Jordan Anderson	1 Set Castings	1	75	William Burkett	1 Set Chairs & Stools	65	00
1 Coffee Table		3	37½				
1 Large Trunk		3	87½				

Inventory

A Bill of Appraisement of the property of Wm Anderson late of Charnge County dec'd this the 13th day of Dec'r 1824 - 1 Cow & yearling appraised at $9 00 - 1 Cow & yearling $9 50 - 1 three year old Steer $11 50 - 5 Thousand weight of said Cotton more or less appraised @ $18¾ per hundred We the appraisers appointed to appraise the property of the above dec'd doth certify that the above is just and true to the best of our knowledge and judgement Witness our hands no magistrate present to qualify as but we ready to be qualified at any time Witness our Hands and seals this 13th of Dec'r 1824 (Signed) Joel H. Challon (Seal) Thos Bridgmore (Seal) Joseph Brackenridge (Seal) Sworn to before me John H. Parland JP

Account Sales

A Bill of Sale of the property of William Anderson Deceased sold as pointed out by the Administrator the 13th of Dec'r 1824

Joseph Brackenridge	1 Cow & yearling	$9	00	Thos Bridgmore	1 Set Chairs		
	1 Cow Do		00	at $3.03 per Set		$9	12½
	1 Cow Do	6	50	The chances of Cotton in the ground		3	00
Thos Bridgmore	1 three year old Steer	5	00		(Total)	$21	62½

Petition

Thomas Anderson the Administrator in this case having applied for leave to file his account current and vouchers it is ordered by the Court that he file the same on or before the 2nd Term of this Court and also further ordered that the third monday of November next be appointed for hearing and allowing the same and that the clerk give forty days written notice of the same by advertisement at the Court House and three other Public Places in the County.

Allowance of account current

At a County Court begun and held at Linden in the County of Charnge in the State of Alabama for Orphans business on the third monday and the fifth day of November A.D. 1826 Present the Honorable Thomas Bingford Judge Presiding &c

The following order was passed to wit The Account Current and Vouchers of Thomas Anderson Administrator of William Anderson deceased having been filed for inspection allowance and final settlement and for final hearing on this day and notice thereof having been given as directed by Law The said account current setting forth the amount of assets come to hand at the sum of five hundred and eight three Dollars & eighty five and a fourth cents the amount of monies paid out for debts and incidental expenditures at the sum of five hundred and fifty three Dollars and a fourth cents leaving in the hands of the Administrator the sum of five Dollars & eighty four cents being by the Court duly audited and the matters therein contained and referred to being inspected and by the Court fully understood and no person appearing to gainsay the settlement and all things being seen Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the said account is stated and audited & in all things allowed and entered of Record

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Ordering Court Letters of Adms

(At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Clarenge in the State of Alabama on the third monday in Decr A.D. 1823 for the purpose of Orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following Order was passed to wit) Ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration upon the goods & chattles rights and credits of Thomas Rolands deceasd issue to the Sheriff of Clarenge County

Appraisers

Ordered by the Court that Alexander McLeod Bridges Cneal Frederick Cneal John Hart Joel Hart Jr be appointed appraisers thereof any any of them to appraise the personal property goods and chattles rights and credits of the Estate of Thomas Rolands deceased as shall be shewn them by the Administrator and make return as the Law directs

Notice to appraisers

State of Alabama Clarenge County To Alexander McLeod Bridges Cneal Frederick Cneal John Hart and Joel Hart Jr or any three of you Greeting You and each of you are hereby required to proceed to the dwelling house and premises of Thomas Rolands deceased and a majority of you will then and there proceed to and appraise the personal Estate of the said Thomas Rolands deceased so far and so much thereof as shall be produced to you by the Sheriff of Clarenge County the Administrator you first being duly sworn according to Witness Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of our said County Court this 20th day of Octor 1823 Williams Adams Lea Clerk

Return Oath of Appraisers

Read in office 20th Octor 1823 The Adams Sheriff &c entered 15th Decr 1823

Sheriff Adams Sheriff &c State of Alabama Clarenge County } You Bridges Cneal Frederick Cneal John Hart and Joel Hart do severally that you will make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattles (cash money excepted) of Thomas Rolands deceased as shall be produced by Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator of the said Thomas Rolands deceased and that you will return the same certified under your hands to the said Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator as aforesaid within the time prescribed by law so help you God

(Signed) Bridges Cneal Frederick Cneal Joel Hart John Hart

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th Octr 1823 Alexander McLeod JP.

Order of Court to enter in record

(At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Clarenge in the State of Alabama (for Orphans business) on the third monday in October A.D. 1823. present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following Order was passed to wit) Ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisement of the personal Estate of Thomas Rolands deceased as delivered by the Administrator to the Court be received and recorded

Inventory

(An appraisement of the personal Estate of Thomas Rolands decd as produced to us by Thomas Adams Administrator aforesaid to us ordered of Appraisement from the Judge of the Orphans Court of the County of Clarenge) to us delivered

1 Sorrel Mare & Colt	$53 00	2 Three years old Steers	$30 00
1 waggon 1 Ox Chain & Clutches	30 00	2 Do Do	12 00
1 Brown Mare	35 00	15 Yearlings	45 00
1 Roan Mare	60 00	Dolars 60 head more or	
1 Bay Horse	80 00	less in the woods	
1 Bay Filly	80 00	1 Lot of Chairs & ax and Augur	
12 Cows & Calves	130 00	Hoes Canoe & 1 pair Blacksmiths	4 00
8 Barren Cows	80 00	1 Steel Corn Mill	5 00
7 Two years old Steers	42 00	3 Grooving Hoes & weeding	

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Hoe 1 Spade 1 Trowel & 1 Bell	$ 7 00	1 Rifle Gun	$15 00
2 Sheet Plough	1 50	1 Bible & Pulling Books	
3 Cane augers 1 Hand saw 1 drawing knife & Chisel 1 Branding Iron Tongs & Rasp	3 75	1 Do Set to Letters	3 00
1 Butcher Knife & Steel & 1 Hatchet	3 00	1 Promissory note given by William Barkley for	
1 Feather Bed & furniture & 1 Bedstead	15 00	fifty Dollars dated 8th Decr 1823	50 00
1 Do Do	15 00	1 Book account against	
1 Do Do & Stand of Curtaining	20 00	Tom Linn	74 87½
1 Do Do	12 00	1 account vs Charles Durton	18 37½
1 Bedstead matress & furniture	6 00	1 account vs Walter & Brightman	1 12½
6 Bead Quilts & 6 Counterpaines	36 00	1 Do vs Thomas Brightman	37½
2 Table 4.00 & 2.50	6 50	1 Do against John Accerty	2 00
1 Large Trunk	7 00	1 Do Todd Cneal	5 12½
8 Chairs	3 50	1 Do Major Armstrong of Choctaw	33 00
3 Spinning Wheels & 1 Block Reel	12 50		
2 Jeal & 2 Jugging & 1 Churn	3 00		$ 457 75
1 Stand	" 25		
1 Tea Board & 2 Coffee Mills	2 12½		
1 Dresser & furniture & to tin ware remain	4 00		
2 Ovens & 1 Pot	7 50		
1 Loom	3 00		
1 Cow Rope	1 00		
1 Grind Stone	1 25		
1 Green Beef Hide	2 00		
1 Negro Girl named Flora 13 Years of age	275 00		

State of Alabama Clarenge County } We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that the above Schedule is a true and just appraisement of personal Estate of Thomas Rolands deceased so far as the same has been produced to us by Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator Certified by us this 14th Day of October 1823 (Given) Bridges Cneal Frederick Cneal Joel Hart John Hart appraisers State of Alabama Clarenge County } Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Adams Sheriff of the County aforesaid Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of Thomas Rolands deceased and made oath that the foregoing Schedule or appraisement contains a full Inventory of the goods and chattles rights & debts due or accruing to Thomas Rolands who died intestate at the time of his death excepting a few pair Steers & one pair smothing Irons so far as the same has come to my possession or knowledge as Administrator aforesaid (Signed) Thomas Adams Sheriff & Administrator aforesaid Sworn to before me in open Court this 20th day of October 1823 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order to Sell

(At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Clarenge in the State of Alabama for the purpose of Orphans business on the first Monday in December A.D. 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed to wit) The Administrator of Thomas Rolands deceased having made return of the appraisement and inventory of the said estate as far as the same has come to his knowledge and application being made by the said Administrator to sell and dispose of the same and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that articles contained in the said Inventory are perishable and subject to waste and cannot be equitably divided for the benefit of the heirs it is therefore Ordered by the Court that an Order

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Order of Sale Issue to the Administrator to sell and dispose of according to Law all the articles mentioned in the said Inventory & existing now negro girl the cattle and the debts due to the said Estate as mentioned in the Schedule and that the Clerk Annual to the order of sale a list of the articles there by permitted to be sold

Oath of Mrs Robards

State of Alabama Clarke County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace for said County Anna Robards and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the head of Stock which were returned as the property of Thomas Robards deceased were Hogs which she (Anna Robards) brought after the death of the deceased of her own private funds (Signed Anna Robards her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 15th of January 1824 (Will Lee

Account of Sales

The account of Sale of personal property of Thomas Robards deceased agreeable to an order of the Orphans Court of Clarke County State of Alabama held at the late dwelling house of the deceased Thomas Robards in said County the fifteenth day of January 1824 by Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator of said estate

Sold To Anna Robards	2 Head of Hogs	$ 4	00	4 Yrs end Sorry Ox	1 Spade	$ 5 00
1 Broke Chair		03	00	2 Shovel Plows		2 00
1 Mortise and Gear & Stretcher		24	50	3 Setting Chains		.. 62½
1 Brown Mare		121	00	1 Drawing Knife		.. 81¼
1 Log Chain		4	00	1 Hand Saw		2 50
1 Desk 1 Bedstead & Bedding		1	25	1 Feather Bed & Furniture & Bedstead		12 00
1 Wheel		..	25			$ 357 37
1 Iron wedge		..	12½	Sold to John Robards 1 Bay Filly		100 00
1 Branding Iron		..	12½	Pair Hook wholly mine & staple		1 50
1 Cutting Knife		1	00	1 Cow Hoe		1 00
1 Saddle Saddle		5	00	1 Beef Hide		.. 37½
1 Feather Bed & Furniture & Bedstead		5	00	1 Birth		.. 25
2 Do 18 Each 1 Do 16		40	00			$ 80 62½
1 Bed quilt		8	00	Sold to Alexander M Leod 1 steel mill		50
1 Corn Sacks		12	00	1 Grubing Hoe		81¼
1 Table 1 Chest 1 Dollar		2	00			$ 1 31½
1 Large Trunk		2	00	Sold to Moses Pickering		
1 Small Trunk		2	25	1 Grind Stone		1 65¾
5 Chairs		4	00	1 Table		2 00
2 Spinning Wheels 33½ advanced		0	62½	1 Bible		.. 50
1 Do Do		2	50			$ 4 18¾
1 Block Reel		2	00	Sold Do Thomas Adams		
1 Waffle Iron		..	50	1 Bay Horse		$ 107 00
1 Churn 1 Piggin and 1 Pail		1	50	Amt Brought forward		$ 573 62½
1 Dye Stand		..	25	Sold to Rebecca Robards		
1 Tea Board & Coffee Pot		1	00	1 Small Trunk		.. 25
1 Dresser & Furniture		2	00	Sold Do Joel Hart		
2 Ovens & 1 Pot		6	00	1 Small Piggin		.. 50
4 Spelling Books		..	75	1 Pair Grass shears		.. 65¾
1 Book Called Navigator		..	25	1 Rasp Work		.. 93¾
Amt carried over		357	62½	1 Pair Pot Hooks		.. 12½
1 Rasp Work			93¾	Sold Do Biddies Arnal		$ 2 25
1 Flat Iron 35 & 2 pair Jews 135		1	50	1 Rifle Gun		£ 8 31¼
1 Pair Grass Shears		1	50	Sold to John Robards Senr		
1 Grubing Hoe 75 & 1 Axe 1 Collar		1	75	1 Chain Saddle		12½
		1	75	Total Amount		$ 584 62½

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State of Alabama Clarke County } I Thomas Adams Sheriff of the said County of Clarke & administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of Thomas Robards deceased do fully certify that the foregoing schedule is a full and true account of sales of the goods and chattels of the said deceased sold by me as such by virtue of an order of the County Court of said County Clarke County June 6th 1824 (Signed) Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator &c

Order of Court to sell personal property

At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Clarke in the State of Alabama (for the purpose of orphans business) on the third monday in January 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following Order was made to wit It appearing evident to the Court now here that the remaining Estate of Thomas Robards deceased consisting of fifty Cows & head of Cattle and one negro Girl cannot be conveniently divided without manifest injury to the Heirs of Est & therefore considered by the Court that the Administrator have an order of sale to sell and dispose of as the Law direct the said negro Girl and the said fifty head of Cattle (Signed) Thomas Ringgold Judge Said Est

Ordered that Sale List be returned

Clarke County in the State of Alabama Orphans Court for aforesaid County return day being the third monday of January 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff At this day the following order was passed to wit It is ordered by the Court that Thomas Adams Sheriff be cited to return Sale List of the Estate aforesaid on the third monday of February next

Citation

The State of Alabama Clarke County County Court January Term 1825 It is ordered by the Court that Thomas Adams Sheriff cited to return the Sale List of the Estate of Thomas Robards deceased as Administrator for on said Estate on the third monday of February next & extracted from the minutes of Court this 25th January A.D. 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Return

Recvd in Office 28th January 1825 & entered 30th January 1825 Thomas Adams Sheriff &c By D. Peck D.C.

Sale List to hand

At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Clarke in the State of Alabama for the purpose of Orphans business on the third monday in February 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding the following Order was made to wit It is ordered by the Court that the Sale List of the goods and chattels of Thomas Robards deceased be received and entered of Record.

Sale List

Account of Sales of part of the property of Thomas Robards deceased Sold August 1824

Anna Robards	1 Cow & Calf	$ 7	00	Jackson Robards	1 white Cow & yearling	$ 8	00
Do Do	1 Red Cow	7	00	Rebecca Robards	1 spotted Cow & Calf	8	00
Do Do	1 Pided Steer	3	00	Anna Robards	1 white Steer	2	00
Do Do	1 Brindle Cow & yearling	9	00	Mary Robards	1 Cow & Yearling	13	00
Do Do	1 Dun Cow	9	62½	Eve Robards	1 yoke of Oxen	15	00
Rebecca Robards	1 Red & Pided Heifer	8	00	Anna Robards	1 Cow & Calf	11	37½
John Robards	1 Cream Colour Cow	6	00	Do Do	1 negro Girl		
Jordan Rodgers	1 Cow & yearling	12	75	Name Not	Known	381	00
Anna Robards	1 white Cow & yearling	11	50		Total	$ 448	00
Do Do	1 yellow Cow & Calf	10	12½				
Do Do	1 Brown Cow & Calf & 2 years old before	1	00	The State of Alabama Clarke			
Alexander M Leod	1 pided Cow & Calf	7	00	County Personally appeared before			
Anna Robards	1 pided Cow & Calf	7	50	the undersigned Judge of the County			
Moses Robards	1 Brown Cow & Calf	10	00	Court of same County Thomas Adams			

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Adams Sheriff of said County and Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Robards deceased who being on this day duly sworn saith that the foregoing Schedule contains a full list and true account of the sales of the personal Estate of Thomas Robards deceased so far as it has been within his power to dispose of the same pursuant to the Order of Court and the Law in such cases made and that there now remains none unsold some of the stock of cattle only which could not be got up at the within mentioned sale. Sworn to Thomas Adams. Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th February 1825. Thomas Ringgold C.C.C.

Act 1825 A List of sales of the remaining part of the Estate of Thomas Robards deceased the 10th day of June 1825)

Chason Tyson 1 white Cow & Calf	$ 9	12½	James Whitty 1 White Cow	$ 5 00
James Whitty 1 Dun cow & Calf	10	00	John Robards	
John Robards for heifer & Calf	7	25	1 two year old Heifer	3 75
James Whitty 1 heifer & Calf	8	00	Clark of Thomas Robards Deceased Swallow fork	
Mason Tyson two Black Four year old steers & 1 Red Do	29	12½	and under bit in the right	
Mason Tyson 2 steers one white and Four year old	18	00	and a slit & under bit in the left year Branded thus TR	
Elisha Morgan two Hundred steers three years old			to John Robards for	13 00
	14	00		$157 37½
Bridges Small 1 pied Bull & Bull	8	00	Thomas Adams Sheriff & Admr	

The State of Alabama Marion County } Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of said County Thomas Adams Sheriff and Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Robards deceased who being duly sworn saith and saith that the foregoing schedule contains a full and true account of sales of the remaining personal Estate of the said deceased directed by the Order of Court to be sold Given under my hand and seal this 15th June 1825) Thomas Ringgold [seal]

Order that Citation issue

At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama on the third monday in December A.D. 1826 for the purpose of Orphans business Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following Order was passed to wit It is Ordered by the Court that a Citation issue to the administrator in this case to file his account current and Vouchers for settlement one or before the next Term of this Court. It is further ordered that the third monday in December be appointed for hearing and allowing the same and that the Clerk give forty days previous notice of the same by advertisement at this Court House and three other public places in the County It is also further Ordered that Benjamin Barton Sheriff of Marion County and his successors in office be appointed administrator de bonis non of said Estate and that Letters of Administration do accordingly Issue Thomas Ringgold Judge

At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama on the third monday in October A.D. 1826 for the purpose of Orphans business the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the following order was made to wit It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Citation to the Administrator in this case has not been returned It is considered by the Court that an alias Citation issue returnable to the next Term of this Court At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama for the purpose of Orphans business on the third monday in November A.D. 1826 the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the following

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order was passed to wit It is ordered by the Court that a Citation issue to Thomas Adams the Administrator of said Estate to file his account current and Vouchers on or before the the third Monday of December next At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama on the third monday in February A.D. 1825 for the purpose of Orphans business the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court Presiding the following order was passed to wit The Administrator on the Estate of Thomas Adams having filed his account current and vouchers for final settlement It is ordered by the Court that the third monday in April next be appointed for hearing and determining the said settlement and that the Clerk of this Court give due notice of the same by advertisement at the Court House and three other places in the County at least forty days previous to said time (signed) Thomas Ringgold C.C.C.

At a County Court for orphans business began and held in and for the County of Marion on the third monday and 21st and 22d day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven being the fourth day Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the following was an order of said Court to wit The account current of Thomas Adams Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Robards deceased filed for final settlement and allowance and coming on for final ~~settlement~~ hearing at this day due notice thereof having been given as directed by Law The said account selling forth the whole amount of the said Estate (after deducting debts due by said Estate not recovered and debts due by the Estate and paid by the Administrator at the sum of One thousand Ninety nine Dollars thirty seven and a half cents the same having been inspected and audited by the Court thereupon no person showing cause why the said account or any part thereof should not be allowed It is considered by the Court that the said account be in all things allowed and entered of Record and because the Administrator ought to be entitled to compensation for administering the said Estate It is considered by the Court that the be allowed and there for a commission of five per cent on the sum of One thousand two hundred and seven Dollars and fifty cents (Remainder of said Estate after deducting debts not collectable) which is equal to the sum of Sixty Dollars thirty seven and a half cents and which being deducted from the said whole amount in his hands leaves the sum of One thousand and thirty nine Dollars to be distributed among the legal representatives of the said deceased and it being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the deceased left a widow to wit Anna Robards and twelve children to wit Rachel wife of William Nobody Chorge Robards Polly wife of Chilleon Taylor John Robards and Rebecca Robards who have all arrived at the age of twenty one years and Elizabeth Robards Nancy married to William Taylor Nelly Melda Lucinda Green and Barrett Robards who are minors Whereupon it is considered adjudged and decreed that the said sum of One thousand and thirty nine Dollars being all the Estate of the said deceased in the hands of the said Administrator be divided into thirteen equal distributive shares or seventy nine dollars ninety two and a fourth cents each and by the said Administrator be accounted for and paid over as follows to wit To Anna Robards widow to the said William Nobody Moses Robards William Taylor John Robards and Rebecca Robards each One distributive share or the sum of seventy nine Dollars ninety two and a fourth cents each and to

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Eli Rebards Chancy (minors of William Taylor) vrs Ira Tuldah Lusiana Green Paid Harriet Rebards minor each One distributive share or the sum of seventy five dollars nine cents & two mills & a fourth each and to be accounted for and paid over to their Guardians and it being made appear to the Court that there remains nothing more to be administered by considered of the Court that the said Administrator after paying the aforesaid distributive shares be discharged from further administering the said Estate.

Or The Estate of Thomas Rebards deceased in account with Thomas Adams Admr

1	To this sum paid B Taylor a account	$ 31	50	By sales of personal Estate per sale List of this date	$ 354	67½
2	This sum paid Thomas Kightlinger acct	8	25			
3	This sum paid J Brunel acct	3	50	By amount of sales per sale List of this date	448	00
4	this sum paid W J Johnson Advr acct	18	00			
5	this sum paid Dudley advrs acct	7	75	By amount of sales per Sale List of this date	137	37½
6	this sum paid for collecting cattle	6	00			
7	this sum paid printer for publication &c	2	00	By amount of debts due the deceased at the time of his death as set out and stated in the Inventory and appraisement	194	87½
	The following debts due the Estate as set forth in the Inventory insolvent and other wise not to be collected as set					
8	Check agst Wm Harkins absconded and due effects found by which the same could be	50	00	By nett amount of estate in the hands of Administrator	1354	87½
9	Account agst N Dearman died & ascertained to have been settled at the time of decease except a small balance which could not be collected the amount of $1	74	87½		1099	37½
11	Check agst J Burton made & not sustained	15	50			
10	Check agst J Armstrong not collected & no proof or evidence to be had of the same	35	00			
12	Check agst J Wightman warrant returned not found in the County	1	12½			
13	Account to be due the Estate & obtained after said Entry but not collected	2	00			
14	This sum paid me as Clerk & Sheriff vs J Burton	2	50			
	This sum paid as Sheriff vs J Wightman (R)		37½			
15	Clerks Bill of fees & charges in Court to which credit is found	32	25			
		353	50			
		1099	37½			
		1354	87½			

(Signed) Thomas Adams

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of Oct 1827

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The Estate of Eunoch Bailey deceased

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for the purpose of ordinary business on the third monday in September in the year of our Lord 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the following order was granted to wit On the application of Sarah Bailey & Garrison Anderson for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased Notice by advertisement having been given to the kindred and creditors of the said deceased and no one appearing to contest the same and the said Sarah Bailey & Garrison Anderson appearing in open Court & filed their bond with Barnet Berryman & Thomas Lancaster their security in the sum of $ [illegible] & they being duly qualified as the Law prescribes as Administratrix & Administrator of Enoch Bailey deceased It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Issue

Letters of Administration issue to the said Sarah Bailey & Garrison Anderson and it is further ordered by the Court John Kennard Esqr Coroner Charles Samuel & Gregg Esqr & Jesse Meredith and Charley Williams be appointed appraisers of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased. State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Sarah Bailey and Garrison Anderson Barnet Berryman and Thomas Lancaster are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the aforesaid County in the sum of nine hundred Dollars to be paid the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successor in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of September 1825 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Sarah Bailey and Garrison Anderson have undertaken Administratrix and Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Enoch Bailey deceased Now if the said Sarah Bailey and Garrison Anderson shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of them as such administratrix and Administrator then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force Signed Sealed & Sarah X Bailey (Seal) Garrison Anderson (Seal) Barnet Berryman (Seal) Thomas Lancaster (Seal) Signed Sealed and acknowledged in open Court before me Geo Cunningham Clerk

Letter The State of Alabama Marengo County By the grace of God and the power of the Constitution of said County Whereas Enoch Bailey late of said County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels and credits within the County aforesaid By reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the Administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and also of final dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong We desiring that the goods chattels and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered do Hereby grant unto Garrison Anderson and Sarah Bailey said administrator and administratrix full power by the tenor of these Presents to administer the goods chattels rights and credits of said deceased which he had in his life time and at the time of his death did belong and to each demand sue for and recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law and the balance justly to pay over to the Legal heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Garrison Anderson and Sarah Bailey having given Bond and security and taken the Oath and performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to their just qualification as Administrator and Administratrix they are by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents Ordained constituted and appointed Administrator and Administratrix of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said Enoch Bailey Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 19th day of September 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order of Court For Orphans business adjourned to the third monday of November 1825 and twenty fifth day of the same present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the following order was passed to wit It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory herewith and entered

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Order of Sale

To Record— On motion of the Administrator and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the goods and chattels of Enoch Bailey deceased and of a perishable nature it is considered that an order of Sale issue to sell all and singular the goods and chattels contained in the Inventory and that the Administrator make due return of the same

Sale & Inventory

One Maid at	$ 80 00	one Blades &	$ 1 62½
One Young Horse at	60 00	One Log Chain & for Stretcher	
One Set of Smiths tools at	37 50	1 Iron wedge & Sledge	5 25
One Set Old waggon Gears & Hubs	35 00	Three axes & Scooter plough	3 00
Three Beds & Furniture at	75 00	One Looking Glass	1 50
One Gorhd Stone &	3 00	One Hand Saw & mallet Saw	
One Chest	5 00	and Iron Square	4 00
One Lot of Castings	9 00	lot of Scrap consisting of three new Mead	66 66⅔
One Lot of Iron & steel	1 75	Lot of Scrap consisting of thirteen mead	1 50 00
One paper Trunk	1 00	Two Saddles	0 50
One Spinning Wheel	4 00	one pair of Steal yards	2 50
One Rifle Gun & shot pouch	16 00	Three Bells	2 50
one Lot knives & forks & carbine &		one Jug & one bottle	1 00
one Glass &	5 00	One Lot of mill and smoothing Iron	1 00
Four Bed Steads	7 00	One Lot of small tools	4 00
One Table and two Chairs	3 25	One note of hand on James Rotton for	
One Barshear plough & single Trees and Bridle &		$3 dated the 1st day of January next	3 00
one Lot harness tacks & Screws &	3 00	Note of hand on John Brown for thirty two dollars	
one Lot of small tools & Cutlass & linen	5 00	and two bits dated the 15th day of December next	31 50
		and two bits	$ 561 64⅓

The State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally came before me Lewis Anderson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Charles Williams and John Kennard who being duly Qualified as the law directs and saith that they have valued and appraised all the effects shown them as the property of Enoch Bailey deceased to the best of their skill and judgement without favor and partiality to any manner whatsoever Given under our hands and subscribed before me October the 26th 1825

Lewis Anderson J.P. State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally appeared before me Lewis Anderson a Justice of the peace in and for said County Sarah Bailey Administratrix and Garrison Anderson Administrator on the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased who upon being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above is a true Inventory of all the goods and chattels and debts due at the time of his death as far as they have come to their knowledge and also the sale proceeds when made by the appraisers (Signed) Sarah Bailey Admx Garrison Anderson Admr Sworn and Subscribed before me this the 28th of October 1825

Lewis Anderson J.P.

Sale List

A true List of Sale of all and singular the personal Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased sold on the 24th day of December 1825 agreeable to advertisement and order of the Judge(s) of the County Court of Marengo County

One Mare	$ 81 00	One Grind Stone	$ 3 00
One Yearling Horse	60 00	One Chest	1 00
One Set of Smiths Tools	40 00	Three Beds & furniture	7 50
One set Waggon Gears & Hubs	21 62½	One Lot of Castings	1 87½

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One Lot hoppes ware	$ 1 00	One Grind Cast Iron and Square	$ 3 937½
One paper Trunk	1 00		
One Spinning Wheel	0 25	Two Mead more Mead of Scrap	93 75
One Rifle Gun and Shot pouch	11 25	Two Mead of scrap	75 75
One Lot knives Forks Carbine Glass &	2 00	Two Saddles	2 37½
two Bed Steads	2 25	One pair Steel yards	2 00
One table & two Chairs	0 75	Three Bells	1 87½
One Barshear plough & single Trees & Chain	2 62½	One Jug & Glass Bottles	1 25
One Lot of Harness tacks & Screws &	5 18¾	One Coffee mill & smoothing Iron	3 00
One Lot small tools grindstone saw			0 25
and Blades &	3 1 37½	One Lot of Small Tools	4 062½
And Log Chain Stretcher	3	Total	441 25
Iron wedge Single tree &	3 5 75		
Three axes and Scooter plough	1 75		
One Looking Glass	0 25		

State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally appeared before me Lewis Anderson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sarah Bailey Administratrix and Garrison Anderson Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased who upon being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above is a true list of sale of all and singular the personal Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased as made out in the Inventory and sold agreeable to order and date above mentioned with the exception of two head of Stock which Sarah Bailey was necessitated to kill previous to the day of Sale for the support of herself & Children also one Head of cattle which died previous to the day of Sale further this Statement saith not (Signed) Garrison Anderson Sarah her mark Bailey Sworn and Subscribed to this the 16th of January 1826 before me Lewis Anderson J.P.

Order of Court

At a County Court Began and Held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business being the first monday and third day of March A.D. 1826 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the Court was made known Garrison Anderson having filed his accounts and vouchers as Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased for final settlement It is ordered by the Court that notice by advertisement at Linden and three other public places in the County be given by the Clerk to the kindred and creditors of said deceased to be and appear at a County Court to be Held on the first monday of May next and show cause if any they have when the account of the said Administrator should not be allowed and settled is record and made final (Signed) Thomas Ringgold J.C.C.

Final Settlement

At a County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama at the Court House on the fifth day and first monday of May in the year 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the following was made an order of said Court Record. The account current of Garrison Anderson and Sarah Bailey now late of Thomas P. Ringgold deceased Administrator and Administratrix of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased and the Vouchers therein named being filed for hearing allowance and final Settlement at this time due notice having been given as directed by Law This account shows the sum of four hundred and twenty four Dollars twenty nine and three Quarter cents Having come into the hands of the Administrator from which being deducted the amount of Expenses and debts due by the Estate paid out by the Administrator leaves a nett Balance of three Hundred and fourteen Dollars twenty nine and three quarter cents and the Court Having audited and fully inspected the same and the matter

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Order of Sale

Record — On motion of the Administrator and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the goods and chattels of Enoch Bailey, deceased and of a perishable nature it is considered that an order of Sale issue to sell all and singular the goods and chattels contained in the Inventory and that the Administrator make due return of the same

Sales Inventory

One Mare at	$ 80 00	awl Blades 46	$ 1 62½
One Young Horse at	62 00	One Log Chain 1 for Stretcher	
One Set of Smiths Tools at	37 50	1 Iron wedge & Sing Tree	5 25
One Set old waggon Gears & Hubs	35 00	Three axes 1 Scooter plough	3 00
Three Bed & Furniture at	75 00	One Looking Glass	1 50
One Corded Stove	3 00	One Hand Saw 1 Hand Saw	
One Chest	5 00	and Iron Square	4 00
One Lot of Castings	9 00	100 lbs of old Iron at 3 Cts a head	66 66⅔
One Lot of Carpenters Tools	1 75	1 Lot of Cattle consisting of Three head	50 00
One Paper Trunk	1 00	Two Bells	0 50
One Spinning Wheel	4 00	One Chain of Steel yards	2 50
One Rifle Gun & Shot Pouch	16 00	Three Bells	2 50
One Lot Knives & Forks 14 earthen ware Glass 46	5 00	One Jug & four bottles	1 00
Four Bed Steads		One Coffee mill and smoothing Iron	1 00
One Table and Two Chairs	7 00	One Lot of small Tools	4 00
One Bull Shear plough Sing Tree and Gears	3 25	One note of hand on James Robertson for $35 due the 1st day of January next	3 00
One Lot Home Tacks & Old Iron 46	3 00	Interest had a credit shown for thirty days delay	
One Lot small Tools Tin Still Juicer	5 00	and due the 25th day of December next	31 50
		Cash	5 00
		Total	$ 567 64⅓

The State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally came before me Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace Jesse Meredith Charles Williams and Elijah Kennard a[re] who being duly Qualified as Jurors Sworn and Examined Depose and saith that they have valued and appraised all the effects shown them as the property of Enoch Bailey Dec[d] to the best of their skill and Judgment without any partiality any manner whatsoever Jesse Meredith Charles Williams Elijah Kennard Sworn and Subscribed before me October the 28th 1825 Lewis Anderson J.P.

State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally appeared before me Lewis Anderson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sarah Bailey Administratrix and Garrison Anderson Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased who upon being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above is a true list of sale of all and singular the personal Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased as made out in the Inventory and sold agreeable to order and date aforementioned with the exception of one head of Horse which Sarah Bailey was necessitated to sell previous to the day of Sale for the support of Herself & Children also one Head of cattle which died previous to the day of Sale further these deponents saith not (Signed) Garrison Anderson Sarah her mark Bailey Sworn and Subscribed to this the 16th of January 1826 before me Lewis Anderson J.P.

Order of Court

At a County Court at Cahawba and Held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business being the first monday and third day of March A.D. 1826 Present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge the following order was made to wit Garrison Anderson having filed his account and vouchers as Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased for final settlement It is ordered by the Court that notice by advertisement at Cahawba and three other public places in the County be given by the Clerk to the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear at a County Court to be Held on the first monday of May next and show cause if any they have why the account of the said administrator should not be allowed and admitted to record and made final (Signed) Thomas Kingsford J.C.C.

Final Settlement

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and holden and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the fifth day and first monday of May in the year 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge the following was made an order of said Court Court. The account current of Garrison Anderson and Sarah Bailey now wife of Thomas P. King, the Administrator and Administratrix of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased and the Kindred herein named being filed for hearing allowance and final Settlement at this time due notice having been given as directed by Law. This account shows the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty four Dollars twenty nine and three Quarter cents having come into the hands of the Administrators for which being deducted the amount of Expenses and debts due by the Estate paid out by the Administrator leave a nett Balance of three Hundred and fourteen Dollars twenty nine and three quarter cents and the Court having examined and fully inspected the same and the matter

Sales List

A true List of Sale of all and singular the personal Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased sold on the 24th day of December 1825 agreeable to the Advertisement and order of the Judges of the County Court of Marengo County

One Mare	$ 81 00	One Yoke Steers	$ 3 00
One Young Horse	62 00	One Chest	1 00
One Set of Smiths Tools	40 00	Three Beds & Furniture	7 50
One Set Waggon Gears & Hubs	21 62½	One Lot of Castings	1 87½

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One Lot Knives & Forks	$ 1 00	One Corded Stove	$ 3 00
One Paper Trunk	1 00	and Square	93 93¾
One Spinning Wheel	4 00	Twenty nine Head of Horse	93 93¾
One Rifle Gun and Shot Pouch	11 25	Twelve Head of Cattle	75 75
One Lot Pewter Forks Earthen Glass 46	2 00	Two Saddles	2 50
two Bed Steads	2 25	One Pair Steel yards	2 00
One Table & two Chairs	1 75	Three Bells	1 87½
One Bar Shear plough Sing Tree & Chain	2 66⅔	One Jug & 4 Glass Bottles	1 25
One Lot of Home Traces & Irons 46	3 18¾	One Coffee mill & Smoothing Iron	3 00
One Lot small Tools Gimlet Tap Pincers	3 00	One Lot of Small Tools	3 00
and Blades 46	3 00		3 25
And Log Chain Stretcher	3 00		3 00
Iron wedge Sing Tree 46	3 00		4 162
Three Axes and Scooter plough	3 00	Total	441 25
One Looking Glass	1 75		
	25		

State of Alabama Marengo County ss Personally appeared before me Lewis Anderson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sarah Bailey Administratrix and Garrison Anderson Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased who upon being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above is a true list of sale of all and singular the personal Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased as made out in the Inventory and sold agreeable to order and date aforementioned with the exception of one head of Horse which Sarah Bailey was necessitated to sell previous to the day of Sale for the support of Herself & Children also one Head of cattle which died previous to the day of Sale further these deponents saith not (Signed) Garrison Anderson Sarah her mark Bailey Sworn and Subscribed to this the 16th of January 1826 before me Lewis Anderson J.P.

Order of Court

At a County Court at Cahawba and Held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business being the first monday and third day of March A.D. 1826 Present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge the following order was made to wit Garrison Anderson having filed his account and vouchers as Administrator of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased for final settlement It is ordered by the Court that notice by advertisement at Cahawba and three other public places in the County be given by the Clerk to the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear at a County Court to be Held on the first monday of May next and show cause if any they have why the account of the said administrator should not be allowed and admitted to record and made final (Signed) Thomas Kingsford J.C.C.

Final Settlement

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and holden and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the fifth day and first monday of May in the year 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge the following was made an order of said Court Court. The account current of Garrison Anderson and Sarah Bailey now wife of Thomas P. King, the Administrator and Administratrix of the Estate of Enoch Bailey deceased and the Kindred herein named being filed for hearing allowance and final Settlement at this time due notice having been given as directed by Law. This account shows the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty four Dollars twenty nine and three Quarter cents having come into the hands of the Administrators for which being deducted the amount of Expenses and debts due by the Estate paid out by the Administrator leave a nett Balance of three Hundred and fourteen Dollars twenty nine and three quarter cents and the Court having examined and fully inspected the same and the matter

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in said account contained is satisfied and orders that said account be allowed and recorded as a final Settlement It is farther ordered that a Commission of five per cent on the amount of said Estate be allowed the administrator as a compensation for Administrating the same which is equal to the sum of twenty six Dollars and twenty One cents and which being deducted from the aforesaid balance leaves in the hands of the Administrator the nett sum of two hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars Eighty and three fourth cents which the Court here decrees and orders to be distributed and paid over as follows to wit One fourth thereof being the sum of seventy two Dollars and two cents to Sarah the Widow of said deceased and Thomas P King her present Husband who hath intermarried And Seventy two Dollars and two Cents (being the One fourth to each of the Children of said deceased to wit Elizabeth A Bailey Chatilda C Bailey and William L Bailey minors to be paid over to their Guardian Sarah King their Mother And the Estate being now fully administered It is considered by the Court that the said Administrator be discharged from farther Administering the same and upon paying of nett proceeds as above directed their Bond stand as cancelled

Vide Folio 7 for account current

The Estate of James Holt

Order for Citation to issue

The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Clerk of the County Court of same County Cader Holt having this day made application to the undersigned Judge of the County Court aforesaid for Letters of Administration on the Estate of James Holt deceased It is therefore Ordered that Citation issue to the widow of the said deceased to appear at a County Court to be held at the Court House in said County for Orphans business on the third monday of December Instant then and there to shew cause if any she has why Letters of Administration should not issue according to the application Given under my hand and seal December 16th 1824 Thomas Ringgold Esqr

Order for Letters to issue

County Court for orphans business being the third monday of December 1824 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff by his deputy David Hogan at this day the following order was made to wit Citation having issued to Nancy Holt Widow of James Holt deceased being returned Executed no

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person appearing to contest the appointment of Cader Holt as Administrator of James Holt deceased and the said Cader Holt having given Bond and Security and being qualified in open Court agreeable to Law It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to Cader Holt on all and Singular the goods and Chattles rights and credits of James Holt deceased

Appraisers

It is ordered by the Court that David Curry John O'Glover William Selman John Spann and Lodowick Moore be appointed appraisers of the Estate of James Holt deceased that they or a majority of them make due return of the same on Oath according to Law.

Citation

The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to summons Nancy Holt Widow of James Holt deceased to be and appear at a County Court for Orphans business to be held on the third monday of December current at the Court House in Linden and Show cause if any she has why Letters of Administration should not issue to Cader Holt father of the deceased who has applied for the same Herein fail not and have you then there this writ Witness Geo Cunningham clerk of our said Court at office this 16th day of December A.D. 1824 (signed)

Return

Geo Cunningham Recd in Office December 18th 1824 Tho Adams Shff Executed the same day Thomas Adams Shff by his Deputy David Curry

Bond

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Cader Holt David Hogan and John McFarland are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of three thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 20th day of December 1824 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Cader Holt has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of James Holt deceased Now if the said Cader Holt shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to void otherwise to remain in full force and effect (Signed Cader Holt Seal) David Hogan Seal John McFarland Seal Signed sealed and acknowledged in open Court before me Geo Cunningham clerk.

Letters

The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court of said County Whereas James Holt late of Marengo County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattles and credits within the County aforesaid by reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of the said deceased and also a final dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong They desiring that the goods chattles right and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Cader Holt Administrator full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattles rights and credits of said deceased which to him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law and then the Balance justly to pay over to the legal Heirs and distributes of the said deceased and the said Cader Holt having given Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to

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his first qualification as Administrator he is by order of said Court and by
Virtue of this present ordained constituted and appointed Administrator
of All and singular the goods and Chattles rights and credits of the
said James Bolt Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County
this 20th day of December 1824

Approval The within Bond of Bader Bolt with his securities therein are hereby
approved this 21st Decr 1824 Thomas Ringgold J C C

Oath of Sub. the 9th 1825 Personally came before me Levi Anderson Justice of
appraisers the Peace of Marengo County William Pelman Esquire and David Bailey
Esqr John W Glover & Lodowick Record all being duly sworn respectively and
sayth that they will value and appraise all the property and effects of James
Bolt and make out a true certificate there of to the Administrator without any
degree of partiality whatsoever to the best of their judgement and ability
(Signed) William Pelman David Bailey Wall Glover Lodwick Record Sworn and
subscribed before me Levi Anderson J P

Inventory Bill of appraisement of the effects of Jas Bolt deceased

1 Mule	$ 4 00	Bader Bolt dated 24th	
1 Bed Stead	2 00	apl 1824 payable one day	
4 chairs @ 37	2 00	after date for the sum of	$ 21 00
1 Set of pails	2 62½	One note of hand on John	
1 Lott of Castings	4 50	Spann dated 1st May	
1 pr Sad Irons	1 50	1823 payable on the 25th	
1 Table	2 00	Decm after date for the sum of $44.75	33 00
2 Pitchers & 2 Tumblers	1 25	order thereon date 9th Augt	
9 Plates and 1 candlestick	2 00	1824 400 Bal due	24 00
1 Set plates	" 75	One Note of hand on Isaiah	
6 Saucers 4 Cups & Sea Shells	" 75	Brooming dated 21st Decm	
5 Cups	3 50	1823 payable 25th Decm 1824	
1 Carving knife	" 25	for the Sum of - - -	100 00
1 Bed Furniture & Cot	25 00	One account against Jno	
1 pr Shovel & Tongs	2 00	W Glover for	12½
1 Roane Horse	30 00	One account agt Alfred	
1 Saddle	7 00	Record for	4 00
4 Table Spoons & Tea knives and Forks	1 50	Amount of Readymoney on Hand at the death of the said James Bolt deceased and which have come in to my hands as administrator	
1 Lott Hoes	45 00		
1 Saw & pitts	5 00		
1 Saw & Set Nails	5 00		
1 Large Coat	12 00		
1 Cow & Calf	15 00		
1 Lot of Corn say 200 Bushels		J W Glover in Administration	
3421 Seed Cotton @ 2½		of a negro mortgaged by	
2 Stacks of Fodder	15 00	him Bader Bolt	
1 Bench	5 00	We the undersigned, subscribers do	
1 Shovel	3	certify the aforegoing to be	
3 Geese	1 00	a true Schedule of the Estate of the late James Bolt	
1 Negro man named Tom	350 00	deceased as we believe on the other	
One Note of hand on John		side to be a just and true appraise	
Spinks dated the 1st of January		ment (Signed) William Pelman	
1824 payable on 25th December		David Bailey Jno W Glover Lodwick	
after date	100	Record	
One Note of hand on			

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The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the Undersigned
Judge of the County aforesaid Bader Bolt administrator of the Estate of James
Bolt died and being duly sworn saith that the foregoing Schedule of appraise
ment subscribed by the deponent after adding to the same the amount of Ready
money on Hand at the death of the said deceased is a true and full monthly
account and discovery of all the goods chattles rights and credits of the said James
Bolt deceased at the time of his death so far as the same has come to his knowledge
or possession Given under my Hand and seal at office this 10th day of January
1825 Thomas Ringgold Clerk

Order of Sale County Court for Orphans business at the term aforesaid being 3 monday of February
1825 Present the Hon Thomas Ringgold Judge &c Coming Thomas Clerk &c
Thomas Adams Sheriff by his Deputy &c It is Ordered by the Court that Bader Bolt Administra
tor of James Bolt deceased have an order to sell and dispose of the goods and effects
of the deceased they being considered by the Court of perishable and subject to waste
excepting the negro which the said administrator will have out until the first
day of January next (Signed) Thomas Ringgold C C C

Petition State of Alabama Marengo County ss Feb 19th 1825 To the Honbl the Judge of
the Orphans Court of the County aforesaid your petitioner prays that an Order
of Court be granted for the sale of a certain negro man named Bond the
property of the late James Bolts deceased (Signed) Bader Bolt

Order to sell a negro The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans
business March Term 1825 Upon the petition of Bader Bolt
Administrator of James Bolt deceased and satisfactory shewing to the Court
by the Administrator it is ordered by the Court that the Administrator
have an order to sell a certain negro man named Bond mentioned in the said Petition agreeably to Law Extracted from the
minutes of Court this 1st March 1825 Ordered Thomas Ringgold Clerk

Account Sales Account Sales of the Estate of James Bolt deceased held at the house
of J W Glover on the 23rd March 1825

John Johnston 1 Feet Bucket	$ "	12½	James Buckley 1 Pitcher	$ "	50
Benj Glover 1 Frying pan	"	37½	James Cook 1 Do	"	50
John Johnston 1 Do	"	25	Jared W Glover 1 Sack	"	43¾
Do 1 Pail	1	00	John Jackson 1 Do	"	75
Do 1 Razor	"	25	Benj Glover 1 Do	1	12½
Benj Glover 1 Pail	"	50	Benton Moore 1 Set Knives & Forks	1	00
John Johnston 1 Pail	1	00	and Carried forward		
Benj Glover 1 pr Sad Irons	1	25	Benj Crockett 1 carving Knife	"	25
Bader Bolt 1 Grider	"	62½	Do 1 Bandle Stick	1	00
Do 1 pr Shovel & Tongs	1	25	Isaiah Alston 1 Table	2	50
Do 1 Corn	2	37½	Benton Moore 6 Head Cows & Barrow	34	62½
Alexander Alston 1 Sorrel Horse	2	50	Wiley Meredith 2 Cows & 13 Pigs	26	00
Benj Crockett 1 Sea Kettle	"	50	James Cook 1 Cow & 3 Pigs	3	50
John Johnston 1 Spinning Wheel	4	00	John Alston 1 Cow & 4 Pigs	3	50
John Alston 4 Chairs	2	00	Nancy Bolt 1 Bed & Furniture	10	12½
Do 1 Bedstead & Cord	2	37½	Jacob Fields 1 Cott	"	12½
Bader Bolt 1 Coffee Pot	"	37½	Nancy Bolt 1 Chest	1	00
Jared W Glover 9 Plates	"	75	Bader Bolt 1 Trunk	2	25
Do Do Do	"	76	Benton Moore 1 Sack Salt	"	93¾
Bader Bolt 1 Bowl & Saucer	"	37½	Bader Bolt 1 Saddle	8	25
John B Benton & Sea Shells	"	25	Benj Crockett 1 Whip	"	12½
Do 4 Table Spoons	"	33	Benj Barton 2 Razors	"	50

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John & Glover 1 Cow Calf
Chas Williams 1 Do
Benton Moore 2 yearlings
Jno Mitcheson 1 Horse
Peter Williams 2 Bushels Corn @ 1.87
Joshua Brooks 25 Cs @ 1.51
Samuel Lancaster 21 Cs @ 1.27
Vos Barnard 21 Cs @ 1.32
Benton Moore 25 Cs @ 1.06¼
John Johnston 25 Cs @ 1.00

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Marengo County, of said County, Ezekiel Pettit administrator of the Estate of James Pettit deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the foregoing Schedule contains a just true and full account of Sales of the personal Estate of the said deceased sold by himas administrator pursuant to an Order of Court and according to the Laws of this State.

Given under my hand and Seal May 16th 1823 Thomas Ringgold [L.S.]

Final Settlement

County Court for orphans business in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being the third monday in December 1823 At this day the following Order was made by said Court to wit. The account Current setting forth the whole value of the said Estate as come to his hands at the sum of Sixteen hundred and seventy one Dollars twenty five and one fourth cents his charges for debts paid necessary expenditures & c. with a commission of five per cent which is allowed him by the Court as a compensation for all amounting to the sum of four hundred and forty eight Dollars and forty two cents which being deducted leaves in the hands of the said Administrator for distribution the sum of fourteen hundred and twenty two Dollars seventy cents and the same at this day coming on to be heard for allowance and final Settlement due notice thereof having been given as directed by the Statute in such case made and provided the said account as now stated and sworn to and the vouchers and Papers therein contained and referred to examined and inspected by the Court, & no person appearing against the same or shewing cause why the same should not be allowed & it is considered by the Court that the said account and all things therein specified be allowed and entered of Record And it being made appear to the Court by the death of the said deceased at the time of his death left a widow namely Warren Pettit since married to Thos C Sheldon and three brothers to wit Emanuel Thomas and Enoch C Pettit also his sisters to wit Hannah Juliana and Sarah Pettit minors and Catharine wife of Alexander Barnawell and Judy wife of Jared Matson who by the Laws of the Land are entitled to shares in the Estate of the said deceased Whereupon it is considered adjudged and decreed that the said Ezekiel Pettit account with and pay over to the said Theodore C Sheldt husband of aforesaid of the said Warren the sum of seven hundred and eleven Dollars and thirty two cents being one half or the nett amount of said Estate and that the said Emanuel Thomas Enoch C Hannah Juliana and Sarah Pettit are Catharine married to Alexander Barnawell and Judy married to said Matson receive each the sum of one hundred and forty eight Dollars and ninety five cents to be paid over to the said Ezekiel Pettit & their said Guardians and Husbands as aforesaid and that thereupon the said Ezekiel Pettit be discharged from further attending

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having the said Estate and him and his securities in his Bond for Administration to be there after discharged & c. & c.

account current

Dr Estate of Adam & Hoyt deceased in account current with Ezekiel Pettit Administrator

No			$	ct	No		$	ct
1	To amount	paid for 56 Seaweed a/c	144	12½	1	By Amount of Bill of sale	1846	63¾
2	"	paid Curtis & Kelly "	15	00	2	Said Brownings Note	100	00
3	"	paid D & C Perkins "	17	37½	3	John Stanley "	100	00
4	"	paid Do Do "	7	00	4	Edward Moore "	10	00
5	"	paid Do Do "	19	97½	5	John Spann "	34	00
6	"	paid Do Do Note	31	33	6	John & Glover "	7	12½
7	"	paid D & C Dickerson a/c	7	362	7	Jared Matson "	1½	537½
8	"	paid Billy & Glover "	17	15½	8	Ezekiel Pettit "	20	00
9	"	paid Ezekiel Pettit "	11	25		Received of James H Garrow in exchange of a negro girl named Lucy	400	00
10	"	paid Joseph England "	3	00		Mortgaged by the deceased		
11	"	paid Jesse Cheeseldine Note	55	00				
12	"	paid Geo Cumming Sampson a/c	5	00				
13	"	paid Joseph Knight "	1	25				
14	"	Cash paid for whiskey for sale &	2	37½				
15	paid tax	for Lowe Graham	1	50½				
	"	Balance	1531	36½				
			1871	33¾			1871	33¾
	Balance of Bill of Sale to the Clerk		15	25				
	Commission to the Administrator of 5 per cent on amount of sales		193	55		By Balance	1531	36½
	Balance in Hand		1422	70½		By Balance	1422	70½
			1531	36½				

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court the within named Ezekiel Pettit who being duly sworn deposeth that the with account current of his Administration on the said Estate according to the best of his Knowledge information & belief Attest Thomas Ringgold [L.S.]

The Estate of Nathaniel Norwood deceased

State of Louisiana City of New Orleans } Be it known that on the tenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty three Carlile Pollock a Notary Public in and for the City of New Orleans duly commissioned & sworn residing in the City aforesaid with the Subscriber at the Boarding House of Mrs Le Roy in Custom House Street in said City where I am well known personally came & appeared the Testator Nathaniel Norwood of Marengo County in the State of Alabama and at present residing in the City aforesaid with the Subscriber at the Boarding House of Mrs Le Roy in Custom House Street in said City & who I am well known personally to be of sound mind and memory as I do verily believe & declare to me the Notary and the undersigned witnesses and having requested me to receive his last will & testament then and there dictated the same in the words following viz I Nathaniel Norwood am a native of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina and aged about Sixty two years I am Lawfully married with Susan Charlotte Minter widow of Nicholas Berg now residing at and related & adored in Marengo County Alabama By my said Marriage I had one Child Nathaniel Norwood aged about four or five years now residing with his Mother at the place aforenamed I had no other children my Father and Mother are both deceased — I devise and bequeath unto my said wife one half of all property, goods debts and effects of what nature & kind & where soever situate and being which shall belong to me at the time of my decease — I give and bequeath unto my said son in like manner the other

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Of the Half of all my said property goods & effects & do nominate and appoint for my testamentary Executors in the State of Alabama my said wife Susan Charlotte together with Allen Glover of the County and State of Alabama aforesaid with power to act jointly or separately as the said may require or need may be therein — Do nominate and appoint James Ramsay of this City & Allen Glover to be my testamentary Executor and the Executor of my property real & personal in this State & Louisiana with power to trade & barter & make Inventory Bills without intervention of Justice so Lading the Same will allow and wind up and liquidate all my business and concerns therein and my accounts property and effects to deliver to my Executors in Alabama or either of them who shall by empowered to grant him a release and discharge for the same I revoke all wills & codicils other than the present which alone shall remain valid and having read the foregoing will to the testator in the presence of the undersigned witnesses he did in their presence declare that it contained his will this will has been dictated by the Testator to me Notary Public & Land written the same as he dictated it to me in the presence of the undersigned witnesses immediately and without interruption or recurring to other deeds Done and passed at New Orleans at the Lodging of the Testator as aforesaid on the day and year above written in the presence of Thomas Shelby Peter Laurie Cleand and George Dussoud all residing in this City the witnesses expressly required who have signed their names as such with the testator and me the Notary Signed Charles Norwood Tho Shelby P Laurie Geo Dussoud Cuthbert Pollock Not Pub Secretly the foregoing to be a true copy of the Original will recorded in my Office as witness my Seal & signature and seal of office at New Orleans this Fourth Day of April Eighteen Hundred and twenty three. Cuthbert Pollock Notary Seal

Summons — State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting, You are hereby commanded to summons Charlotte Norwood widow of Nathaniel Norwood deceased to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of the Orphans Court of the County and State aforesaid on the third monday in May next to shew cause if any she has why Letters of Administration should not be granted to Allen Glover who has applied for the same on the estate of said Nathaniel Norwood deceased Herein fail not and have you then this writ Witness William Steams Clerk of the Orphans Court aforesaid this 2nd day of May current 1823 Test William Holdsworth Clerk by his deputy Geo Cunningham

Return — Received in Office 2nd May 1823 & executed 3rd May 1823 W. M. Adams deputy Sheff

Orphans Court in Vacation this 3rd day of May 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge At this day the following Order was made & entered Ordered by the Court that the probate of the will of Nathaniel Norwood deceased be continued until the next stated session being the third monday in June next Tho Ringgold Judge &c

Orphans Court stated session 16th June 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge At this day the following

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Order was made to wit Ordered by the Court that the last will & testament of Nathaniel Norwood deceased being proved by Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood be considered as sufficient probate there no person appearing to contest it that the same be allowed and that the Executor Allen Glover and the Executrix Susan Charlotte Norwood therein appointed be admitted to qualify and Administer the same — Ordered by the Court that William Hulker Morgan G Brown William Mays John Springer & Burkhard Arant or any three be appointed Appraisers of Nathaniel Norwood deceased and make return according to Law Tho Ringgold Judge County Court

Bond — State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Allen Glover Charlotte Norwood William Hulkers Thomas Adams are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court aforesaid in the sum of twelve thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold and his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly severally & firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this six teenth day of June Eighteen hundred and twenty three. The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Allen Glover & Charlotte Norwood the former being appointed Executor and the latter Executrix of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Norwood deceased Now if the above bound Allen Glover and Charlotte Norwood shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required of them as such Executor and Executrix then the above obligation to be void & of none effect to remain in full force & virtue Signed Sealed & delivered Allen Glover (Seal) Susan Charlotte Norwood (Seal) Wm Hulker (Seal) Thos Adams (Seal) Approved June 16th 1823 Tho Ringgold

Notice — State of Alabama Marengo County To William Hulker Morgan Gilbert Brown William Mays John Springer and Burkhard Arant Greeting You or a Majority of you Greeting You and each of you are hereby required to proceed to the dwelling House and premises of Nathaniel Norwood deceased in the County aforesaid who died intestate and you or any six of you will View and then proceed to and appraise the personal Estate of the said Nathaniel Norwood deceased so far and so much thereof as shall be produced to you by Susan Charlotte Norwood Executrix and Allen Glover Executor the same Impartially and upon Oath according to the best of your skill and judgment and make return thereof to the Orphans Court of said County on the first Monday in July next Witness Thomas Ringgold Judge of our said Court this fifth day of July 1823 Seal Attest William Steams Clerk by his deputy Geo Cunningham

Oath — County Court for Orphans business in Vacation this 22nd August 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge At this day the following Order was made to wit Ordered by the Court that the appraisement and Inventory of the goods and chattels rights & credits and accounts of Nathaniel Norwood deceased as returned this day by Susan C Norwood Executrix and Allen Glover the Executor of the said deceased be received and ordered of record Tho Ringgold Judge &c Court

Inventory — State of Alabama Marengo County we the undersigned Morgan G Brown Burkhard Arant and John Springer and each of us do solemnly swear that we will make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattels of Nathaniel Norwood deceased as shall be produced by Susan C Norwood the Executrix and Allen Glover Executor of the will of the said Nathaniel

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Norwood deceased and that we will return the same certified under
Our hands and seals unto the said Executor and Executrix within the
time prescribed by Law so Help us God (Signed) M. G. Brown
John Springfield (Durham Seal) Sworn and subscribed by the
aforenamed appraisers the 4th day of July A.D. 1823 as witness my
hand and seal. George W. Stewart Clerk Justice of the Peace

An Inventory and appraisement of the Personal Estate of
the Late Nathaniel Norwood deceased. We the undersigned
Morgan G. Brown Durham Grant and John Springfield pursuant to
an order of Court to us directed from the Honorable Thomas Kingsbold
Judge of the County Court for the County of Marengo and State of
Alabama and having date the Fifth day of July One Thousand Eight
Hundred and twenty three after having been duly sworn have as by
said Order to us is commanded proceeded to the dwelling House of
aforesaid late Nathaniel Norwood deceased and there on the day
aforesaid appraised the personal Estate of said deceased as they
can to us presented by Susan C. Norwood and Alex. G. Corr
Executrix and Executor of said Estate and have this day appraised
the following Articles

2 mahogany bedsteads & furniture	$	35	00	1 2 year old Steer	$	8 75
10 yards Blue Negro cloth @ $3.33 1/3 per yard		33		1 yoked Ox		15
1 pair of large & 2 small Blankets		8	00	1 Cow & Calf		12
1 Waffle Iron & Iron ladle & Skillet		4	00	3 Yearlings @ $7		21
1 Gridiron & pot hooks & kettle stand		3		1 brown Cow (dry)		10
2 pot metal		1	00	1 Calf		3
1 Iron safe & 3 Iron & tin Candlesticks				Carried Over		442 35
1 Set of Knives & Forks & Steel		2	00	1 Red Cow & Calf		12
5 Dozen of Common Chairs				1 Black Yearling		7
2 Iron pots & 2 Ovens		2	00	1 Red Cow & Calf		11
2 wooden trays 1 Butter & 1 Candle				1 Black Bull		3
1 Churn & 1 Keeler		4	00	1 Roan Mule		100
1 Cross cut Saw		3	00	1 Gray Horse		125
Carried Over		4	00	1 Gray Horse (Colt)		75
1 Spinning Wheel		63	00	1 Paint Horse		10
1 Tin Pan		3	00	1 Dunn Horse		50
1 Cow & Calf		1	00	1 Gig and Harness		200
1 Bedstead		1	50	4 Plough Hoes 1 Scooter Iron & 2 Clevises		12
2 Iron Wedges		1	00	1 Cart wheel & 1 Log Chain		2
1 piece Blue Negro cloth 29 yards @ $1.33 1/3	$	38		1 Bar of Iron		5 20
3 Mahogany Chairs		9	00	14 Acres (supposed) of Sea Island Cotton		280
1 Feather Bed & Bolster & 2 Pillows		31	00	3 Axe Hoes		9
1 Do Do Do		33	50	1 lot Furniture & Tools & Blacksmith Gear		50 00
1 Do Do Do		35	00	100 Head of other Sorts of Poultry		15
1 Do Do Do		35	00	1 Waggon & 4 Pile of Gears		60
1 Do Do 4 Pillows		30	00	1 Mahogany Dining Table		20
3 Cane Seated Chairs		5	33	2 Bedsteads with their Curtains		10
1 Desk (Cross)		30	00	1 Mahogany Bureau		20
1 Cow		9	00	1 Clock		10
1 Gun Fuser		3	00	5 Chairs including 1 small one		15
1 Brindle Cow & Calf		10	00	1 Looking Glass		3
1 4 year old wide Mouthed Steer		17	50	Carried Over	$	1617 75

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Amount Brot Forward	$	1617	75	1 pair Cotton Cards	$	1 00
1 pair of large decanters		4	00	1 Burning Glass		50
3 small decanters @ $1		1	50	1 Shot Bag		50
11 Glass tumblers		3	00	4 pieces of Sole Leather		6 00
2 small pitchers			50	1 pair Old Saddle Bags		1 00
1 Glass bowl		1	50	1 Lot of old Iron		3 75
1 Old Castor		1	00	1 Elk saw		50
1 Flower pot			50	1 Coffee Mill		1 00
2 pair Brass Andirons		4	50	1 Basket of Onions		37½
1 pitcher Ladle & Table Spoons @ 3				2 Dome Locks		4 00
1 pr Salt & Spoon 1 mustard @ 3		31	50	1 stone Cistern for Honey		2 00
13 silver Tea Spoons & 1 Cream Strainer @ 15		15	11	1 Meat axe		50
5 large Table Spoons			50	8 Bottles & Corks only		50
1 pr Glass Salt Sellars		2	00	1 Brass Candlestick & Snuffers		1 25
24 pr Ribd Blankets		10	00	4 Jars & pitchers with their Contents		10 00
5 Buffil & point Blankets		7	50	1 Large Vial of Medicine		50
11 Counterpanes @ 5		50	00	9 Tin patty pans		75
3 quilts & 1 Rug		9	00	1 Safe		1 00
16 Sheets		24	00	8 weeding Hoes		3 50
16 pillow & bolster cases		8	00	1 Malcolm & 1 Grubbing hoe		3 00
12 towels		3	00	Carried Over	$	2092 62
3 Homespun table cloths		3	00	4 Chairs		6 00
3 Cotton Diaper ditto		6	00	1 Iron drawing knife & triangular		3 50
3 Linnen Diaper ditto		9	00	1 Hand saw and square		2 50
Carried Over	$	1618	75	1 Grindstone		4 00
2 Linnen Table Cloths		4	00	5 Head of Sheep		10 00
10 yds of Homespun @ 07½		3	75	5 Dishes		4 25
1 Pocket Bible		1	00	2¼ pr Cards		2 00
1 Wooden Box			50	6 Cups and Saucers 1 Pot		50
1 Lot of Coffee		6	00	3 small dishes & 1 large do		2 50
3 barrels of Sugar & Three Loaves		16	00	1 Tea pot 1 Sugar dish 1 Creamer		2 00
800 lbs Bacon or Three Hams @ 12½		100	00	1 Bowl		50
1 Shott Gun		16	00	1 pair Table		1 00
1 Do Do		3	00	1 Negro man Mathew		600 00
1 Trunk		2	50	1 Do Do Joe		600
1 Bedstead		3	00	1 Do Do Ned		600
2 Settee bedsteads & Curtains		6	00	1 Do Do Sam		300
2 small Trunks		4	00	1 Do Boy Stephen		400
1 Glass Lamp		1	00	1 Do Do Doctor		150
1 Trunk		3	00	1 Do Woman Sally		250
1 Bason & Box			50	1 Do Do Betty		350
1 Dressing Case			50	1 Do Do Lucy		400
1 Roll of Carpet		3	75	1 Do Do Nancy		300
1 Family Bible & 16 Books more or less		21	00	1 Do Do Stateira		450
2 Latin Books		2	50	Carried Over	$	6630 77
17 Sundry Books		17	00	1 Negro girl Hannah		300
1 Small Bible			25	1 Do Do Harriet		200
am't Carried Over	$	2050	63	1 Do Do Mary		200
1 pair Apothecarys Scales & weights		2	00	1 Do Do Jenny		50
3 Saddles		15	00	60 Head of Stock Hogs or Thereabouts		112 50
3 Bridles		4	50	The Stock running of common Range		1350 00

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The imprisonment of A Norwood
place of Residence including
Sixteen Lowes &c
half the building and remaining
gin of a Cotton Gin — 350 00
1 Hammer — 50
1/4 Flour Barrels 20 — 2 50
1 Empty Whiskey Cask — 1 00
1 Moulder plough — 75
1 Broad Axe — 3 00
1 pair Compasses — 12½
1 Hand axe (Domestick) — 1 00
2 Hides 1 Yearling Cow & Calves skin in corpse — 6 25
1 Bell of cow Bell — 2 00
1 Side Saddle — 10 00
1 pint of a Barrel of Salt — 3 00
half a Barrel Fish — 3 00
25 Bo Cotton at 5 in the house of gin cotton — 2 00
1 Rifle Gun with a Gilt Mountain
key and 2 Steel
Errors Excepted — 31 61
$9446 07

Alabama — We Gordon G Brown (Burkhead Agent) and John J Grinter do certify that the foregoing list and appraisement amounting to nine Thousand four hundred and forty six Dollars and seven cents is a just and true appraisement of such effects as was exhibited to us to the best of our knowledge according to the directions and rules of this Court this 22nd day of July A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three

Gordon G Brown (Seal)
(Burkhead Agent)
John Grinter (Seal)

State of Alabama } Be it known
Marengo County } that all whom
it may concern that on this day the
fifteenth of July 1823 the persons whose
names are hereabout signed did at
the late residence of Nathaniel
Norwood in Marengo County present
this instrument unto Susan Charlotte
Norwood Executrix of the Estate of
the late Nathaniel Norwood dec'd
their return of the appraisement of
the effects of the said estate as far as
had then been presented to them and more
over did sign the same with their
hands and seals and acknowledged the
same in my presence at the said place
to be their act and deed In testimony
whereof I George A Stewart
Notary Public duly commissioned
& sworn for this County of Marengo &
State of Alabama have unto this
presently set my hand and affixed the
seal of my office at the
aforesaid place and on the day
above written
George A Stewart
Notary Public

State of Alabama Marengo County
This inventory of debts due and coming to
unto the late Nathaniel Norwood deceased & for
ing the same I have come to the knowledge
and information of the Executrix of the
last will and testament of the said
Nathaniel Norwood and about
the half of a Section and Lot in the
Town of Jackson in Clarke County
of Alabama in Company with the
State of Mississippi in Marengo County
aforesaid and of the ready money on
hand at the time of the death of the
said deceased as follows viz see next
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One Note on Arrington
& Polley for fifty five
Dollars 75 cents dated 21st
of Feb'y 1823 payable 1st day
after date — 55

One Note on John Lockhart
Guardian for Ann Thundred and fifty
to Ben Dollars dated 3rd June
Glover 1822 payable 3 days after date — 150 12

One Note on Lunsford
Perking & Francis Vaughan
for Sixty One Dollars dated
the 14th Nov 1822 and payable
the first day of January 1823 — 61 12

One Note on Dennis
Reynolds for Two hundred and
Sixty Dollars dated 15th April
1821 & payable two days after
date — 260 75

One Note on Simon Carter
Guardian for Seven Hundred Dollars dated 1st June
1822 and payable in
days after date Interest is
to be calculated from the 1st February 1823 — 170 00

One Note on Glover Gaines & Company dated 1st January 1823 for nine hundred and twenty Eight Dollars 97 cents payable on demand with a credit of One Hundred and forty five Dollars & six cents endorsed thereon the 4th January 1823		
amount Carried Forward	$765 91	
	1424 66	
1 Note on Thomas Farmer for forty Dollars dated 23d August 1824 payable two days after date with a credit of twenty four Dollars endorsed thereon	16 00	
One half of a house and Lot in the Town of Jackson in Clark County in the State aforesaid owned in company with Saml B Shirley the half cost the deceased One Thousand Dollars	1000 00	
Twenty Six shares in the Stock of the Town of Demopolis in Marengo County worth One Hundred and Fifty Dollars	150 00	
as Guardian to Benj'a Glover — A Note against N Glover for $115 due about the 1st May 1823 a Note owned on ages B Burlon & Shirley in current coin	115 00	
Marengo August 22nd 1823	$2765 66	

Allen Glover Executor

State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Thomas Kingsford Esqr of the County Court of said County Susan C Norwood the Executrix & Allen Glover the Executor of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Norwood deceased who made oath that the inventory & appraisement made & certified by Mordan G Brown Burkhead Agent and John Gringer three of the persons appointed by the County Court to appraise the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased made by them the 15th & returned certified by them the 15th July 1823 amounting to $9496 69 together with the Second and signed Inventory amounting to $2) 03. 66 contain a full and complete Inventory of the goods and Chattels rights & credits or accruing to the said Nathaniel Norwood who died testate at the time of his death so far as the same have come to our knowledge or suspicion as Executrix & Administrator of the said deceased (Sworn) Susan C Norwood Allen Glover. Sworn and subscribed before me at Marengo this 22nd day 1823 Tho Kingsford

Returned by the above named Executrix and Executor received this 22nd Court 1823 Tho Kingsford Judge County Court.

Order County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden for the County of Marengo on the third monday in June 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge (At this day the following Order was made to wit) This cause is continued till the third monday in July next

Order County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo on the third Monday of July 1825 Present the Hon Thos Kingsford Judge. At this day the following Order was made to wit) Ordered & ordered that all causes and matters continued or depending be continued until the next term of this Court to be held on the third monday of August next. County Court for Orphans business began and held in the County of Marengo on the 3rd monday of August 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge. (At this day the following Order was made to wit) It is ordered by the Court that Allen Glover the Executor of Nathaniel Norwood deceased not having appeared to settle his account for settlement this cause be continued till the next term of this Court.

Order County Court for Orphans business began and held in the County of Marengo on the 3rd monday in September 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Kingsford Judge (At this day the following Order was made to wit) It is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued on motion of Allen Glover

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Order — County Court for Orphans business return day the third monday and sumteenth day of October 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge (At this day the following Order was made to wit) The surviving Executor not attending to swear to his account current this cause is continued until next Court

Order — County Court for Orphans business return day the third monday of November 1825 and 21st day of the same present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge (At this day the following Order was made to wit) It is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued until the next return day

Dr. The Estate of Nathaniel Norwood deceased Cr.

To this amt paid Robertson & Barnewell acct & receipt	4	3	11 25
" " " On Mrs Norwoods Note		3	30 00
" " " Joel Hartly account		4	4 00
" " " C & A Bates account		5	2 00
" " " Allen Glover for sundry Expences in New Orleans monies paid rumored 46 as per a/c & Vouchers		6	249 123
To this sum paid Robertson acct & receipt		7	1 56
" " " paid to Mrs Norwood on sundry accts for the Estate as per account current & Vouchers		8	230 80
" " " paid Taxes on the Estate by Allen Glover for the year 1823 as per the Collectors receipt	3	9	26 84
" " " paid Fluker & Phillips a/c &		10	11 75
" " " paid Solomon Perkins as per acct & receipt		11	3 75
" " " paid Geo Cunningham on a/c as per acct		12	5 00
" " " paid Smith Jones as per acct & receipt		13	1 25
" " " " P Harris as per acct & receipt		14	2 87½
" " " " Do Do Do		15	1 50
" " " " Judge & Clerk Do Ct fees &c as per acct		16	13 81½
" " " " Postage acct as per acct		17	1 56
" " " " Wm B Allen for Printing acct		18	3 37
" " " " For the tract of Land where Mr Norwood lived at the time of his death as per Patent to said Land	3		599 00
To this amount paid Benja Glover in Brown Glovers Note on a/c of money due him by Mr Norwood as his Guardian	3		100 00
To this amount paid Benja Glover on same account on Jno Lockhartys note	3		150 00
" " " " " " " " " " Cunninghams note			170 00
" " " " " " " " " " Glover & Gaines Note			73 37
To this amount paid Benja Glover with my Mr Norwood and the balance due him on final settlement in my note the amount	3		378 38
Amount of Goods purchased in Charleston for family use		19	125 11
To cash paid for Ex & Swearing Section 15 P.M.R.9			100 15
Amount paid Lucas Brown as per acct & receipt		21	13 00
Cash given by Mrs Norwood to Jordan & Mitchell for goods purchased in Blakely	3	21	64 00
Amount paid Murray Ramsey a/c & receipt		22	3 00
" " " Heiny & Liberty Bill receipt		23	25 00
" " " Mrs Chandrons a/c		24	1 00
" " " Solomon Perkins		25	3 63
" " " Thomas Eastin as per receipt		26	15 00
" " " Mrs Norwoods Bill at Greensboro		27	4 00

Oath of Pride Folsh — You Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood swear that the writing which has been admitted to be received as the last will and testament of Nathaniel Norwood deceased contains the true last will of the said Nathaniel Norwood as far as you know or believe and that you will well and truly execute the same as far as the goods chattels and rights and credits of the said Nathaniel Norwood will extend and that you will return a true inventory of all the goods chattels and rights and credits as far as they may come to your knowledge and a true account of your said Administration according to Law so help you God (Signed) Allen Glover Susan Charlotte Norwood Sworn in Open Court before me This 16th June 1823 Thos Ringgold Judge County Court

Account Current with Allen Glover Executor of Nathaniel Norwood Dec'd Cr.

By this amount being the price at which the property of said Estate was appraised	3		$1490 69
By this amount received of Sam'l Ramsay in New Orleans after his paying the physicians Bills Funeral Expences &c of Mr Norwood as per account current & Vouchers (see)	3		735 56
By amount of Crop of Cotton in 1823	3		394 87
By the following Notes on hand at the time of Master Norwoods decease viz. Saml Griggs his Note		$ 211	
Wm Son Glass & Wm Anderson's note		100	
Bruincey & Daughtrys Note (Bad debt)		99 50	
David Fluker's Note		2	
John Lockhartys do		150	
Balance due by Glover & Gaines on their note after a settlement in full of all accounts as per credit on Note	3	783 91	
Balance due on Thomas Farmers note		1800	
Benj Payne's note Balance due		117 79	
Saml B Shields's due Bill		5 00	
Wm Wilsons Note		52 00	
Wm Robertsons "		33 56	
Sunsford Perkins "		61 00	
Receipt for this sum paid for Mr Potts's due by said Potts		32 12½	
			$1691 787

Letters Testamentary — State of Charlotte District Marlborough County Whereas Nathaniel Norwood late of Marlborough County deceased having made and published his last will and testament bearing date the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1823 and appointed Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood executors thereof as by the said will and testament relation being had thereto may more fully appear and whereas the said Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood have applied to me for letters testamentary to issue in favor of them for the sole use of the said Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood and upon the said Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood having taken the oath by law required for the due execution of the said will and testament and whereas the said Allen Glover and Susan Charlotte Norwood have given bond with sufficient security in the sum of Three thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful

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In the Estate of Nathan C Stowers deceased in account current with the Executors thereof

Amount paid into Court by Executors						
" " Cash on hand	No 29	4	68½			
The amount of unadministered property being the share of Nathaniel C Stowers son of the deceased undelivered to his Guardian						
The amount of property disposed of by Mrs Stowers as a part of her share as per schedule 1823						
Received this 16th Nov Richly						
Master Levi Lucy a mare value						$145
Man's horse & side saddle						85
1 feather Bed & furniture 1 Bedstead & Cord						
& one Counterpane						
1 Mahogany Table & one Chest						
Balance of Mrs Stowers sharing of the property retained by Executors						
				4745	34½	
Balance due to the Estate				261	11½	
				13361	93½	

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Witness John Lockhart Esquire Judge of our said Court this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord 1822 and of American Independence the forty seventh year Test William Adams Clerk

Order of Sale — The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court in Vacation Ordered by the Honorable the Judge of the County Court that and order be granted to William Fluker Administrator and Lucy Morrell Administratrix to sell the Estate of Richard Morrell deceased and make due return of the same Entered in Minuty of Court this 8th November 1822 William Adams Clerk

Inventory of R. Morrell Estate taken 8th November 1822

One Barman	@	$ 50	00		
One Sorrel Mare & Colt		65	00		
4 Cows & Calves	@ $15	90	00		
1 Steer		15	00		
1 Small heifer		5	00		
2 Cows & Yearlings	@ 18	36	00		
3 Young Cattle		21	00		
4 head of horses	@ 25	8	00		
1 Saddle & Bridle		100	00		
2 Stacks Fodder & Corn		8	00		
1 Pair Gear		2	00		
2 Plows & Hoes & Stocks		1	00		
3 Cows	@ 18	3	00		
1 Tree & Wedge		2	50		
1 Lot of Tools		5	00		
3 Tanned Leather	@	8	37		
2 Beds & Furniture	@	50	00		
Bed & Furniture		43	00		
1 Coffee Mill		1	00		
3 Saddles		16	00		
Am't carried up					
1 Cow & Calf & large Bell		$ 15	00		
1 Do & Do		13	18¾		
1 Gun & Rifle		16	12½		
1 Tay mark		52	62		
3 Head of Hogs		11	00		
1 Stack Fodder		2	50		
1 Crib of Corn		60	00		
1 Lott of Castings		3	12½		
1 Lot of waiter Vessels		1	50		
6 Chairs		2	00		
1 Table			50		
1 Trunk & Chest		4	00		
1 Shot Gun		10	00		
1 Lott Crockery		3	00		
1 Do Coffee Pots & Smoothing irons		2	12½		
1 Jack Salt		2	12½		
1 Looking Glass		1	12½		
60 lbs Tobacco Stalks & candle moulds		1	43¾		
1 Spinning Wheel		1	50		
1 Lott Rowing & Cotton Cards		1	18¾		
				$	658 75

We the appraisers do certify that the above is a true Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of Richard Morrell deceased Estate to us declared signed the day and date above written (Signed) Joseph Bounds Durham Arent Benj Sheddah Lucy Morrell Admx Wm Fluker Admr

April 9th July — An account of sales of the property of Richard Morrell deceased appraised to an order of the Orphans Court of County of Marengo held at the House of said Richard Morrell deceased Monday 9th Decr 1822

Lucy Morrell	1	pr	gears	$	2	00	
	½		Setzers				
1	hand saw	181	ft	@ 1¾			
1	Side		Leather				
1	Bed & furniture						
1	Counterpane						
	Do						
1	Bed quilt						
1	Blanket						
1	Counterpane & Sheet						
1	Blanket						
1	Do						
1	Bed quilt				1	87½	
2	Yards Linsey				2	00	
1	Side		Leather		1	00	
1	Bed & furniture				26	00	
1	Counterpane				3	37½	
1	Do				2	50	
1	Bed quilt				1	00	
1	Blanket				3	37½	
1	Counterpane & Sheet				2	50	
1	Blanket				1	75	
1	Do				2	62½	
1	Bed quilt				1	00	
1	Blanket				3	37½	
1	Counterpane & Sheet				2	50	
1	Blanket				1	75	
1	Do				2	62½	
1	Heifer				6	00	
1	Cow & Calf & large Bell			$	15	00	
1	Do & Do				13	18¾	
1	Gun & Rifle				16	12½	
1	Tay mark				52	62	
3	Head of Hogs				11	00	
1	Stack Fodder				2	50	
1	Crib of Corn				60	00	
1	Lott of Castings				3	12½	
1	Lot of waiter Vessels				1	50	
6	Chairs				2	00	
1	Table					50	
1	Trunk & Chest				4	00	
1	Shot Gun				10	00	
1	Lott Crockery				3	00	
1	Do Coffee Pots & Smoothing irons				2	12½	
1	Jack Salt				2	12½	
1	Looking Glass				1	12½	
60	lbs Tobacco Stalks & candle moulds				1	43¾	
1	Spinning Wheel				1	50	
1	Lott Rowing & Cotton Cards				1	18¾	

Recd 9th				$	..
William Fluker					..
	do	Sadg Leather		2	75
	To	2 Bunches Cotton		1	18¾
	To	1 Stack fodder		4	25
	To	1 Rifle Gun		10	50
	To	1 Gun Locks		2	50
				21	18¾
9th Recd					
Robert Crasey					
To 1 Cow & Calf				16	62½
" 1 Do & Do				14	00
" 1 improvement & ferry				38	00
				88	62½
9th December					
Leaving Hainesworth					
To 1 Steer				13	00
19th December					
William Blank 1 Steer				6	25
1 Iron wedge & fiddle				2	43¾
				8	68¾
Lucy Morrell Admx					
Wm Fluker Admr					

State of Alabama Marengo County Before me came William Fluker & Lucy Morrell late joint Administrators of all and singular the goods Chattles rights & Credits of Richard Morrell deceased Who being duly Sworn maketh oath and saith that the account of Sales of the personal Estate of the said Richard Morrell deceased dated monday the 9th of December 1822 and to which this Affidavit is attached by me is true & Correct as stated in the Schedule is just & true Sworn to and subscribed at Marengo this 17th of March 1823 before me Wm Fluker

Thos King Gold Judge of County Court aforesaid Lucy Morrell

Resignation — To William Adams Esqr Clerk of the Orphans Court of Marengo County Alabama Sir Hereby notify you that I resign the Office of Administrator of the Estate of Richard Morrell deceased and remain your most obedient Servant Marengo 21st December 1822 Wm Fluker

Order — County Court in Vacation 18th February 1823 Ordered by the Honorable the Judge of the County Court that the kindred & creditors be cited to appear before the said Judge on monday the 17th day of this Instant at the Court House of Marengo County and show cause why Letters of Administration should not issue to the Sheriff or Coroner according to the requisitions of the Laws of this State on the Estate of Richard Morrell deceased

Order — County Court Return day 17th February 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas King Gold Judge Ordered by the Court that the Letters heretofore granted to Lucy Morrell and William Fluker be and the same are hereby revoked in consequence of the resignation of William Fluker and that new Letters of Administration be forthwith issued to said Lucy Morrell upon her giving Mathew Brewer and Mathias Hammond as her securities

Bond — State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Lucy Morrell Mathew Brewer & M Hammond are held and firmly bound unto Thomas King Gold Judge of the County Court of the County of Marengo & State aforesaid and his successors in Office in the penal Sum of Three thousand Dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs Executors or Administrators

firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 17th day of February 1823. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Lucy Worrell Administratrix of all and singular the goods & chattles rights & credits of Richard Worrell deceased Now if she shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such Administratrix then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect (Signed) Lucy Worrell Seal Mathew Brewer Seal Mathias Mt Hammond Seal Witness Geo Cunninghame approved this 17th March February 1823 Tho Ringgold Judge County Court.

Oath — You Lucy Worrell do solemnly swear that Ricard Worrell deceased did without any Lawful will as far as you know or believe and that you will well and truly administer all and singular the goods Chattles Chattles & Credits of the said deceased and return a true inventory thereof as far as may come to your knowledge and a just account of sales & of your Administration as required so help you God (signed) Lucy Worrell. The foregoing oath was taken & subscribed by Lucy Worrell at Marengo the 17th March 1823 before me Tho Ringgold Judge County Court aforesaid

Letters To Lucy Worrell — State of Alabama Marengo County Be it remembered and made known to all whome it may concern that on the application of Lucy Worrell to our said Court we have caused these our Letters of Administration to issue in favor of and for the sole use of the said Lucy Worrell in and upon the goods & chattles rights & credits of Richard Worrell deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said Lucy Worrell is authorised to bring suit and to be sued as the Lawful Administratrix to said Richard Worrell deceased Witness Esquire Chief Justice of said Court the in the year of our Lord 1823 and of American Independence the

Order of Sale — County Court return day 17th February 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Ordered by the Court that Lucy Worrell Administratrix of the Estate of Richard Worrell have an Order of sale to sell a mare & Colt & a Cow a Calf returned in the former Inventory but not sold at the first sale under the Administration of herself & William Fluker

Inventory — A Return of Lucy Worrell Administratrix of Richard Worrell deceased. Those are the notes and accounts on hand at the time of the deceased death trust One Note of hand on John Jordan the date not known the said note is at this time in the hands of Josiah Jones a Justice for collection the amount of said note is forty Dollars $ 41 00

One note on Stephen Betts the date not known it is in the hands of Josiah Jones a justice for collection his receipt I hold dated 11th October 1821 the amount of said note is twenty $ 20 00

Alexander A Donnel Note for fourteen Dollars date not known 14 00

One do on T Nobel two dollars & twenty five cents date not known 2 25

One do on Zeno Phillips Order three dollars fifty cents date not known 3 50

Saml Gordin fifty cents 50

all the above notes & accounts are in the hands of a justice for collection his receipt I hold dated 12th October 1821

One Note of hand on A S Hendrick for twenty dollars dated Septr 16th 1820 & payable thirty days after date 20 00

One do on the same man for twelve dollars dated 18th September 1820 & payable thirty days from the date thereof 12 00

One note of hand on Stephen Crenshaw for five hundred and forty five Dollars due the 1st January 1822 date not known this note is in the hands of A Hammonds for collection I hold his receipt date January 20th 1823 545 00

Also One other note on Lucy Worrell seven forten Dollars due 1st January 1823 date not known 10 00

Also One receipt on Mr Whipple for a Deed of Land lying in Asheville District So Carolina all the above since the statement of the five hundred Dollars note is in the hands of A Hammonds for collection or subject to my order his receipt bearing date as aforesaid

Notes on hand contracted for property sold at the sale of Richard Worrell deceased by Dr William Fluker Administrator & Lucy Worrell Administratrix

One do on Robert Craving James P Hainsworth & John Kirkam for forty four Dollars 62½ cents One do on Levin Hainsworth Robert Craving & James P Hainsworth for thirteen Dollars One do on William H Clark & Jacob Mitchell for eight Dollars all the above notes taken at the sale as aforesaid bear date December 9th 1822 and payable six months from the date thereof One note on Dr William Fluker for six Dollars thirty One & one fourth cents dated 17th March 1823 Amount of money on hand at the time of the deed of Richard Worrell Six hundred and twenty One Dollars 62½ cents One mare & Colt on hand at this time belonging to the Estate and One Cow & Calf Lucy Worrell Administratrix. State of Alabama Marengo County Before me personally came Lucy Worrell Administratrix on the Estate of Richard Worrell deceased and maketh Oath that the foregoing signed schedule contains a full and complete Inventory of the goods chattles rights of and debts due to or accruing to the said Richard Worrell whodied intestate at the time of his death except the articles returned in the former inventory of said Estate returned by Lucy Worrell Administratrix & Wm Fluker Adms so far as has come to my knowledge or profession as Administratrix to the said Richard Worrell deceased. (Signed) Lucy Worrell Administratrix Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th March 1823 Tho Ringgold Judge County Court aforesaid

Supplemental Inventory — A Supplemental return of Lucy Worrell Administratrix to the Estate of Richard Worrell deed as Inventory viz Amount retained in hand for articles purchased by me at the sales of the effects of the said Estate under the former Administration of William Fluker & myself three hundred and thirty seven Dollars six & one fourth cents 337.06¼ not recollected at the time of returning first Inventory as within. State of Alabama Marengo County Personally came before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court aforesaid Lucy Worrell Administratrix to the Estate of Richard Worrell deceased who being duly maketh Oath and saith that the above supplemental return is just & true and all that has come to her recollection & knowledge since the former return (Signed) Lucy Worrell. Sworn & subscribed before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court for Marengo County & State of Alabama at Marengo this 30th April 1823 Tho Ringgold

Order of Sale — County Court return day 17th February 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas

Thomas Ringgold Judge Ordered by the Court that Lucy Morrill Administratrix of the Estate of Richard Morrill have an Order of Sale to sell a mare & Colt & a cow & Calf returned in the former Inventory but not Sold at the first Sale under the Administration of the said William Hucker— Ordered Orphans Court in Vacation 21st February 1823 Ordered by the court that the application of William Hucker late joint Administrator on the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased be heard to settle his Administration thereon the third monday in April next at the Court house that the accounts of the said Administrator with said Estate will then & there be heard and determined on

4/6 Sales— Account of Sales of the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased on 22nd March 1823 pursuant to an order of the Orphans Court of Harford County by Lucy Morrill Administratrix thereon

One small mare sold by Lucy Morrill at fourteen dollars & fifty cents	$ 14	50
One brindle Calf sold by Lemuel Hammond Attorney at fifteen dollars & fifty cents	15	50
One Roan Colt sold by Lucy Morrill at seventeen dollars	17	00
State of Maryland Harford County Before me came Lucy Morrill Administratrix of the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased who being duly sworn maketh oath & sayeth that the account of Sales as above stated of the effects of the said deceased Estate as stated in the said Schedule is just & true (Signed) Lucy Morrill Sworn to and subscribed before me The Ringgold Judge of the County Court of Harford County State of Maryland this 6th April 1823		

Order of continuance— Orphans Court State of Maryland 21st April 1823 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Ordered by the Court that the Settlement of William Hucker late Administrator on the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased with said Estate be continued until the third monday in May next in consequence of the high waters preventing the parties from attending— Orphans Court stated session May 1823 being third monday— Ordered by the court that the account of William Hucker & Lucy Morrill late joint Administrators on the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased having been duly examined by the court and being correctly stated that the settlement & account current be entered of record that all the papers relating thereto be filed in the Clerks office and that William Hucker be discharged from further administering on said Estate and from the penalties of his Bond from and after this time

Order of Settlement with Lucy & Wm Hucker

Dr the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased in account with Wm Hucker & Lucy Morrill Administrators of said Estate Cr as per agreement

1822 Dec 9	To his amount being the amount of property by him purchased by Lucy Morrill joint Administratrix at a monthly credit from the sales of the deceased Chattels & the debts due and retained in their hands	$335	14	December the 9th By his amount being the amount of sales on the 9th of December 1822 of the deceased's Chattels of the said Estate Sold on Courtesy of an Order of the Orphans Court of Maryland County as per account	
1823 May 6	To his amount being Wm Hucker's account against the Estate for				
No 1	medicine & medical services	19	75		
No 2	his amount being Wm Hucker's				

	Kelly account for medicine & medical services rendered	2	37½	of sales returned as entered on the 23rd of March 1823	468 62½
1823 March 6	To these following amounts being notes taken for articles purchased at the sales of the chattels &c of the Estate of the 9th December 1822 payable 6 months after date which were put into the hands of Lucy Morrill the now Administratrix of the said Estate of Richard Morrill deceased & sued against Robert Browning James P Hainsworth & John Kirkham for				468 62½
	1 Note against James P Hainsworth Lewis Hainsworth & Kelly & Robt Browning for	13	00		
	1 Note against William H Clark & Jacob Mitchell for	8	65½		
No 3	To his amount being Doctor Kelly's account for medicine & medical attendance	14	25		
	My note given the Administratrix for this amount	6	00		
May 6	My note given Lucy Morrill the Administratrix for this amount	22	62½		
		468	62½		

Errors Excepted Maryland 6th May 1823 (Signed) Wm Hucker late Admr Lucy Morrill late Admr

Supplemental Inventory— Lucy Morrill Administratrix doing now of the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased hereby makes return of a supplemental Inventory of Money now coming to her hands by the collection of John C Creese for a note collected by the said Morrill Attorney of Robert Hayden mentioned in her former Inventory and the account left blank on account of the receipt being lost (May) 1824 Lucy Morrill Sworn & subscribed before me this 3rd May 1823 The Ringgold

Bond

The State of Maryland Harford County Know all men by these presents that Benjamin Suddeth and are held and firmly bound unto Thos Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County aforesaid Esquire in the sum of three thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Thos Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors & Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 18th March 1823 The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Benjamin Suddeth has been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits that were of the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased as per the said Benjamin Suddeth shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & effect (signed) Benjamin Suddeth (Seal) James Kelly (Seal) Witnesses

Letters to Bd Issued

The State of Maryland Harford County By the Judge of the County Court of said County Whereas Richard Morrill late of Harford County deceased died intestate having while he lived & at the time of his death divers goods chattels & credits within the County aforesaid By reason whereof the full disposition & power of granting the Administration of all & singular

singular the goods chattels rights & credits of the said deceased and also a true & just inventory of the same to the Court aforesaid, days of right belong. Thy desiring that the goods, chattels, & credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do here by grant unto Benjamin Sudduth Administrator de Bonis non full power by this tenor of these presents to Administer the goods chattels rights and debts and credits of said Richard Morrill deceased which belonged unto the said deceased at the time of his death and belong to ask demand sue for and recover and receive the same and to keep the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as he effects will extend according to Law and then the Balance justly to pay over to the legal heirs and distributees of said deceased and the said Benjamin Sudduth having given Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to his just qualification as Administrator do hereby by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents Ordained constituted & appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods chattels rights & credits of said Richard Morrill deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this day of 182

Oath The State of Alabama Marengo County Benjamin Sudduth do solemnly swear that Richard Morrill deceased died intestate without any will as far as I know or believe & that I will well and truly administer on all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of the said deceased and pay all his just debts as far as the same will extend and the Law requires me & that I will make and true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits & a just account thereof make when thereto required so help me God Sworn Benjamin Sudduth & subscribed before me this fifth day of April 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk County Court

Order to file acct County Court for Orphans business began and held in the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof on the third monday of August 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is ordered by the Court that Benjamin Sudduth Administrator of the Estate of Richard Morrill deceased be called to file his account & vouchers for Settlement

Citation State of Alabama Marengo County Court for Orphans business August Term 1825 It is ordered by the Court that Benjamin Sudduth be called Administrator of the Estate of Richard Morrill dec'd be called to file his account & vouchers for settlement on or before the third monday in September next & be cited from the minutes of Court this 29th August 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Return Issued 29th August 1825 Executed 2nd Sept 1825 Benjamin Burton Sheff by his deputy Hatch Dep

Order County Court for Orphans business began and held in the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof on the 3rd monday in September 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Benjamin Sudduth the Administrator of said Estate having this day filed his account & vouchers for settlement It is considered by the Court now here that the 3rd monday of November next be appointed for auditing said account and making final settlement of said Estate & that the Clerk set forth advertisement at Linden & the other public places in the County the said allowance and settlement.

Order of continuance County Court for Orphans business return day the third monday of November 1825 and twenty first day of the same present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge

The Estate of Richard Morrill It is ordered by the Court that on motion of Benjamin Sudduth the Administrator this case be continued until the next term of this Court they not being undisposed & unable to attend to day

Order of continuance County Court for Orphans business return day the third monday and 19th day of December 1825 Present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge The Estate of Richard Morrill It is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued ~~till the next term~~ on account of indisposition of Lucy Morrile Sudduth

Order of Final Settlement County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday and sixteenth day of January 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge The Estate of Richard Morrill The account current of Lucy Sudduth Administratrix and Benjamin Sudduth admr of the Estate of Richard Morrill dec'd rendering to the first amount of the Estate of the said deceased as come to the hands of the administrators at the sum one thousand three hundred and twenty two Dollars fifty seven and a half cents their charges against the said Estate for debts paid necessary expenditures a commission of five per cent as a compensation to the Administrators and the amount of different debts due said Estate making in all the sum of four hundred and twelve Dollars thirty seven and a half cents which being deducted leaves in the hands of the administrator the balance of four hundred and ten dollars twenty & a fourth cents to be distributed among the heirs the same at this day coming on to be heard for allowance and final settlement due notice thereof having been given as directed by Law and the said account as now stated & sworn to having been by the Judge in vacation audited and they stated and the matters & things therein contained & reported to being seen and inspected & fully by the Court now here fully understood and no person appearing to gainsay or contest the settlement thereof It is considered by the Court that the said account be in all things allowed and entered of record It being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said deceased left a widow to wit the said Lucy since married to the said Benjamin Sudduth & three children that are now living to wit James M Morrill William Morrile and Alfred D Morrill they all being minors that the said deceased has now living no other children or descendants of children Whereupon it is considered adjudged ordered and decreed that the same last mentioned sum amount be divided into four equal parts and distributed as follows to wit One fourth part amounting to the sum of three hundred and fifty two Dollars and fifty three cents to the widow of the said deceased which may be retained by the said Benjamin the husband of the said Lucy to James M Morrill to be paid over to his Guardian One fourth part amounting to three hundred and fifty two Dollars & fifty two cents One fourth part being the sum of three hundred and fifty two Dollars and fifty two cents to William Morrile to be paid over to said as counted for by his Guardian and the remaining one fourth being the sum of three hundred and fifty two Dollars and fifty two cents to Alfred D Morrill to be paid over to his Guardian And that upon the payment of the said several sums by the said Administrator as above directed the said Benjamin & Lucy be discharged from further administering the said Estate and that they & the securities their Bond be thence discharged & released

Ref. to annex Dr The Estate of Richard Morrill dec'd in account current with Lucy Morrill Administratrix since married to Benjamin Sudduth and with Benjamin

Benjamin Sudduth abo Administrator of the said deced

No 1	To amount paid William Fluker Medicine & attendance	$	19	95	By amount of Sales of the personal Estate as per Sales return'd the 23 of Sales return'd the 23		
" 2	" amount paid Fluker & Kelly 33		2	37½			
" 3	" amount paid James Kelly		14	25	Mar 1823	468	62½
" 4	" am't paid Jo C Curtis		2	12½	By amount of Sales of the 22d		
" 5	" am't paid James Kelly		24	12½	March 1823 of the remainings		
" 6	" paid J. M. Cleveland servant hired		9	12½	Goods & chattles as sale tax	45	00
" 7	" paid J Youngs Order in favor of Wm H C Clark for making Coffin for said Child		9	00	By amount of ready money on Hand at the death of the dec'd See Supplemental Inv't	121	62½
" 8	" paid Fluker & Kelly for medicine and attendance		31	87½	By the amount of money of J. G. Enoch as to collected from R. G. Hayden per return	73	00
" 9	" they amount of sundrie cost for corn Bacon Dry Coffee & Sugar for the joint support of the Administratrix & Children of said		123	12½	By amount of notes & accts stated on the first page of Supplemental Inventory	112	25
" 10	" this amount pass'd out for boarding expenses in South Carolina by the said Sudduth is correct & receive money due the Estate this 4th				By the amount received of A. Hammond being the amount collected by him on the note sent in to his hand		
" 11	" Expenses of Court paid Coleman the same is recd & Bill		15	12½	as administ Stephen Crenshaw		
" 12	" The following notes &c in supplemental Inventory not collected & considered insolvent viz		40	00	the note returned in supplemental Inventory	574	00
	1 Note on Wm Gordon	40 00			By the note in supplemental Inventory on Lucy Merrill sen't		
	1 " Alex'r H Connell	14 00			also sent into the hands of A. Hammond not collected	16	00
	One on C & G Hendricks	20 00			By amount of interest collected		
	One in the same	12 00			and received	18	34
	One on Lucy Merrill sen't 96	100 00	96	00	By the amount received for		
" 13	" amount paid Gordon for tuition bill		3	00	for negroes due the dec'd not returned in the Inventory	6	75
" 14	" note & Hammond for collecting estate 5 per cent commissions to the Administrators and him as a compensation for their services & trouble in the amount $1926 00		91	30	By 22 acres of Land in Attenville District South Carolina in the possession of Lucy Merrill the mother of the deceased she holding a life Estate therein the fee of the rights in the hands and possession of the Administrators		
	Nett balance in the hands of the admin'r to be distributed among the heirs		1411	20½			
		$	1939	57½		$ 1932	57½
	Errors & exceptes January the 13th 1826				By nett balances in the hands of the Admin'r per Contra	1411	20½
	Benjamin Sudduth						
	Lucy Sudduth						

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of the said County Lucy Sudduth widow of Richard Merrill deceased & Benjamin Sudduth who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that their within account current and said Estate contains a just full and true account of the sales of the deceased's estate & of the same that has come to their possession or knowledge that the

distributed among them charged and that the said account current as stated is just & true according to the best of information knowledge & belief. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of January 1826 Sha Ringgold [seal]

Estate of Enoch Bailey Vide Folio 54

Cr The Estate of Enoch Bailey in account with Sarah Bailey now the wife of Thomas P. King and Garrison Anderson Admrs

No	To				By		
1	paid Joseph Cates	7	84		By the amount of Sales 25th Decr 1825		
2	paid John Tennard	28	50		See sale bill of that date	441	25
3	paid James M Gazon	10	18¾		By this amount paid mush Elliss	32	13¾
4	paid Jesse Lanier	43	03		by clerks certificate		
5	paid Peter Kelly	35	06		By interest received	6	37½
6	paid this amount Tax	"	75¼		amount of interest charged	479	76
7	paid printer for B. M. Allen	3	50		a note of hand on Jas Adolston		
9	paid Ephraim Cates	14	22		due 1st Jany 1826 for	350	
10	paid Isaac M Perkins	11	67		note on Pettibone due 25th		
11	paid William Lancaster	6	50		Decr 1825 for	3 60	
12	paid Burrel Berryman	12	37½		Cash on hand at decease	3 70	
13	paid Zachias Green	10	00		by this amount of interest received on		
14	This amount to W. J. Alston	4	05		small acct C	3 13¾	44 53¾
15	amount of cost pr bloks Bill	188	17½		1828 May 5 By balance on hand of	524	29¾
	to amount of a note on Benton Moore Alder Moore & Jas Causby due 24th Sept 1826 in suit	31	68¾		Admrs in money	233 29½	
		81			against Benton Moore Alder Moore & Jas Causby due 24th Sept 1826 for $ 40 in suit in circuit Court Mr J. Alderson	314	29¾
	To balances due from Admrs	233	43¾				
	Errors excepted Garrison Anderson Admrs	$ 521	29¾				

May 5th 1828

The State of Alabama Marengo County Before me Thomas Ringgold a Judge of the County Court the within named Garrison Anderson One of the Administrators of E Bailey dec'd Who being duly sworn maketh oath that the within account current is a full true and faithful exhibit and account current of the said Estate to the best of his knowledge and belief. May 5th 1828

attest T King [seal] J.C.C.

State of Alabama Marengo County Personally came before us Daniel F Fitch & Samuel Milson two Justices of the Peace in and for said County Sarah King formerly the wife of Enoch Bailey One of the Administrators of the said Enoch Bailey deceased Who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the within account current is a full true & [illegible] exhibit and account current of the said Estate to the best of her knowledge and belief Sept 17th 1829 (Signed) Sarah her X mark King attest Daniel F Fitch [seal] Samuel Milson [seal]

The Estate of John A Peniers } Bond - State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Basil Meslier and Pithin Barnes & Adolphus Balre are held and firmly bound unto Shelby Corzine Judge of the County Court in the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for the payment of which we do bind ourselves jointly & severally firmly by these presents Witness Our hands and Seals December 7th 1821 The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound B Meslier shall well and truly administer all and singular the things belonging to the Estate of John A Peniers deceased and do all & every thing in and about the Estate that an administrator ought according to Law to do then the above obligation to be null and void Otherwise to remain in full force and effect (signed) Basil Meslier (Seal) Pithin Barnes (Seal) A Balre (Seal)

Letters - State of Alabama Marengo County Granted in Vacation December 7th 1821 Be it remembered and made known to all whome it may concern that On the application of Basil Meslier Esquire to our said Court we have caused these our letters testamentary or Administratary to issue in favor of and for the sole use of said B Meslier Esqr in & upon the goods and chattels rights and credits of John A Peniers deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said B Meslier is authorized to bring suit and be sued as the Lawful administrator to said John A Peniers deceased Witness Shelby Corzine Judge of the County Court 7th December 1821 and of American Independence the forty sixth year attest William Adams C C C. State of Alabama Marengo County

Order - County Court Orphans business return day being the third monday of January 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cuninghame clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff. At this day the following Order was made (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that Basil Meslier Administrator of John A Penier deceased be cited to return Inventory and Sale list as administrator of said Estate On or before the third monday of February next

Summons - The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court January Term 1825 It is Ordered by the Court that Basil Meslier administrator of John A Peniers deed be cited to return Inventory & Sale list as administrator of said Estate On or before the third monday of February next Geo Cuninghame clerk

Return - Received in office 28th Janry 1825 Executed 10th Feby 1825 Thomas Adams for D R Malone D S Sheriff

Order - County Court for Orphans business return day being 3rd monday of February 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cuninghame clerk & Thomas Adams Shff by his deputy D R Malone At this day the following Order was made (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that B Meslier Administrator of the Estate of John A Peniers be allowed untill the third monday of March next to return Inventory of the effects of the said deceased

Order - County Court for Orphans business held the 3rd monday of March 1825 present Thomas Ringgold Judge Geo Cuninghame & no est the following Order was made (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that B Meslier Administrator of John A Peniers deceased be cited to

to appear On the 3rd monday of april next to shew cause why an attachment against him for not producing the Inventory of said deceased estate as he has heretofore been required so to do

Alias Citation - The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans business March Term 1825 It is Ordered by the Court that Basil Meslier administrator of John A Peniers deceased be cited to appear on the third monday of May next to shew cause why an attachment should not issue against him for not producing the Inventory of said deceased Estate as he has heretofore been required to do Extracted from the minutes of Court this 21st March 1825 Geo Cuninghame clerk

Return - Recd in office 26th March 1825 Executed the 25th april 1825 Thomas Adams D Sheriff by his deputy D R Malone

Order - County Court for Orphans business april 3rd monday 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was made to wit Ordered by the Court that this case be continued

Order - County Court for orphans business began and held at Linden the County of Marengo On the 3rd monday in June 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was made (to wit) Basil Meslier Administrator having filed his account current for allowance Ordered that the third monday in August next be fixed for hearing & allowing the same and that the Clerk give notice by advertisment at the Court House of Marengo County and at two other publick places to all persons interested to appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Order - County Court for Orphans business begun and held in the County of Marengo On the 3rd monday of August 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was passed to wit It is Ordered by the Court that Basil Meslier Administrator of the Estate of John A Peniers not having appeared to file his vouchers & account current this case be continued & that citation issue to the said Basil Meslier to appear at the next Term of this court and file his vouchers accordingly.

Citation - State of Alabama Marengo County Court for Orphans business august Term 1825 To Basil Meslier Administrator of the Estate of John A Penier deed You are hereby cited ~~to appear~~ & required to attend at a Court to be held at Linden On the third monday of September next and file your vouchers and account current for settlement as Administrator aforesaid Extracted from the minutes of Court this 22nd August 1825 Geo Cuninghame clerk.

Return - Received in office 29th of August 1825 Executed the 1st Sept 1825 Benjamin Barton Shff by his deputy Hatch Dent

Order - County Court for Orphans business began and held in the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof On the 3rd monday of September 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was made (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that this case be continued untill the next term

Order - County Court for Orphans business return day the third monday and the seventeenth day of October 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following order was made (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court this case be continued and time extended untile next term to file vouchers

Continuance - County Court for Orphans business return day the third

monday of November 1825 and twenty first day of the same present the Honord the Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following order was paped (to wit) It is Ordered by the Court that the third monday in January next be appointed for settlement of account by said Administrator and that the Clerk give forty days notice by advertisment at the Courts House and three other publick places in the County of the time & place there of

Order — County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday and sixteenth day of January 1826 at this day the following Order was paped to wit the administrator in this case not having sworn to his account current or filed any evidences of his claim against said Estate It is considered by the Court that this cause be continued till the next Term

Order — At a County Court for Orphans business began and held for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof on the third monday of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty six and of American Independence the fiftieth year present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge at this day the following Order was made to wit It is Ordered by the Court that Citation issue to Basil Mesher administrator of the Estate of John A Peniers to file evidence of his claim against the Estate of said intestate on or before the third monday in april next or the same will not be allowed him

Continuance — County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday of april 17th day of the month present the Honl Thomas Ringgold Judge 1826 at this day the following Orderwas made to wit It is Ordered by the Court that Basil Mesher Administrator of the Estate of John A Peniers be allowed until the third monday of July next to furnish further evidence of his account against said deceased Estate

Continuance — County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday and 17th day of July 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge at this day the following Order was passed to wit It is considered by the Court that this cause be continued that the administrator have until the third monday in august to file the evidences of his claim against the said Estate

Order — County Courts for Orphans business return day being the third monday & 18th day of September A.D. 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was made to wit The time for the ~~continuance~~ administrator be in this case to file evidence of his claims against the estate is extended and this cause continued until the next Term of the Court.

Order — County Court for Orphans business return day being the third Monday and Seventh day of October A.D. 1826 present the Honble Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day the following Order was passed to wit On application of the Administrator for further time to ~~file the papers of the said deceased~~ produce & file evidence of his claim It is Ordered that the time for doing the same be extended until the third monday in December and that the cause be continued until that

Appraisement — State of Alabama Marengo County We the undersigned appraisers having been duly appointed by the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of Marengo County do hereby certify that the property of John Augustine Peniers deceased consisting of the following items viz

One frame house in the Town of Demopolis estimated at	$150
3 Appropriated shares in the company of said Town	75
480 acres of land in the fornoth fronts with improvement situated Section 32 Township 19 Range 4	50
Total	275

is worth in our estimation the annexed sum of money of two hundred and seventy five dollars Given under our hands and seal at the Town of Demopolis this 10th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1822

Attest Basil Mesher & Barnet Mc Bolles

I hereby certify that the subscribed appraisers have been duly sworn before me before entering in the discharge of their duty Demopolis 10th December 1822 Basil Mesher JP Ala

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Marengo County Basil Mesher Administrator of John Augustine Peniers deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the foregoing written Schedule or Inventory contains a full and true account and Inventory of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of the said deceased so far as the same has come to his knowledge & possession Sworn & subscribed before me this 20th June 1825 Thomas Ringgold [illegible] 166

Dr ~~The Estate of John A Peniers deceased in account current with~~ B Mesher Administrator of the Estate of

To the Estate of John A Peniers deceased in account current with B Mesher Administrator &c							
1822. To 3	To this amount paid Colfarmers fees per receipt	15	00	1822	By Sales of 320 acres of land the Remainder sold at 12 months credit for the		
4	paid Julius Chandron per receipt	20	00				
5	amount paid Hunter per receipt	20	00				
6	amount paid Dr Benton per affidavit	6	50			380	00
7	amount paid Mc Kidaged debt from deceased to him	320	00		time of Sale of one house & lot in the Town of Demopolis and six shares of the Stock of said Town com-		
8	amount paid Dr Brasier per receipt	50	00				
9	amount paid as due from deceased to B. Mesher the Administrator	300	00		pany	300	00
10	Clerks Bill of fees in which Administrator commissions & amount of sales $1475 at 1½ per cent a compensation to Admr	21	90		Rent of said House & Lot	125	00
		55	75	Dec 1826	By balance remaining in the hands of Basil Mesher Admr for distribution to the heirs by decree	1475	00
	Balance remaining in the hands of the Administrator unexpended	466	85				
		1473	00			1466	85

executed to the State of Alabama

Interest to be computed thereon from time the same shall become due say from December 1825

Audited and restated December 1826 T Ringgold Judge &c &c

Final settlement — The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court return the 3rd monday of December 1826 The accounts current and vouchers of Basil Mesher Administrator of John A Penier deceased having been filed for allowance and settlement at the return day of this Court the 3rd monday of August 1825 due notice thereof having been given as directed by Law and the same

final hearing thereof having been continued from time to time untill the present return day to allow the Administrator full opportunity to fily sufficient evidence of his claims & charges against the said Estate and the said account and the matters therein contained at this day coming On for final hearing and the same with the matter and things therein being seen and inspected and by the Court here fully understood It is considered by the Court that the said account as Estated by said Administrator shewing a balance of One hundred and forty six Dollars and twenty five cents in the hands of the Administrator for the want of sufficient evidence in support of part of the charges as well as the unlawful charge of interest on a claim not liquidated cannot and ought not to be allowed The Judge in vacation having audited & restated the accounts of the said Administrator Which set forth & shew a nett balance in the hands of the said Administrator of four hundred and sixty six dollars and eighty five cents and the same as restated at this day not being gainsayed but the Administrator and all others interested wholly making default to appear It is considered by the Court that the said account as restated setting forth the said sum of four hundred and sixty six dollars and eighty five cents in the hands of the said Administrator the same bearing interest from December 1823 be in all things allowed and entered of record as a settlement and liquidation of the accounts of the said Administrator

The 16 Estate of James Barfield } Bond: State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Lewis Barfield & Cunninghame and Thomas Adams of the County & State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto John Lockhart Esquire Judge of the County Court of Marengo County & State aforesaid and his successors in office in the sum of three hundred dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves Our heirs & Executors firmly by these presents Given under our hands and seals this 7th day of October 1822 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Lewis Barfield has been duly appointed Administrator On the Estate of James Barfield deceased Now if the said Lewis Barfield shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void Otherwise to remain in full Force (Signed) Lewis Barfield (seal) Geo Cunninghame (seal) Thomas Adams (seal)

Letters: State of Alabama Marengo County Be it remembered and made known to all whome it may concern that On the application of Lewis Barfield to our said Court we have caused these our Letters of Administration to issue in favor of and for the sole use of the said Lewis Barfield all and upon the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Barfield deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said Lewis Barfield is authorized to bring suit & to be sued as the Lawful Administrator of said James Barfield deceased Witness John Lockhart Esquire Chief Justice of the said Court the 7th day of October in the year of our Lord 1822 and the year of the American Independence the attest William Adams

Appraisers: County Court vacation time Ordered by the Court that Alfred Moore Lodwick Moore and Archibald Moore be appointed appraisers of the Estate of James Barfield deceased and make due return upon their Oaths this 7th October 1822 John Lockhart J.C.C.M.C.

Inventory: State of Alabama Marengo County In obedience to an Order of the Court issued from the Honorable the Judge of the Court aforesaid Ordered that Alfred Moore Lodwick Moore & Archibald Moore are appointed a committee to appraise the Estate of James Barfield deceased and proceeded to execute the business in the following manner to wit

Cotton at 2 dols 50 cts per hund	$ 2	50	1 decanter 3 black Bottles	$ 2	06¼
corn at fifty cents per bushel		50	7 Chairs 1 wheel 2 pr cards thin trunk	10	62½
1 Sorrel Horse at	75	00	5 knives & forks 6 table spoons at	1	50
1 mans Saddle at	6	00	3 earthen dishes 1 bowl 1 pitcher	5	62½
1 Ladies do at	12	00	2 Glass salt sellars 1 doz plates	3	12½
6 Head of hogs at 4.50 per head	27	00	1 Sugar dish 1 tea pot 1 sete cups & saucers	3	25
6 Reading Books at	4	00	1 tumble 1 cloths brush 1 case razors	3	50
1 Blank do at	1	75	1 Shaving Box 1 shoe knife awl & stock	1	50
2 Beds & furniture at	80	00	1 gimblet 1 raw hide 1 pair saddle bags	3	12½
1 weeding hoe ax & mattock at	6	25	1 flat iron 1 clock real 1 wire sieve	3	25
1 plough 1 pair gear & 2 Bridle at	[illegible]	12½	1 Bell 1 pepper Box	2	12½
2 pots 1 spider 2 pails 1 piggin 1 wash tub	5	50	2 Basons pewter dish		75
1 fat Tub 1 churn 2 pair pot hooks	3	00	Lodk Moore		
1 Trunk 1 scale & dividers 2 baskets	4	00	Alfred Moore		
			Archabald Moore		

State of Alabama Marengo County I do hereby certify that the aforesaid appraisers were duly sworn by me to make the above Inventory Given under my hand and seal of office this 25th Oct 1822
John Jackson [JP]

Order of Sale — State of Alabama Marengo County County Court in Vacation 28th October 1823 Ordered by the Judge of the County Court that Lewis Barfield Administrator of the Estate of James Barfield deceased have an Order to sell the Estate of said deceased and make due return accordingly — John Lockhart J C C M C

Sale List — A List of property sold at the Sale of James Barfield dec'd this 2nd day Nov 1822

Lewis Barfield	1350 lb Seed Cotton @ 225	$ 30	37½
do do	473 do do do	10	62
Benton Moore	1 Mans Saddle	6	50
Alfred Barfield	1 Horse & Bridle	102	00
Alexander Moore	2 Baskets 75 1 plough $4	4	75
John Bishop	1 Axe	3	50
John Anderson	1 Mattock	2	75
Lewis Anderson	1 Reading Hoe	1	56¼
John O Farmer	1 Sieve	1	50
Wm Bishop	1 Flat Iron	1	37½
Garrison Anderson	1 Spider	2	81¼
Benton Moore	1 Pot & Hooks	1	25
Henry Barfield	1 Pot	3	00
Lewis Barfield	1 Pail 56¼ 1 Book 100 cts	1	56¼
Joseph Gates	1 Pail 56¼ 1 Tub 125 cts	1	81¼
Lewis Barfield	1 Piggin 37½ 1 Scale & dividers 75	2	25
Edward B Barfield	1 Churn	"	56¼
Rebecca Barfield	1 Reel 56¼ 1 pair Cards 62½	"	62½
Alexander Moore	1 pr Cotton Cards	"	43¾
Joseph Gates	1 pr Plough Gears	3	00
Robert Moore	1 Chain 56¼ 1 pr Saddle Bags 500	1	56¼
Lewis Barfield	1 Blank Book	0	87½
Archibald Moore	3 Books 162½ 1 Do 6 75	8	37½
do	1 Sow $10 1 do $6	12	00
Rebecca Barfield	2 Beds 50 ea 1 Do Trunk 375	1	06¼
do Barfield	1 Case Razors & Brush	4	00
Hubbard Charles	1 Hide 225 1 lot Pewter 125	3	50
Garrison Anderson	6 Chairs	6	56¼
John Bishop	1 Side Saddle	14	50
do do	3 Black Bottles		25
Marcus D Moore	1 Decanter	0	00
Rebecca Barfield	1 Lot Crockery 3 Trunks	3	00
do do	2 Beds & Furniture	40	00
do do	3 Hogs $35 40 Bushels corn	15	00
Sanderson Smith	1 Chop Knife and 2 Hatchets	"	50
Lewis Barfield	1 Bell 335 1 Ox Yoke 1	4	50
Alfred Moore	1 Tub	1	00
Lewis Barfield	25 Bushels Corn @ 1 06¼ pr bushel	26	56¼
do do	do do do do	26	56¼
do do	3 do do @ 1	3	00
Henry Barfield	1 Fodder Stack	3	00

State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court of said County Lewis Barfield administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights & credits of James Barfield deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the foregoing schedule is a just & true account of sales of the personal Estate of the said deceased (Signed) Lewis Barfield. Sworn & subscribed before me Marengo this 27th October 1823 Tho Ringgold Judge Cty Ct

The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Ordinary Business return day being the third monday in January 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Ord'd & Ordered by the Court that Lewis Barfield Administrator of James Barfield dec'd be cited & return his account current and Administration aforesaid On or before the third monday of February next

Summons — The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court January Term 1825 It is Ordered by the Court that Lewis Barfield Administrator of James Barfield deceased be cited & return his account current as administrator aforesaid On or before the Thirdmonday of February next Extract from the minutes of Court this 28th January A.D. 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Return — Rec'd in office 28th January 1825 Not'd & Issued this 18th Feb 1825 Thomas Peaster Sheriff by his deputy C R Malone

Order — County Court for Ordinary Business April 3rd monday 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It Ordered by the Court that the alias Attachment in this case be continued till the third monday in May next

Continuance — County Court for Ordinary Business return day being the third monday and 19th day of December 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge The Administrator in this case not appearing the further to his account It is Ordered by the Court that this cause be continued until the next Term

Continuance — County Court for Ordinary Business to return day being the third monday and fourth day of January 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge The Administrator in this case having made default to appear and pursue to his account current this cause is continued until the next Term

Account — Estate of James Barfield dec'd in account Current with Lewis Barfield Admr

1823 Jany 6	To Amount paid J & P Perkins	39	25	By Amount of Sales as per List	364 14
"	" amount paid Dr Cunningham	7	87½		
"	" amount paid Archibald Moore	3	37		
"	" amt paid Lewis Anderson	2	83		
"	" amt paid Celia Lacy	11	96		
"	" amt paid Eli Langston	2	00		
"	" amt paid Frances Daughtry	120	00		
"	" amt paid Coroners Court attending Administration	3	25		
"	" amt paid Frances Daughtry	3	00		364 14
	for Calvin Anderson's Receipt	3	00	By Balance	135 91
	Amt paid J & P Perkins for 5			On hand for distribution	3
	Was cam to Brick for winding Clock	3	75	By this Sum since received from	3
	Clerks Bill & fee	20	12½	of Patrick Lands imposed by decree	35 00
	Amount carried in on 364 14				
	Commissions to Admr	18	20	Nett Balance on hand	155 91
	Balance on hand	155	91		

Errors Excepted Lewis Barfield Admr

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of the said County the above named Lewis Barfield Administrator of the Estate of James Barfield deceased who being duly sworn deposeth saith that the above account Current contains a just true and full account of the whole value of the Estate of the said deceased that the disbursements therein charged are the said account Current as stated true and due to the best of his information knowledge & belief In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 25th day of February 1826 A D 1826

Thomas Ringgold [seal]

Final Settlement At a County Court for Orphans business began and held for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof On the third Monday of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty six and of American Independence the Fiftieth Year present The Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the account current of Lewis Barfield Administrator of the Estate of James Barfield deceased stating for the Disposement of the said Estate as come to the hands of the said Administrator at the sum of three hundred and nine ty nine dollars One hundred cents by this charge credit by sundry necessary expenditure and a commission of five per cent as a compensation to the administrator amounting to the sum of two hundred and forty dollars and one half cents Which being deducted leaves in the hands of the said Administrator the sum of one hundred and fifty two dollars ninety One cents for distribution and the same this day coming on to be heard for allowance and final settlement thereof Whereupon having been given due notice pursuant to the act of assembly in such case made and provided and no person appearing to gainsay & contest the allowance thereof the said account as rendered stated and sworn to together with the matters and things therein contained and referred to having been seen inspected and examined and being by the Court duly understood It is considered that the said account be in all things allowed and entered of Record It being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said James Barfield died at the time of his death and hath now living the following Kindred entitled to share in his Estate to wit Rebecca Barfield since married to Richard Garner and three children to wit John Henry Barfield a son Sally Jemima Barfield a daughter and David Lewis Barfield a son all minors under the age of fourteen years Whereupon it is considered by the court that the aforesaid ninety two dollars ninety one cents Balance in the hands of the Administrator be divided into four equal distributive shares and distributed and paid over to said Rebecca Garner & the said Richard Garner the husband of the said Rebecca Widow as aforesaid the sum of thirty nine dollars seventy two & three fourth cents to each of the aforesaid Children of the said deceased to wit the aforesaid John Sally and David Barfield the sum of thirty nine dollars ninety two & three fourth cents

to be paid over to their respective Guardians and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that there remains no other property of the said Estate to be administered It is therefore considered that the said Administrator be discharged from further administering the said Estate and upon the settlement and payment of the aforesaid sums of money as above directed to be distributed the said Administrator and his securities in his Bond for his said administration be discharged and go hence without day.

The Estate of James Barfield

Order County Court for Orphans business return day Lindsay the third Monday and nineteenth day of February 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge Abraham Lindsay Esqr appeared in open Court and made application for Letters of administration on the Estate of James Barfield deceased It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Citation issue to Lorian Potts Elizabeth Moore wife of Wright Moore and Matilda Garner heirs of said deceased to be and appear at the next Term of this Court to be held On the third Monday of March next and show cause if any they have Why Letters of Administration should not issue to the said Abraham Lindsay.

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court Orphans business February Term 1827 To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby Commanded to summon Lorian Potts Elizabeth Moore wife of Wright Moore and Matilda Garner to be and appear at a County Court for Orphans business to be held at Linden on the third Monday of March next to show cause if any they have why Letters of Administration should not issue to Abraham Lindsay Esq of the Estate of James Barfield deceased herein fail not and have you then there this writ Witness George Cunningham Clerk of our said Court & office this 21st day of February 1827 Geo Cunningham clerk

Return Rec'd the 26th Feb 1827 Executed On Elizabeth Moore & Matilda Garner March 3rd 1827 73 Barton Shff

Letters Entered Coinsby Court for Orphans business return day being the third Monday and nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the kindred of the said James Barner deceased have been notified by Citation and otherwise of the application of the said Abraham Lindsay for Letters of Administration On the Estate of said deceased and Martha Lindsay wife of the said Abraham and widow of the said deceased having appeared in Court and waved her right of Administration in favor of the said Abraham It is therefore considered by the Court that Letters of Administration do issue to the said Abraham Lindsay On all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of the said James Barner upon his entering into Bond and Security in the sum of twenty five hundred Dollars and qualifying On or before the next term of this Court

Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Abraham Lindsay and John Shaun and William Crain are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of two thousand five hundred Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns jointly severally firmly by these presents Sealed with Our seals & dated this 27th day of March A D 1827 The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Abraham Lindsay has been duly appointed Administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Barner deceased Now if the said Abraham Lindsay shall well & truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void Otherwise to remain in full force and effect (signed) Abram Lindsay [Seal] John Shaun [Seal] Judge & mailed & Delivered sealed and acknowledged in my presence Geo Cushing named Clerk County Court Marengo County Alabama

Order At a County Court for Orphans Business began and holden for the County of Marengo on the third monday and sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven being the return day present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the Administrator having filed his bond with John Shaun and William Crain as securities thereon which is approved by the Court and the said Abraham Lindsay may take the Oath prescribed by law as the Administrator of James Barner deceased before the Clerk on or before the next term of the Court when it is Ordered by the Court that John Shaun Lewis Anderson John Garner Richard Bonds and Garrison Stephens be appointed appraisers of said Estate and they or a majority of them make due return of the same according to law

Letters Estate of Alabama Marengo County Be it remembered

It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued until the next term of this Court to wit on the first monday of August next

At a County Court held and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business on the first monday in August in the year of Our Lord 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day to wit 5th August 1829 the account current of Abm Lindsay Admr of the Estate of James Barner dec'd is presented for settlement and M. Tibbs of the legal Heirs & representatives of said Estate by his attorney appears & excepts to certain charges contained in said account Whereupon on motion of the said Admr it is ordered by the Court that the further consideration of this cause be continued until Saturday next the 8th Instant

Dr the Estate of James Barner deceased in account current with Abraham Lindsay the admr Cr

1827				1829			
April 1	To this amount paid Dr Good for medical services to negro woman Nancy No 1	3	38	Sept 25th	By amount of sales of personal property sold on a credit until the 25th day of September 1828 a act sales filed		1375 00
	to this amount paid M Childs for taxes on negro No 2	3	2 12				
	to this sum attorney fees for counsel & advice &c	3	10 00				
	to clerks Bill of fees of court	3	17 50		By balance in hands of the Administrator in notes with security taken for sales of personal property bearing interest from the 25th September 1828 to be divided among the heirs to wit Martha wife of the Administrator & widow of the deceased Ezekiel Moore who hath intermarried with Matilda Barner a daughter of dec'd Kindred Tibbs who hath intermarried with Lucian Barner another daughter of dec'd Wright Moore who hath intermarried with Elizabeth Barner another daughter of deceased William Lindsay who hath intermarried with Rhoda Barner another daughter of deceased Samuel Barner and Benton Barner sons of deceased and minors August 8th 1829 The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans business Saturday the 8th day of August 1829 At this day came Abraham Lindsay the Administrator of the Estate of James Barner deceased and Kindred Tibbs one of the heirs by his attorney and the account current of the said Administrator being filed for allowance and final settlement due notice thereof having been given as required by Law the hearing allowance and settlement thereof having been continued until the present day and the same together with the matters & things therein contained being inspected and by the Court considered It is considered and adjudged that the said account as now restated by the judge stating forth the nett sum of two hundred and forty nine dollars 18¾ in notes with security due the 25th of September 1828 and on interest from that time now in the hands of the said Administrator for division and distribution among the heirs be in all things allowed and entered as a settlement final and liquidation of all the Estate of the said James Barner deceased that has come to the knowledge and possession of the said Abraham Lindsay his Administrator And it is ordered							
		1375	00			1375	00
1829 Aug 3d	To commissions on $1375 and sales at 5 per cent	68	75				
	To balance remaining in hands of Administrator in notes for sales of property bearing interest from 25th Sept 1828	1269	18¾			1269	18¾
		1375	00				

appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said deceased left a widow and six children who are now living to wit Martha the widow of the deceased and now the wife of the Administrator Matilda a daughter of the deceased and now the wife of the Ezekiel Moore Lurian another daughter who is now the wife of Kindrell Tibbs Elizabeth another daughter who is now the wife Wright Moore Rhoda ~~Varner~~ another daughter who is now the wife of William Lindsay Samuel Varner and Benton Varner sons of said deceased and minors Wherefore it is considered adjudged & decreed by the Court that the aforesaid nett sum of twelve hundred and sixty nine dollars 18¾ together with the remaining interest thereon be distributed paid over and accounted for by the said Administrator in manner following viz that the said Administrator being the husband of the widow of said deceased retain to his own use one fifth part of sett nett being equal to two hundred and fifty three dollars 83¾ cents that he pay over to the said Ezekiel Moore Kindrel Tibbs Wright Moore and William Lindsay the husbands of the said daughters to each the sum of One hundred & sixty nine dollars twenty two and a half cents that he pay over to the Guardian of the said Samuel Varner and Benton Varner for each the sum of One hundred and sixty nine dollars twenty two and a half cents with Interest On said sums from the 25th day of September 1828 T Ringgold presiding Judge

and made known to all whome it may concern that on the application of Abraham Lindsay to our said Court we have caused these our letters of Administration to issue in favor of and for the sole use of the said Abraham Lindsay in & upon the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Varner deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said Abraham Lindsay is authorized to sue and be sued as the lawful Administrator of said James Varner deceased Witness George Cunninghame clerk of our said Court at Office this 21st day of May A D 1827 and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty first

Geo Cunninghame clerk

Order: At a County Court ~~begun~~ for Orphans business began & held at Linden On the third monday of May and 21st day of said month 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge being return day at this day came the said Abraham Lindsay and in Open Court took the oath prescribed by law as Administrator of the Estate of James Varner deceased it is considered by the Court that Letters of administration do issue accordingly And it is also further Ordered that John Spann Lewis Anderson John Varner Richard Bonds & Garrison Stephens be appointed appraisers of the Estate of said deceased & that they make due return of the same according to Law

Inventory: State of Alabama Marengo County We the undersigned being appointed by the worshipful County Court of Marengo County to appraise the Estate of James Varner deceased have met for said purpose at the house of Abrah Lindsay and have valued the following negroes (they being the Only remaining property belonging to said Estate) as follows viz

Nancy	to	$410.00
Ben	ditto	250.00
Isom	"	250.00
Peter	"	150.00
Abram Lindsay	ad	$1050.00

Given under our hands this 30th day of June 1827 John Shaw Lewis Anderson Garrison Stephens John Varner

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court Abraham Lindsay who being duly sworn deposeth that the above subscribed Schedule of appraisment contains a full and true account and inventory of all the personal Estate of James Varner deceased so far as the same has come to his knowledge and possession as administrator of said Estate July 16th 1827 Thomas Ringgold J C C

Order: At a County Court begun and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business On the third monday and twenty 4th day of August A D 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is Ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisment of the Estate of James Varner deceased be received and entered of Record It being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that there are seven heirs and the whole of the Estate consisting of four ~~negroes~~ slaves namely Nancy Ben Isom & Peter cannot be equitably divided and on motion of the Administrator It is therefore Ordered by the Court that an Order of sale do issue to sell at

sale at public sale of the above named Slaves

Account Sales — An account of Sales of the personal Estate of James Barner deceased a record in the Court of Orders of the County Court of Marengo County held on the 25th day of September 1827

Abraham Lindsay	1 negro woman named Nancy	$ 452.00
Robin Sparm	One negro Boy named Ben	386.10
John Sparm	One negro Boy named Isom	358.00
Mathilda Barner	One negro Boy named Peter	217.00
		$1413.10

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Before me came Abraham Lindsay Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Barner deceased who being duly sworn maketh Oath and saith that the above account of the Sales of the personal Estate of the said James Barner deceased as stands stated in the above schedule is just & true (signed) Abram Lindsay Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of October AD 1827 Geo Cunningham clerk

Order — At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday and fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge. It is Ordered by the Court that the account Sales of the Estate of James Barner deceased as filed this day by the Administrator be received & entered of record

Order — At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the ninth day and second monday of February AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding Abraham Lindsay the Administrator makes application to settle his account current It is Ordered by the Court that the same be set for hearing on the first monday of april next and that the Clerk give forty days notice thereof by advertisement.

Continuance — At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and sixth day of april AD 1829 for Orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued untile the next term of this Court

Continuance — At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first monday and fourth day of May AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding It is Ordered by the Court that this case be continued untile the next term of this court

Order — At a County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first day and first monday of June AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is Ordered by the Court that this case be continued untill the next term of this court in July next

Continued — At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday in July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding

The Estate of Leonard Pearson — Order — At a County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday of June AD 1827 being the 18th day of the month present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the widow of Leonard Pearson having been duly cited and having signified her consent that the administration be granted to Henry Pearson said he having given Bond and security in the sum of four thousand Dollars and having appeared in open Court and taken the oath prescribed by Law It is therefore considered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to the said Henry Pearson on all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of Leonard Pearson deceased

It is ordered by the Court that Guilford Dade James Gay Peter Tus Geo Abercrombie Yarbrough and Elisha Yarbrough or a Sumner appraisers of the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return according to Law

For sufficient cause to the Court shown it is ordered & considered that the Administrator of Leonard Pearson deceased be and he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the Crop of the said deceased to the best advantage of the Estate at such time and place as he may think proper

County Court Marengo County State of Alabama Vacation June 11th 1827 Henry Pearson having this day made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased It is therefore Ordered by the Court here that Citation issue to the widow of the said dec'd to be and appear at the Court to be held at the Court House in said County on the third monday of June Instant for Orphans business then and there to shew cause if any she have why administration should not be granted to the said applicant

Citation — The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court vacation 11th June 1827 Henry Pearson having this day made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased It is therefore Ordered by the Court here that Citation issue to the widow of the said deceased to be and appear at the Court to be held at the Court House in said County on the third monday in June Instant for Orphans business then & there to shew cause if any she have why administration should not be granted to the said applicant Extract from the minutes of Court this 11th day of June AD 1827 by Geo Cunningham clerk I acknowledge the service of the above and have no objection to Henry Pearson Administering Nancy Pearson

Bond — The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Henry Pearson Alford Yarbrough and William Pleasant are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid in the sum of four thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire Or his successors in office Which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs Exr executors & Administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this Eighteenth day of June in the year of our

Order: County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday and nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the hindred of the said James Varner deceased have been notified by Citation and Otherwise of the application of the said Abraham Lindsay for Letters of Administration On the Estate of said deceased and Martha Lindsay wife of the said Abraham and widow of the said deceased having appeared in Court and waved her right of Administration in favor of the said Abraham It is therefore considered by the Court that Letters of Administration do issue to the said Abraham Lindsay On all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of the said James Varner upon his entering into Bond and Security in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars and qualifying On or before the next term of this Court.

Bond: The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Abraham Lindsay and John Spann and William Craig are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of two thousand five hundred Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our heirs Executors Administrators & assigns jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with Our seals and dated this 27th day of March AD 1827 The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Abraham Lindsay has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Varner deceased Now if the said Abraham Lindsay shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void Otherwise to remain in full force and effect (signed) Abram Lindsay (Seal) John Spann (Seal) Lewis Craig (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged in my presence Geo Cunningham Clerk County Court Marengo County Alabama

Order: At a County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for the County of Marengo on the third monday and sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven being the return day present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding the Administrator having filed his bond with John Spann and William Craig as securities therein which is approved by the Court and of the said Abraham Lindsay may take the Oath prescribed by Law as the Administrator of James Varner deceased before the Clerk On or before the next term of this Court then it is Ordered by the Court that John Spann Lewis Anderson John Varner Richard Bonds and Garrison Stephens be appointed appraisers of said Estate and they or a majority of them make due return of the same according to Law

Letters: State of Alabama Marengo County Be it remembered

and made known to all whome it may concern that on the application of Abraham Lindsay to our said Court we have caused these Our letters of Administration to issue in favor of and for the sole use of the said Abraham Lindsay in & upon the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Varner deceased and in every case which occasion may require the said Abraham Lindsay is authorized to sue and be sued as the lawful Administrator of said James Varner deceased Witness George Cunningham Clerk of our said Court at Office this 21st day of May AD 1827 and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty first Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order: At a County Court ~~began~~ for Orphans business began & held at Linden On the third monday of May and 21st day of said month 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge being return day at this day came the said Abraham Lindsay and in Open Court took the Oath prescribed by law as Administrator of the Estate of James Varner deceased it is considered by the Court that Letters of administration do issue accordingly And it is also further Ordered that John Spann Lewis Anderson John Varner Richard Bonds & Garrison Stephens be appointed appraisers of the Estate of said deceased & that they make due return of the same according to Law

Inventory: State of Alabama Marengo County We the undersigned being appointed by the worshipful County Court of Marengo County to appraise the Estate of James Varner deceased have met for said purpose at the house of Abrah Lindsay and have valued the following negroes (they being the Only remaining property belonging to said Estate) as follows c viz

Nancy	to	$410.00
Ben	ditto	250.00
Isom	"	250.00
Peter	"	150.00
Abram Lindsay	ad	$1050.00

Given under our hands this 30th day of June 1827 John Spann Lewis Anderson Garrison Stephens John Varner

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court Abraham Lindsay who being duly sworn deposeth that the above subscribed Schedule of appraisment contains a full and true account and inventory of all the personal Estate of James Varner deceased so far as the same has come to his knowledge and possession as administrator of said Estate July 16th 1827 Thomas Ringgold J C C

Order: At a County Court began and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business On the third monday and twenty 4th day of August AD 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is Ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisment of the Estate of James Varner deceased be received and entered of Record It being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that there are seven heirs and the whole of the Estate consisting of four ~~negroes~~ slaves name by Nancy Ben Isom & Peter cannot be equitably divided and on motion of the Administrator It is therefore Ordered by the Court that On order of sale do issue to sell at

sold at public sale to the above named Slaves

Account Sales An account of Sales of the personal Estate of James Barner deceased agreeable to an Order of the County Court of Marengo County held on 25th day of September 1827

Abraham Lindsay 1 negro woman named Nancy	$451.00
Wm Sparm One negro Boy named Ben	386.10
John Sparm One negro Boy named Jem	338.00
Matilda Barner One negro Boy named Peter	250.00
	$1375.00

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Before me came Abraham Lindsay Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of James Barner deceased Who being duly sworn maketh Oath and saith that the above account of the sales of the personal Estate of the said James Barner deceased as stated in the above Schedule is just & true (Signed) Abram Lindsay Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of October AD 1827 Geo Cunningham clerk

Order At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday and fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge. It is Ordered by the Court that the account Sales of the Estate of James Barker deceased as filed this day by the Administrator be received & entered of record

Order At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the ninth day and second monday of February AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding Abraham Lindsay the Administrator makes application to settle his account current It is Ordered by the Court that the same be set for hearing on the first monday of april next and that the Clerk give forty days notice thereof by advertisement.

Continuance At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and sixth day of april AD 1829 for Orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued untile the next term of this Court

Continuance At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first monday and fourth day of May AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued untile the next term of this court

Order At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo on the first day and first monday of June AD 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is Ordered by the Court that this case be continued untill the next term of this court in July next

Continued At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday in July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said County presiding

It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued untill the next term of this Court to wit on the first monday of August next

At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business on the first monday in August in the year of Our Lord 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge at this day to wit 5th augt 1829 the account current Abm Lindsay Admr of the Estate of James Barner dec'd is presented for settlement and M. Tibbs of the Legal Heirs & representatives of said Estate by his attorney appears & excepts to certain charges contained in said account Whereupon on motion of the said Admr It is ordered by the Court that the further consideration of this cause be continued untile saturday next the 8th Instant

For the Estate of James Barner deceased in account current with Abraham Lindsay the admr for

1827					1829		
april 1	To this amount hand Docket $1375				Febr 25th		
	to medical services to negro woman nanse Boucher no 1	3	7	25	By amount of sales of personal property sold on credit until 25th day of September 1828 a act sales filed		1375 00
	to this amount paid M Childress for taxes per voucher no 2	3	2	12½			
	to this sum attorney fees for counsel & advice &c	3	10	00			
	to clerks Bill of fees of court	3	17	50	By balance in hands of the		
1829 augt 3	to commissions on $1375 and 5 per cent	2	68	75	Administrator in notes with security taken for sales of personal property bearing interest from the 25th September 1828 to be divided among the heirs to wit Martha wife of the	1269	18¾
	to balance remaining in hands of Administrator in notes for sales of property bearing interest from 25th Sept 1828		1269	18¾			
			1375	00			

Administrator divided between of the deceased Ezekiel Moore who hath intermarried with Matilda Barner a daughter of dec'd Tindrel Tibbs Who hath intermarried with Lucian Barker another daughter of dec'd Wright Moore who hath intermarried with Elizabeth Barker another daughter of deceased William Lindsay Who hath intermarried with Rhoda Barner another daughter of deceased Samuel Barner and Benton Barner sons of the deceased and minors August 8th 1829 The State of Alabama Marengo County Court for Orphans business Saturday the 8th day of August 1829 At this day came Abraham Lindsay the Administrator of the Estate of James Barner deceased and Tindrel Tibbs one of the heirs by his attorney and the account current of the said Administrator being filed for allowance and final settlement due notice Whereof having been given as required by Law the hearing of allowance and settlement Whereof having been continued untill the present day and the same together with the matters & things therein contained being duly heard and by the Court considered It is considered and adjudged that the said account as now restated by the judge stating for the net sums of two hundred and sixty nine dollars 18¾ in notes with security due the 25th of September 1828 and on interest from that time now in the hands of the said Administrator for distribution and distribution among the heirs be in all things allowed and entered as a settlement final and liquidation of all the Estate of the said James Barner deceased that has come to the knowledge and possession of the said Abraham Lindsay his Administrator And it being made

appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said deceased left a widow and six children Who are now living to wit Martha the widow of the deceased and now the wife of the Administrator Matilda a daughter of the deceased and now the wife of the Ezekiel Moore Lurian another daughter Who is now the wife of Kindrell Tibbs Elizabeth another daughter Who is now the wife Wright Moore Rhoda Varner another daughter Who is now the wife of William Lindsay Samuel Varner and Benton Varner sons of said deceased and minors Wherefore it is considered adjudged & decreed by the Court that the aforesaid nett sum of twelve hundred and sixty nine dollars 18¾ together with the remaining interest thereon be distributed paid Over and accounted for by the said Administrator in manner following viz that the said Administrator being the Husband of the widow of said deceased retain to his own use one fifth part of sett nett being equal to two hundred and fifty three dollars 83¾ cents that he pay over to the said Ezekiel Moore Kindrel Tibbs Wright Moore and William Lindsay the husbands of the said daughters to each the sum of One hundred & sixty nine dollars twenty two and a half cents that he pay over to the Guardian of the said Samuel Varner and Benton Varner for each the sum of One hundred and sixty nine dollars twenty two and a half cents with Interest On said sums from the 25th day of September 1828 T Ringgold presiding Judge

The 18 Leonard Estate of Pearson } Order At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the third monday of June A D 1827 being the 18th day of the month present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the widow of Leonard Pearson having been duly cited and having signified her consent that the administration be granted to Henry Pearson and he having given Bond and security in the sum of four thousand Dollars and having appeared in open Court and taken the oath prescribed by Law It is therefore considered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to the said Henry Pearson on all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of Leonard Pearson deceased

It is ordered by the Court that Guilford Cade James Gay Robertus Love Alfred Yarbrough and Elisha R Yarbrough be appointed appraisers of the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return according to Law

For sufficient cause to the Court shown it is ordered & considered that the Administrator of Leonard Pearson deceased be and he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the Crop of the said deceased to the best advantage of the Estate at such time and place as he may think proper

County Court Marengo County State of Alabama Vacation June 11th 1827 Henry Pearson having this day made application for letters of Administration On the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased It is therefore Ordered by the Court here that Citation issue to the widow of the said deceased to be and appear at the Court to be held at the Court in said County On the third monday of June Instant for Orphans business then and there to shew cause if any she have why administration should not be granted to the applicant and the Court adjourned Thomas Ringgold Judge

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court in Vacation 11th June 1827 Henry Pearson having this day made application for Letters of Administration On the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased It is therefore Ordered by the Court here that Citation issue to the widow of the said deceased to be and appear at the Court to be held at the Court House in said County On the third monday in June Instant for Orphans business then & there to shew cause if any she have why administration should not be granted to the said applicant Extracted from the minutes of Court this 11th day of June A D 1827 by Geo Cunningham clerk I acknowledge the service of the above and have no objection to Henry Pearson Administering Nancy Pearson

Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Henry Pearson Alfred Yarbrough and William Flucker are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid in the sum of four thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire Or his successors in office which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs Executors & Administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seal and dated this Eighteenth day of June in the year of our

Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty seven
The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Henry Pearson has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of Leonard Pearson deceased Now if the said Henry Pearson shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void & otherwise to remain in full force
(Seal) Henry Pearson (Seal) Alfred Yarbrough (Seal) Wm Pulliam (Seal)
Signed sealed & delivered in Open Court this 18th June 1827 Geo Cunningham clerk

Letters: The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court Whereas Leonard Pearson late of Marengo County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattles and credits within the County aforesaid Be it known Whereof the full disposition and power of granting the Administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights & credits of the said deceased and also a final dismission from the same to the court aforesaid does of right belong They desiring that the goods chattles and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Henry Pearson administrator full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattels rights and credits of said deceased Which he has in his life time and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for and recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to law and that the residue justly to pay over to the like heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Henry Pearson having given Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisite required by law necessary to his just qualification as Administrator he is by Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents Ordained constituted and appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods chattles rights and credits of the said Leonard Pearson deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 18th day of June A.D. 1827 Test Geo Cunningham clerk

Inventory: An abstract of the Personal Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased ready money excepted as produced to us by Henry Pearson the administrator agreeable to an order of abstract from the Judge of the Orphans Court of the County of Marengo to us directed

One negro man Barry	$350	00	2 Beds & furniture do	$35	00
" One do Boy Pete	400	00	1 Rifle Gun & shot Bag	15	00
" One do do George	150	00	4 Trunks for	8	00
" One do woman Dolly	400	00	4 pair chairs at 75 cts	4	50
One Bay Horse	90	00	1 Table	"	50
50 bushels corn 75 cts	37	50	1 Box	"	50
8 cwt seed cotton $2 per cwt	160	00	2 pair Steel yards for	4	00
1 Bagging & Rope	19	00	2 Spitoons for	"	50
20 head neat cattle at $4	117	00	Kitchen furniture for	7	25

1 Box & Shoemakers Tools for		1 00
1 Spinning Wheel		2 00
amount brought forward		1973 75
1 waggon		35 00
70 Head of hogs for		15 k 00
1 Carriage & Sails		5 00
6 Head Sheep at $3		$ 21 19 75
		1 50
		$ 2151 75

State of Alabama Marengo County We whose names are here unto subscribed do certify that the above schedule is a first and true appraisement of the personal Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased so far as the same has been produced to us by Henry Pearson the Administrator Certified by us this 23rd day of June 1827 Robertus Love
Guilford Cade Elisha P. Yarbrough appraisers

The State of Alabama Marengo County Before me Personally came Henry Pearson and made oath that the above signed schedule contains a full and complete Inventory of the goods and chattles and rights of Leonard Pearson deceased who died intestate at the time of his death so far as the same has come to my knowledge or possession as the administrator of Leonard Pearson deceased Henry Pearson
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th Sept 1827 Geo Cunningham clerk

Order: At a County Court began and held for Orphans business at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the third monday and 17th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased as filed this day by the Administrator be received and entered of Record And it is also ordered that the administrator have an order to sell all the personal property contained in said Inventory excepting the negro slaves therein named and that he hire out said slaves for the benefit of the heirs. An account of the sale of the corn belonging to Leonard Pearson deceased sold at Private sale on the plantation of the said administrator agreeable to an Order of the Orphans Court of the County of Marengo On wednesday the 4th and Saturday the 7th of July 1827

Sales:

July 4th	James C. Williams	To 30 bushels of Corn at 75 c		$ 22 50
July 7th	John McGraw	To 30 bushels corn at 75 c		22 50
July 7th	Henry Pearson	To 45 bushels corn at 75 c		33 50
				$ 78 50

An account of the sale of the personal Property of Leonard Pearson deceased agreeable to an order of the Orphans Court of the County of Marengo held at the house of the said Leonard Pearson deceased On Friday the 28th and Saturday the 29th of December 1827

Dec 28th	Humphrey Williams	To 1 Rifle Gun	$ 15 00
	Mason Tyson	To 1 pocket Pistol 12½ — 1 share plough 15 6¼	2 68¾
	William Cox	To 1 pair large Steel yards	2 50
	carried Over		20 18¾
	Zachariah Jones	To 1 pr Steel yards 1 00	
		1 Carving knife — 43¾	
		1 pr hames traces & singletree 1 50	
		1 plow axe 1 75	
		Lot Old Irons 37	
		1 Broad Hoe 65¾	$ 8 82
		1 small Grind — 15	

Elisha Yarbrough	To 1 drawing knife	8¼		
	⅌ bushel measure	56¼		
	1 Carpenters Hammer	43¾		
	2 Broad Hoes	125		2.14
Henry Pearson	To 1 pair oxen 3 yrs waggon 31.00		D 327.5 c	
	1 Feather Bed		21.00	
	16 Head cattle		48.00	
	Heir one negro man Ned		43.00	
	do 1 negro man Berry			
	do 1 negro woman Dolly		110.00	
	19 Head of Hogs		13.00	266.75
William Pilbury	To Corpus Corrobes & other articles	18¾		
	1 Large Trunk	1.00		
	1 Pott & 1 Oven	3.00		5.87½
amount carried forward				272.75
Rainey Pearson widow	To 1 Spinning Wheel	1.00		
	½ doz sitting chairs	2.00		
	1 Large Trunk	1.00		
	1 do do	1.00		
	1 do Box	.37½		
	1 Feather Bed & furniture	10.00		
	1 pine table 50c & 2 keggins 50c	1.00		
	Spider Tea kettle & pott	2.50		
	13 head Small Hogs	10.00		
	4 do Cattle	9.00		
	2 Cows & Calves	16.00		47.87½
Hatten Mc Coy	To 1 Bar lead & ladle			18¾
Guilford Cade	To 2 large Steers	21.50		90.50
Dec 29	20 Head Hogs	70.00		
	Hatch Dent To 6 Head Sheep			12.00
	Alfred Yarbrough To 15 head hogs			30.00
1828 Dec 29	Edmund Dales To 1 bay horse Which died in possession of			
	said B Jones 18th nov 1827 and Which said Horse B Jones			
	agreed to pay the appraised price		3	90.00
	Amt of the Sales of Stock of Cows brought forward from		3	573.35
	Inad No 1		3	78.30
	Amt of the Sales of personal property brought over			573.25
	an account of the Sale of the crops of cotton for the years			
	1827 and 1828 belonging to the Estate of Leonard Pearson agree			
	able to an order of the Orphans Court of the County of			356.35
	Marengo held at Mobile as per account of Mc Lesky & Hagan			3187.90
	The State of Alabama Marengo County Before me personally came			
	Henry Pearson Administrator of all and singular the goods and			
	chattels rights and credits of Leonard Pearson deceased who being duly			
	sworn maketh oath and saith that the foregoing account of the sales			
	of the personal Estate of the said Leonard Pearson deceased as stated			
	in the said schedule is just & true (signed) Henry Pearson Sworn to			
	and subscribed before me this 21st March 1829 Geo Cunningham clerk			
Order	At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden			
	in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday			
	and second day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred &			

twenty Eight present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is Ordered by the Court that the account of sales of the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased as filed by Henry Pearson the administrator here duly rendered & passed

Order At a County Court for Orphans business began & held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and second day of March A.D. 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge The administrator on the Estate of Leonard Pearson having filed his accounts for hearing and final settlement It is ordered by the Court that the first monday in May be set for hearing and determining the same and that the clerk give sixty days notice by advertisement at Linden & three other public places in the County for the kindred and creditors to attend and show cause if any they have why said accounts should not be made final And that the administrator be authorized to hire out the negroes for the present year

Continuance At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and fourth day of May A.D. 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding It is ordered that this case be continued until the next term of this Court

Inventory of Notes An Inventory of Notes taken by Henry Pearson Administrator on the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased for the hire of the negroes for the year 1829 to wit

One note on John Curry & Rodk Easley for hire of negro man named Ned	$ 14.50
One note on Manuel Joseph & James Mathers for hire of negro man named Berry	12.50
The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham clerk of the County & State aforesaid Henry Pearson Administrator on the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased Who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above is a true return of notes taken by me for the hire of the negroes belonging to the Estate of the said deceased for the year 1829 (signed) Henry Pearson Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th day of May 1829 Geo Cunningham clerk	196.30

Order At a County Court for Orphans business began and held in & for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first day & first monday of June A.D. 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that Henry Pearson administrator on the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased be allowed three per cent on the gross amount of said Estate amounting to one hundred and thirty six dollars & twenty cents including attorney fees & as a compensation for his services as Administrator on said Estate

Continuance At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday in July in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued until the next term of this Court to wit the first monday of September next

An Account current of the Income receipts and expenditures of the Estate of Leonard Pearson deceased from the 20th day of June 1826 to the present time with Henry Pearson the Administrator he

1828							
March 25	To paid taxes for the year 1827	$ 3	37½	By amount of personal Estate			
	2 do paid Baird Herd order for settlement	2	00	as per sale list returned and the			
	3 do Baird and freight paid attorney Smyrna	3	00	hiring of the negroes for one year	1017	90	
	4 do note & interest do M B Norwood	5	40	the slaves returned in the inventory			
April 18	5 paid Wm Russell Executor of John Barrow	85	65	they remaining in the hands of the			
	note & interest			administrator for distribution			
	6 do Balance note & interest to Burrel & Thomas	29	15	tion of property as	1457	0	
	7 do Roberts Law this account for the heirs			Paid of Robert Brachenridge			
	of Lee & Irvine	34	85	amount of Richard Brachenridge			
26	Cr By Robert Brachenridge from account	17	37½	his note & interest	12	75	
27	Cr do Zachariah Jones from account	67	62½	Paid of Eliff Barton amount			
May 20	10 do Jordan & Mitchell note & interest	33	16	of Judgment & interest against			
	11 do Wm King from account	6	75	Zach & John Mearty	27	55	
	12 do Chas Anderson Administrator of Wm			Paid amount of Cochrans account			
	Anderson balance note & interest	4	75	for sword	11	00	
Aug 1	4	13 do Wm Cox's from account	4	56½	Paid of Stephen J Elliot his			
	14 do Tax for the year 1828	3	57½	account	4	62½	
	15 do James A Robert from account	79	27	amount of insolvent list & to state			
Sept 1	16 do Geo Cunningham accounts of cost	5	84	+ settlement received upon list			
Sept 1	17 do Cochran & Hourt for Coffin	11	00	filed three debts not			
	6	18 do James Gay for 55 lbs shot	1	65	recovered & then for more		
	19 do Henry Pearson from account	18	96	extended to end of state			
	20 do for tithe Bill	3	50	5 61 5 64			
	21 do Geo Cunningham clerk his account of			By amount of the hire of the			
	fees of administration	30	93½	negroes for the year 1829			
	22 do Guilford Cade from account	21	00	for hire returned	196	50	
	23 paid Mr Binns as per order	"	50	Cash from Robt Easley	"	50	
	per cent commissions on $2705			By sale proceeding the	2714	82½	
	allowed by Court	135	20	Estate in the Administ			
	Note proceeds of the Estate remaining			rators hands consisting			
	in the Administrators hands			of the following articles			
	as indicated below	2105	53½	to wit One negro man			
		2714	82½	named Berry appraised at	350	00	
				One do Boynes do	460	00	
				One do George do	137	00	
				One do woman Betty do	400	00	
				Henry Chiles receipt for collecting	89	70	
				Balance of note on Hood & Yarbrough	69	30	
				Ditto Ditto on Yarbrough & Hood	25	06½	
				Ditto Ditto on K Williams & Zach Jones	15	00	
				Ditto Ditto on Zach Jones & Yarbrough	6	87½	
				Ditto ditto on do do	22	87½	
				Ditto do on John Curry & Easley	64	50	
				Ditto ditto on Thomas Scruby & Jas Rather	126	00	
				Cash remaining in the hands of the Administrator	236	00	
					2105	53½	

The State of Alabama Marengo County Orphans Court for said County 2105 53½
Holden on the first monday of June 1829 Henry Pearson Administrator
of the Estate of Lenard Pearson deceased being duly sworn in Open Court
say that the within account shewing the Administration of said Estate
as stated is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief Signed
Henry Pearson Sworn & subscribed before me this 1st day June 1829 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Final settlement. At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans Business on the first monday in August in the year of Our Lord 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge the account current of Henry Pearson Administrator of Lenard Pearson deceased being filed for allowance and final settlement thereof and thereof having been given as required by Law and the hearing allowance and settlement thereof having been continued until the present time and the same together with the matters and things therein contained being inspected and by the Court considered and there being no resistance made to the allowance and settlement thereof It is considered by the Court that the same be in all things allowed and entered as a settlement final and liquidation of all the Estate of the said deceased that has come to the knowledge & possession of the said Administrator This account exhibits and shows that after allowing all legal offsets and deducting commissions and paying off all the debts due by the deceased at the time of his death and such other expenditures and costs and charges as have been necessarily incurred by the administrator the net sum or value of $2105.53¾ consisting of slaves money and divers solvent debts due and owing as exhibited in the Schedule annexed to said account remaining in the hands of the Administrator for division & distribution among the heirs and it being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that there are no other goods & chattels of said Estate to be administered

The Estate of Alexander Moore

Order. At a County Court began and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business on the third Monday and twenty first day of August A.D. 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge. At this day came Camm G. White into Open Court and made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Alexander Moore deceased and upon satisfactory shewing to the Court that due notice has been given made of his application to the nieces and kindred of the said deceased and no person appearing to contest the same and the said Camm G. White having given Bond in the sum of three thousand Dollars with Abraham Lindsay Jarrot H. Glover and Robert Sequerk Moore Securities thereto and having taken the oath prescribed by law. It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Letters of administration do issue to the said Camm G. White on all and singular the goods & chattels & credits of the said Alexander Moore deceased. It is Ordered by the Court that Sequerk Moore John C. Glover John Spann Richard Bond and Lewis Anderson or a majority of them be appointed appraisers of the Estate of Alexander Moore deceased and that they or a majority of them make true return of the same.

Bond. The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Camm G. White and Abraham Lindsay Jarrot H. Glover & Robert Sequerk are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of three thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs executors & administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this 20th day of August A.D. 1827 The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Camm G. White has this day been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of Alexander Moore deceased Now if the said Camm G. White shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void & otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Signed C. G. White Seal Abram Lindsay Seal J. H. Glover Seal R. C. Moore Seal Sealed and acknowledged in Open Court this 20th day of August A.D. 1827 Geo Cumming Clerk

Letters. The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court of said County Whereas Alexander Moore late of said County deceased died intestate having at the time of his death divers goods chattels & credits within the County aforesaid By reason whereof the full disposition & power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and also a general disposition from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong Therefore that the goods chattels & credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do hereby grant unto Camm G. White administrator in full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattels rights & credits of said deceased which to him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for and recover all moneys due the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far

as his effects will extend according to Law and then the balance justly to pay out to the legal heirs and distributes of said deceased and the said Camm G. White having Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by Law became a party to this just Qualification as Administrator he is by Order of said Court Hereby by virtue of these presents Ordained constituted and appointed administrator of all and singular the goods chattels rights & credits of the said Alexander Moore deceased. Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 20th day of August A.D. 1827 Geo Cumming Clerk

Inventory. A List of the Estate of Alexander Moore deceased as valued on the 27th day of August 1827 By Richard Bonds Lewis Anderson & John C. Glover appraisers of said Estate

6 Head of Cattle	$ 90	00	1 Bead & Furniture	$ 28	"
3 Yoke & 6 Bows	23	50	1 do do	25	00
1 Bay Horse	45	00	1 Lot of Bed Cloths	17	00
1 Sorrel Mare	75	00	6 Chairs	2	50
2 Bar Shareplough & colters and 2 Cultivators	8	00	1 Lot Crockery	6	68¾
1 Mans Saddle	12	00	1 Lot Books	6	50
1 do do	5	00	1 Looking Glass	1	00
2 Ox Plough Gear & Collars & Bridle	3	50	1 Side Saddle	8	00
3 Axes	5	00	1 Pair Wool Cards	3	00
1 Broad axe	3		1 Small Kettle	1	25
1 Mattock & Grubbing Hoe	2	50	1 Pot Rack		75
3 Weeding Hoes	2	00	4 Barrels		50
1 Lot of Tools (Carpenters)	4	75	5 Geese	1	00
1 Jew Harrow Irons	1	50	20 Ducks	2	50
1 Log Chain	"	50	1 Drum Cotton	2	50
1 Lot of Tin Cups & Ladle	4	10	1 Bridle	25	"
1 Gun Shilling & Ladle	10	00	1 Lot Oak Leather	1	"
1 Grind Stone	2	50	1 Flask & Canister	3	50
1 Knife Box knives & forks	2	"	"		25
1 Coffee mill	2	"	1 Negro Boy Dick	310	00
1 Candlestick & Sad Iron	1	50	1 do do Tom	250	00
6 Bells	8	"	1 Lot Black smiths tools		50
1 Lot of Spunter	2	75	Moore due 25th December 1827 for	30	00
3 Augers & 1 Spoke shave	2	75			
1 Pot 12 Cups & 3 Jar of Knives	3	50	Some debts remain collected		
1 Walnut Table	3	00	by Theodore C. Shields admr		
1 Brush	3	00	known in this Jar of Geo	36	16
2 Baskets	"	37½		$1140	33½
1 Bead Stead	4	00	C. G. White		

State of Alabama Marengo County We the Undersigned appraisers do hereby certify that the within Schedules is a just & true list of the property of Alexander Moore deceased as appraised by us Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of August 1827 John C. Glover Seal Richard Bonds Seal Lewis Anderson Seal

State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared before me Theo. C. Shields a Justice of the Peace in & for said County John C. Glover Richard Bonds & Lewis Anderson who being duly sworn deposed that the within is a true list of the effects of Alexander Moore

deceased as by them appraised Thos Philds JP

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid C G White Administrator of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased and maketh Oath that the above signed Schedule containing a full and true Inventory of the goods & chattels rights of debts dues or accounts belonging to Alexander Morrow deceased who died intestate at the time of his death so far as the same has come to my possession or knowledge as Administrator aforesaid (Signed) C G White Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of October A D 1827

Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order — At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the third monday and the tenth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Kingsold Judge It is Ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased filed this day filed by the Administrator be received & entered of record

Commission issued to C G White Administrator of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased and for satisfactory cause now shewn to the Court It is Ordered by the Court that the said Administrator have an order to sell the goods & chattels of the said deceased and he make due return of the same when called to do so

Sales — An account of the sales of the personal property of Alexr Morrow deceased agreeable to an order of Orphans Court of the County of Marengo held at the house of said A Morrow dec'd Tuesday 26th Novr 1827

Pelham Morrow Dr To 1 Cow & Calf	$ 8	00	1 Log Chain for Jams Monaghan	$ 1	37½		
48 1 Bible 835 - 1 Testt Book 13.12½	21	37½				23	50
1 Sorrel Mare 150.00 - 1 Falling ax 12½	162	25	Benton Morrow Dr 1 White Cow			9	75
1 Side Saddle 4.50 - 1 Bridle 1.50	6	75	1 Brass kettle 12.00 - 1 pr Steelyards 1.37½			13	37½
1 Lott Castings 3.75 - 1 Box mens apparel	4	75				23	12½
1 Table 2.00 - 1 Trunk 2.25	4	25	William Brasuell Dr 3 pr sheep shears				
1 Bed & furniture 34.37½ - 1 do 33.00	67	37½	Bailey Gr Dr 1 Bay Horse 135			10	25
1 Spinning Wheel 3.50 - 1 Flax do 3.00	6	50					
1 Bond Bray & Hetler 12½ - 2 Chairs 1.25	1	87½	Jno McCarnes Dr 1 Box shear				
1 Pr Geese & Gosling	1	12½	Clough Dr 1 Bed & Cord 4.37½			6	62½
1 pr Plough Gears pr Ezekiel 1.50	223	62½					
1 Mans Saddle 15.00 - 1 Bridle 2.50	29	37½	Jno C Glover Dr 56 Cream				
	235	00	coloured Calf			43	37½
Mary M Carr Dr 1 Cow & Calf	19	75	1 pr Flax hackles 3.00 - 1 Pr Chairs 25			1	75
1 Smith Bellows		37½				45	12½
	11	62½	William Browning Dr 1 Mare horse			32	12½
Pr Sc Brown Dr 1 Cow & Calf	9	50	amount carried Over			451	62½
1 Mule 175 - 2 Horse Bells 4.12½	5	87½	R R Morrow Dr 1 Reading Chair 1.25				
1 Bed Mud & Cord	4	37½	1 Broad axe 4.00			5	12½
1 pr Sheep pr Thomas Barnett 1.62½	2	37½	1 Spoon & Hammer			1	75
1 Bell in Do Bells	73	22	1/2 Mill dr Boy Tom 400.00			400	00
						426	87½
William Monaghan Dr To 1 Cow & Calf	9	75	Robert Morrow Dr 1 Thumper sterling			3	00
1 pr falling axes 2.12½ - 1 Drill 4.00 - 1 Cook 4.00	6	62½					
1 Saddle 5.00 - 1 Bridle 1.50 - 1 Hand saw 2.37½	5	75					

Wm Ashmore Dr 2 Cows & 2 Steers	$ 12	00	Jno Jackson Dr 2 Horse Bells	$ 4	50		
1 Plantation Plough 4.00 - 1 pr Gears 2.00	6	00					
1 Mans Saddle 5.00 - 1 Pr Chairs 2.50 - 1 Chair 50	7	75	Thos P King Dr 1 Saddle Bridle & Saddle Cloth	2	00		
	25	75	4 Gallons & 2 Quarts	6	62½		
Richd Morrow Dr 1 Grind Stone	2	00		8	62½		
1 Looking Glass 1.00 - 1 pr Chairs 75	1	75	Benjamin Sockett Dr 1 Set Castors	2	50		
	3	75					
James Cook Dr 1 Hand Bridle	3		Edwin A Glover Dr 1 large Bible	15	12½		
1 Children Bible	22	37½					
			Dennis A Bonnewell Dr 1 Stone Jug		87½		
Charles Williams Dr 1 Statlock	1	25					
			Abraham Lindsay Dr 1 Black Horse	5	62½		
Lewis Anderson Dr 1 Reading Chair	1	00	carried Over	950	50		
			Alexander Anderson Dr				
Joseph Jenkins Dr 1 Pr Steelyards	1	00	1 Mare & Bay Colt	443	00		
1 Pr Saddle Bags 4.00 - 1 Musket 6.00	10	00					
1 Large Axe for Jesse Curlin	1	75	Garrison of the Army Dr				
	2	75	1 Cover Summe	2	00		
Jesse Mercer Dr 1 Set Corpus tools	3	50	1 Set Carpenters ware	4	368		
Peter Daniel Dr 1 hand hammer		75	1317 lbs Iron cotton at 10½ p hundred	38	62½		
1 Square Set Irons	1	25		40	87½		
	2	00	The amt	1333	68		

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County & State aforesaid C G White Administrator of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased who being duly sworn maketh oath and saith that the above account of the Sales of the personal Estate of the said Alexander Morrow deceased as stands stated in the said Schedule is just & true (Signed) C G White Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of December 1827

Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order — At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in & for the County of Marengo at the Court House in said County On the third monday & the 17th day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & twenty seven present the Honorable Thomas Kingsold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that the account Sales of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased as this day filed by the Administrator be received & entered of Record

Order — At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and sixth day of April A D 1829 for Orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Kingsold Judge Camm G White Administrator of the Estate of Alexander Morrow deceased having filed his account Current and Vouchers for final settlement It is Ordered by the Court that the first monday in June next be appointed for final hearing and that the Clerk give notice by advertisement at Linden and three other public places in the County to the Kindred and creditors to attend and shew cause if any they have why said accounts should not be made final and admitted to Record

Continuance — At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in & for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first day and first monday in June A D 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Kingsold

Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued until the next Term of this Court in July next

Continuance At a County Court for Orphans Business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first monday in July in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued un till the next Term of this court

Continuance At a County Court began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business On the first monday in August in the year of our Lord 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge &c Cam G White Admr of the Estate of Alexr Moore dec'd appears and presents his account for final Settlement which after being inspected by the Court It is Ordered that the same be allowed and that this Court remain to be until next Term a time to restate and make decree of distribution of said Estate among the lawful claimants & cause it contained

Order At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and seventh day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty fourth years present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding This day came Camm G White Administrator of Alexander Moore deceased and it being made appear to the Court that the heirs and legatees of said Estate have had due notice by publication of the Administrators motion for final settlement & distribution and also for bringing into Court for them the advances made to the deceased in his life time Thereupon came a jury to wit Rod erick McMoore Enoch H Parker James Johnson Chas Wright John C Jones Lewis May Porter Daniel John Pennington Hubbard Quarles Benjamin Glover Wm Adams and Samuel H Morrow Who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to enquire in to the advances made by the said Alexander Moore in his life time to the heirs and legatees of said deceased Who upon their oath do say that Camm G White hath received in advance the sum of One hundred Dollars H Causby One hundred and fifty dollars Goodrich Moore One hundred and fifteen dollars Sanders Smith Eighty five Dollars Wright Mock Sixty four dollars Ezekiel Roberts Forty Dollars James Causby fifty five Dollars Robert C Mother Forty Dollars Benton Moore thirty dollars A Young One hundred and five dollars and E Perkins Forty Dollars It is therefore considered by the Court that the said advances be accounted into Court and the said account current and vouchers of the said Cam G White being this day heard and determined no cause of the premises to the contrary appearing or objected by Law It is considered by the Court upon a full hearing that the same be allowed and because it is necessary to restate the said account the Court takes time until the next term of this Court to restate the same to make the full decree and final distribution of said Estate

At this day came Benton Moore Wright A Moore and James

Coe by in to Open Court in their own proper persons and freely release & acquit unto their mother the widow of said deceased the whole amount of their distributive shares that may be due and coming to them from the Administrator

The Estate of Alexander Moore dec'd in account current with Cam G White Admr Cr

Vouchers							
1	To amount found by Jos R Rich on Estate	16	62½	By this sum received of 56 Shares of $		$ 36	16
2	Cash paid Thos C Pheldps getting the papers	1	87½	Money of deceased collected by him		52	15
3	cash paid Henry Childs tax collector		12½	By this sum Rec'd of Robt C Moore his note			
4	expenses in and at Sales of Estate	3	17	By this sum being amt of sales of Estate		1463	68
5	cash paid John Strachan Sr for	4	37½	By amt of 2 Notes given by Robt C Moore			
6	paid 56 Shields his pro rata balance on Estate	15	94	Principal taken off from Alexrs Note			
7	paid John Sham a note	22	162½	1 for $ 27.85 & the other for $ 300 on Interest		62	47
8	paid David Monaghan on account	2	13	By amount paid by admr to Rachel H			
9	paid John Craig his account	4	85	Benton Moore not & cost of suit		111	95
10	paid Dr S H Enoch his account	11	00	By amount of advances made by			
11	paid Jesse Murdoch his account	3	00	deceased during his life time to the heirs			
12	paid Robt Dickson his account	4	93½	brought into hotch pot & agreed			
13	paid Thos Dickson & the Sheriff the			in Court Viz advanced			
	amt of an Execution from the circuit Ct	107	16	Cam G White	$ 100 00		
14	paid Wm S Howard 6 notes & 2 accounts	341	46	Hance Causby	103 00		
15	paid Joseph Varner his account	2	18¾	Lodk Moore	115 00		
16	paid G Anderson & Clerk of Circuit Ct			Sanders Smith	35 00		
	amt of a note put in suit & cost, said note	111	95	M A Moore	65 00		
	given by Benton Moore dec'd Jan'y			Ezekl Moore	41 00		
17	paid Wm Swann his account	3	90	James Causby	55 00		
18	paid Charles Williams his account	1	25	Robt C Mother	40 00		
19	paid J P Mainsion & his account	9	00	Benton Moore	36 00		
38	this amt paid Robt C Moore in his note			M Young	105 00		
	taken off from Alexrs receipt to his claim	47	40	E Perkins	40 00	751	00
21	Clerk Chancellors Bill & fees	36	00	By amount of interest due on notes		49	56
22	To this sum paid & allowed to Benton Moore			given at the sale of the Estate			
	the amt of his claim for a contract not	119	38	& notes given by the Legatees			
	Administrators compensation 5 per			being within the amount of their			
	cent commissions On $ 2476 39	123	80	distributive shares will be			
	Whole amount of disbursements	929	80	delivered and charged them as			
	amount in Administrators hands			so much in payment of their			
	including advances brought into hotch pot	1596	18¾	shares without interest			
		2526	95			2526	95
	The above is a true & full account			By net amount of Estate in the			
	current of the said Administrator stated by me and duly			hands of Administrator for distribution including advances			
	settled & allowed Given under			made by deceased to the heirs and			
	my hand January 4th 1830			brought into Hotch pot as			
	B Ringgold Judge of the			above stated and included		1596	144

County Court Marengo County

At a County Court began and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding The account current of Cam G White Administrator of the Estate of Alexr Moore deceased together with his Vouchers and all matters pertaining to

to this final settlement and to the distribution of said Estate being heard allowed and determined at the last term day of this Court and the said account since then having been restated by the Judge exhibits the nett amount of said Estate including the advances made by the deceased in his life time to be One thousand six hundred and ninety six dollars fourteen & nine fourth cents which sum it being made appear to the Court is to be distributed to and divided amongst the widow Polly Moore and eleven children viz Nancy Polly and her Husband Caswell White Sealy and her Husband Hanes Causby Nelly and her husband Archibald Young Penelope and her husband James Causby Amend and her husband Sanderson Smith Sarah and her husband Obidiah Perkins Lodowick Moore jun Robert C Moore Benton Moore Wright A Moore & Ezekiel S Moore Wherefore it now considered adjudged ordered and decreed by the Court that the said Administrator account with and pay over to Polly Moore the widow of said deceased the sum of three hundred and nineteen Dollars twenty two and one fourth cents being the one fifth part of the nett amount of said Estate that he retain to his own proper use the sum of $ 1 lb. 084 including his said share brought into the Stock stock being the eleventh part or an equal part of the remaining sum after deducting the widows one fifth and that the account with and pay over to the said Hanes Causby Archibald Young James Causby Sanderson Smith & Obadiah Perkins Lodowick Moore jun Robert C Moore Benton Moore Wright A Moore and Ezekiel S Moore the sum of $ 15 084 each including their respective advances brought into stock stock and that thereupon the said Administrator be discharged from further administering and he and his securities stand discharged from further liability by virtue of their Bond Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding

The Estate of James Young } Order County Court for Orphans business at term day being the third monday in October 1824 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk & Thomas Adams Sheriff On the application of William Craig for Letters of Administration on the Estate of James Young deceased and the Court being satisfied that such Estate requires the immediate attention of some disinterested person It is therefore Ordered by the Court that temporary Letters of Administration issue to the said William Craig on all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of the said James Young dec'd on his giving Bond and security in the sum of Eight hundred Dollars It is further Ordered by the Court that the Clerk issue Citation to the widdow and creditors of the said James Young dec'd by publishing the same at the Court house and three other places in the County notifying them to appear at a Court to be Holden on the third monday of November next and shew cause if any they have why permanent Letters of Administration should not be granted to the said William Craig

Order County Court for Orphans business setting day being the third monday of November 1824 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk & Thomas Adams Sheriff No kindred or creditors having made application for Letters of Administration of the Estate of James Young although Summons duly cited by advertisment of the application of the said William Craig It is therefore considered that Letters of administration in chief do issue to the said William Craig upon all and singular the goods & chattels rights and credits of James Young dec'd upon his entering into Bond and security in the sum of One Thousand Dollars and Qualifying on or before this next monthly term of this Court

Order County Court for Orphans business setting the third monday of December 1824 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff by his deputy David Morgan William Craig having failed to enter into Bond and qualify pursuant to last Letters of this Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said William Craig is a drunkard indisposed and the said Estate is in a wasting situation It is therefore Ordered that the Letters of Administration of William Craig be recorded and that Letters of Administration issue to the Coroner It is ordered by the Court that Jonathan Kay Thomas Childs Robert McColemon Elisha B Adams and Moses Kelly be appointed appraisers of the Estate of James Young dec'd and that they or a majority of them make a due return of the same according to law

The State of Alabama Marengo County Court for Orphans business 20th December 1824 It is Ordered by the Court that Jonathan Kay Thomas Childs Moses Kelly & Elisha B Adams and be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of the Estate of James Young dec'd and that they or a majority of them make due return of the same according to law Extracted from the minutes of Court this 28th day of Dec 1824

Geo Cunningham Clerk

Letters The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court for said County Whereas James Young late of Marengo County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels and credits within the County aforesaid By reason whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and

erditts of the said deceased and also a finial dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong Now desiring that the goods chattels and erditts of said deceased may be well and truely administered and legally disposed of do there by grand unto B P Whitlow Corner Administrator James Young full power by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods chattels rights and erditts of said deceased Which to him in his life time and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law and then the balance justly to pay over to the legal Heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said B P Whitlow having given Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisite required by Law necessary to his full qualification as administrator aforesaid He is by Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents Ordained constituted and appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods chattels rights and erditts of the said James Young Deceased the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 23rd day of December 1824 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order. The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday of January 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff On motion of the Coroner who is administrator and on sufficient Shewing by his Counsel to the Court that Drury R Malone Robert Mitchell and Jacob Mitchell Esqrs are three disinterested appraisers in the place of Jonathan Mims and Robert M Coleman Deceased appointed

Appd. The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court January Term 1825 It is ordered by the Court that Drury R Malone Robert Mitchell Chesley B Adams and Moses Kelly be appointed appraisers of the Estate of James Young deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return of the same Extracted from the Minutes of Courts this 28th February AD 1825 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Inventory. Inventory of the Estate of James Young Decd

1 Set plains	$ 8	00	1 Grind Stone Crank	$	50
1 " Saws	7	00	1 Oil Stone	1	00
1 " Screw augers	8	00	1 Pr Hough Shear	2	00
1 " Adze	1	00	1 Set Gin Saws		25
1 Rule & 2 Squares	2	00	3 pr Snuffers		62½
4 Plain Bitts		50	1 Box Sundrys	2	00
1 Set Chisels	2	00	1 pr Iron Shears	1	00
16 Drawing Knife		75	1 Set Knife Cutler	2	00
1 Set Files	2	50	1 Lather apparatus	2	00
2 Gouges		50	1 Mortise pers Compasses & turning pin	1	00
2 Hammers		75	3 Iron Bands		50
2 pr Compasses		25	1 Set Box for Gun mounting		50
1 Small Box tools	5	00	1 Case Rasor		50
1 Iron wrap	1	00	Carried forward	$	55 62½
1 Clevis		50	1 Cleat axe and Broad axe	8	00

1 Ham axe	$ 1	50	1 Set Brass Nobs	$	25
1 Set knives forks & Spoons	1	00	1 Gross Short Buttons		50
1 Saddle & Blanket	15	00	1 Set plank & Scantling	11	00
1 Pair Pitcher & Bowl	1	50	1 Spider		75
4 Chairs	3	00	1 Horse	100	00
1 Set Spriggs		50	2 work Benches	20	00
1 Trunk containing apparel & Hats	14	00		131	62½

We the undersigned appraisers of the Estate of James Young hereby certify the above to be a correct appraisement of the property exhibited to us by the Admr Linden 18th January 1825 Jacob Mitchell D R Malone Moses Kelly The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared Benajah B Whitlow Who being duly sworn in open Court This 21st February 1825 being return day that the foregoing schedule of appraisement contains a full Inventory of the goods & chattels of the Estate of James Young deed so far as the same has come to his knowledge or possession (Signed) B P Whitlow Coroner M C Sworn and subscribed in open Court Sworn in open Court & Recorded Geo Cunningham Clerk County Court for Orphans business return day being 3rd monday of February 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge George Cunningham Clerk and Thomas Adams Sheriff On the above & foregoing It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory this day produced in open Court by the Coroner as Administrator of the Estate of James Young deceased be received and entered of Record It is also ordered by the Court that the Coroner administrator aforesaid have an order to sell the goods & chattels of the said James Young deceased

Account Sales of the property belonging to the Estate of the Late James Young Decd sold April 11th 1825 at 6 months

Articles	Purchasers	Price	
1 Broad Axe	Jacob Lindsay	3	00
1 Cleft Axe	John Jordan	1	62½
1 Oily Stone	Jno Thurderman		37½
1 Jointer Plane	Jacob Lindsay	2	12½
1 Fore do	do	1	56¼
1 Jack do	Geo Cunningham	1	—
1 Smoothing do	Jacob Lindsay		81¼
1 ——— do	Jno Thurderman		56¼
1 Rabbit do	Geo Cunningham		37
1 Box Tools	John Jordan	6	00
1 Saw Handle	Geo Cunningham		12½
1 Box Sundries	Jno Thurderman	1	75
1 Hand Saw	Do		75
1 Do	Thomas H Patterson	3	75
1 Tenon Saw	Jacob Lindsay	1	25
1 Do	John Mc Cawkins	1	12½
1 Do	John Jordan		75
1 Drawing Knife	James & Douglas		06
1 Hand Axe	B P Whitlow	1	12½
3 Iron Bands	James & Douglas		25
1 Set Flooring Rips	Do Do		40
1 Augur	Mason Arnett		37½
1 do	Do		56¼

Articles	Purchasers Names	Price	
1 Sett Gun mounting	B P Whitlow	"	75
1 Augur	Mason Avant	"	31¼
1 Do	D Sturdevant	"	25
1 Do	Geo Cuninghame	"	12½
1 Do	Mason Avant	"	31¼
amount Brought forward		$32	78
3 pieces Iron	James C Douglas	"	12½
1 Lott files	William Anderson	"	50
1 " Chissels	Jacob Lindsay	1	12½
2 Rasps	John Hawkins	"	56¼
2 Gin files	Jacob Mitchell	"	31¼
2 Flatt do	John Hawkins	"	25
1 Lott do		"	43¾
1 Lott plains Irons	D Sturdevant	"	25
1 " " Do	John Lovett	"	25
2 Mill Saw files	B P Whitlow	"	12½
1 Square	Do	"	12½
1 Do	Jacob Mitchell	"	37½
1 Lott Sundries	Wm Anderson	"	37½
1 Case Razors & Strop	M Avant	1	87½
1 Grind Stone Crank	B P Whitlow	"	12½
1 Clevis	do	"	56¼
1 Lott Screws &c	John Hawkins	"	06¼
1 Iron wedge	B P Whitlow	"	87½
1 Bar Shear Plough	do	2	50
1 Saddle and Blanket	F Walker	61	25
1 turning Lathe &c	L Mott	1	00
3 Chizels & file	D Sturdevant	"	75
1 Cutting machine	F Walker	2	00
1 Lott Snuffers	C Warner	"	24
1 Can	S Corzine	"	62½
1 Bowl	D Sturdevant	"	06¼
4 Chairs at 75	B P Whitlow	3	00
1 House	M Avant	25	"
200 feet plank at 125	B P Whitlow	2	50
1 Coat	James C Douglas	3	50
1 jacket	Jacob Mitchell	"	6¼
1 pr pantaloons	J C Douglas	"	53
1 do	do	"	62½
1 Shirt	do	"	82
1 pr Drawers	do	"	11
1 Shirt	Jacob Mitchell	"	6¼
1 pr pantaloons	Jas C Douglas	"	65
1 Vest	John Lovett	"	50
1 Do	Do	"	12½
1 pr Socks	Do	"	31¼
1 Do	Do	"	6¼
2 Hkfs	J Richards	"	12½
1 Lott Sprigs	Geo Cuninghame	"	50
1 Lott Buttons	Mason Avant	"	61
1 Trunk	Love Mott	2	31¼
1 work Bench	B P Whitlow	"	87½
		$101	97½

B P Whitlow Admr

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court the above named B P Whitlow administrator of James Young deed Who being duly sworn deposeth that the above is a true and full account of Sales of the Estate of the said deceased at office this 7th April 1826 attest T Ringgold J C C

County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday of April 17th day of the month present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge 1826

It is ordered by the Court that the account Sales of the Estate of James Young be received and entered

At a County Court began and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for Orphans business on the third monday and 20th day of August A D 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge It being made appear to the Satisfaction of the Court that Benajah P Whitlow has resigned the office of Coroner and that Henry Chiles has been appointed his successor It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Henry Chiles and his successors in office Coroner be appointed administrator de bonis non to finish the said administration.

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in & for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the fifth day and first monday of January A D 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that Henry Chiles Coroner be cited to file his report and account Current as Administrator of the Estate of James Young deceased.

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday in February A D 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding It is Ordered by the Court that alias Citation issue to Henry Chiles Coroner and Administrator on the Estate of James Young deceased to file his accounts Current and vouchers on or before the third monday of this month

Citation — The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to summon Henry Chiles Coroner and Administrator on the Estate of James Young deceased to be and appear at a County Court to be held at Linden On the third monday of February Instant and file his accounts and vouchers as Administrator aforesaid Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ with your brother indorsement thereon Witness George Cuninghame Clerk of our said Court at office this 6th day of February A D 1829 and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty third Geo Cuninghame Clerk

Return — I acknowledge the service of the within notice 12th July 1828 Henry Chiles administrator

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the third monday and sixteenth day of February A D 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge presiding It is ordered by the Court that On motion of Henry Chiles Administrator on the Estate of James Young that he be allowed untill the first monday of March next to file his accounts and vouchers On said Estate.

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in & for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and second

second day of March A.D. 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge. It is ordered by the Court that the administrator on the Estate of James Young deceased be allowed until the first monday in april to file his account.

At a County Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and sixth day of april A.D. 1829 for the transaction of business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge. Henry Childs Administrator of the Estate of James Young deceased in his report filed showing satisfactorily showed to the Court that the said Estate is insolvent Wherupon It is Ordered that six months be allowed the creditors to authenticate and file their accounts & claims It is further Ordered that John McFarland and Shelby Cozine be appointed commissioners to hear and examine and audit the claims against said Estate and that they meet for the performance of that duty at the office of John McFarland Esquire in Linden On the third monday in October next and that they make their report to this Court On the first monday in November 1829 and it is further ordered that notice to the creditors be immediately given by six insertions of the above Order in the Tuscaloosa Chronicle also by advertisment at the Court House door in Linden

The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for said County On the first monday & thereafter in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty nine and of the Independence and thereby may the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that the Commissioners appointed to audit the claims against the Estate of James Young deceased be required to audit the claims against the Estate of James Young be allowed until next Court to make their report

At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday and seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty fourth year present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is Ordered by the Court that the Report of the Commissioners appointed to audit the claims against the Estate of James Young deceased be received and filed And that Citation issue to Henry Childs Coroner and Administrator to the Estate of James Young deceased to render his account and vouchers On or before the next Term of this Court and that the first monday in February next be set for the time for hearing and determining of the account rendered and that the Clerk give notice of the same by advertisement at Linden and three other public places in this County

Report of John McFarland and Shelby Cozine Commissioners appointed by the County Court of March Term County State of Alabama to audit and report the claims against the Estate of James Young deceased and after duly considering & examining the said claims make the following Statement and report of the Claims to wit

Most amt of an acct due	Adams Gloz		$4.37½
" 2 "	"	Jordan & Mitchell	81.87½
" 3 "	"	Curtis & Kelly	15.37½
" 4 "	"	Henry Childs	11.41½
" 5 "	"	Isaac Grier	23 00

" 6 Elizabeth Isby			134.62½
" 7 "	"	John C Jones	56 33
" 8 "	"	Thomas Ringgold	9 37½
" 9 a note due	Zachus Crow on closing Int		5 08
" 10 A note due	Jacob Jordan Sen'r "		49 90
" 11 a note due	Lemuel & Jordan "	"	21 6 95
" 12 a note due	John Jordan "	"	15 33
" 13 a note due	Bluker & Kelly "	"	10 23
" 14 a note due	Wm Wells "	"	4725
" 15 an acct due	Miller & Whitlow		37 07
" 16 "	"	B.P. Whitlow	24 48
" 17 "	"	B.W. Johnson	33 04

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1830 Geo Cunningham clerk

Shelby Cozine
John McFarland

Jordan & Mitchell allowed 80 87½ deduct account agt Mitchell 325 — $77.62½
John C Jones allowed 33.33 deduct acct agt Jones 730 — 4.03
Curtis & Kelly allowed 15 37½ deduct acct agt Curtis 33½ — 14.00

All amount found against Estate by the Commissioners after deducting the amount to against Jacob Mitchell John C Jones & Henry Childs from the amounts allowed them and their shortness is accounted to for Jerom him died and of fifty One Dollars fifty seven & one fourth cents — $75.53¾

Ringgold Judge. Cunningham Clerk

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to Summons Henry Childs Coroner and Administrator of the Estate of James Young deceased to be and appear at a County Court to be held at Linden in the County aforesaid On the first monday in January next and file his account current and vouchers for final settlement of said Estate Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ Witness George Cunningham clerk of our said Court at office this Linden this 7th day of December A.D. 1829 and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty fourth year Issued 7 Dec 1829 Geo Cunningham clerk

Return Rec'd in office 8th Dec 1829 Executed 14th Dec 1829 The Adams Sheff

For the Estate of James Young deceased in account current with Henry Childs Admr

To amount paid John C Jones hire				By amount of Sale of Estate			
Wm P Anderson's account for				sold on the 7th & 8th instant			
making Coffin (1)	8	15	00	of Sales after deducting			
To amount of John C Jones account				Waldrop's bill to this time	32 62½	132	37½
for funeral expenses paid (2)		14	00	By amt of a judgement on			
Solomon Hart's bill Wm B Allen				Chas Adams	149 38		
for printing (3)		3	50	Int forms 7th Dec 1829 to this time	2 82		
Beaumont & Walker's acct for					152 20		
Books after sheriff of the Sales				deduct commissions	7 60	144	60
Three Rooms in an Order to Shot				By amt collected by Sheriff of			
Adams On which the judgment				Green County by Judge Shelby			
was rendered against the said				Int on the amounts this	17 00		
Adams (4)		15	95	time pay Comp'r	8 89		
					225 43		
amt of Jail against John C Jones				deduct Commissions on 17	5 85	130	54
$7.50 Jacob Mitchell $325 and				By amount of a Note on			
				John C Jones & Wm Anderson	325		
				Int on the same to this time	5 41	46	66

and Wm Curtis $5.37 held as offsets to their claims against said Estate.			By amt of an order on the County	7	50
To amt of an account on Geo Cunningham not returned for want of evidence	16	12½	By amt of accounts against John Jones $7.50 held as offsets $3.37½ & Wm Curtis $5.37½	16	12½
To amt of accounts against Jacob Lindsay Samuel C. Norred & James C. Douglass [illegible]	24	63	By amt of an account on Geo Cunningham not returnable		
To Clerks Bill of costs	14.5	50	for want of evidence	64	00
To compensation allowed the administrator	46	37½	By amt of accounts against		
of commission on $355	44	48	Jacob Lindsay Samuel C. Norred and James C. Douglass [illegible]	24	63
To nett Balance in hands of Henry Childs Administrator for appropriation amongst the Creditors	319	62	By nett amount of Estate in hands of Administrator for appropriation amongst the Creditors	$315	62½
	$356	12½			

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this 6th Feby 1830
Geo Cunningham Clerk

Henry Childs Admr

The State of Alabama County Court Marengo County Return day for February 1830 The account Current of Henry Childs Administrator of the Estate of James Young deceased being filed for hearing allowances and final settlement at this day due notice thereof having been given as directed by Law No resistance to the allowances and settlement thereof being made and the matters therein contained and referred to being inspected It is considered by the Court that the same be in all things allowed as recorded as a final settlement and liquidation of all the Estate of the said deceased which has come to the knowledge & possession of the said Administrator This account exhibits the nett sum of three hundred and nineteen Dollars and sixty two cents in the hands of the said Administrator and the Estate being duly found and declared insolvent and the Commissioners appointed to audit the claims having returned their report It is ascertained that the claims found by them against the said Estate amount to the sum of seven hundred and fifty Six Dollars and fifty cents Whereupon it appears to this Court that the above or nett sum in the hands of the said Administrator will pay to the creditors at the rate of forty two and a half cents in the dollar and no more Wherefore it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said Henry Childs pay off and discharge to the several creditors in the Commissioners Report mentioned the said sum of forty two and one half cents in each dollar of their respective claims allowed and reported by them as aforesaid that is to say that he pay to Adam Glass the sum of One dollar and Eighty five cents to Thomas Jordan and Jacob Ritchie thirty two dollars and ninety eight cents to Henry & Curtis and James Kelly four dollars and twenty four cents to Curtis to his own use four dollars and Eighty nine cents Ordered to Isaac Greer nine dollars and seventy seven cents to Elizabeth Irby fifty seven dollars and twenty one cents to John C Jones twenty dollars and fifty two cents to Thomas Ringgold three dollars and ninety Eight cents to Zachias Gruenthers dollars and fifteen cents to Jacob Jordan twenty One Dollars and twenty cents to Benjamin Young & John Jordan nine Dollars and thirty cents to John Jordan six dollars & fifty One cents to William Fluker and James Keller four dollars and Eighty four cents to William Wells thirty dollars and eight cents to Benajah Whitlow surviving partner of Miller & Whitlow fourteen dollars and forty four cents to Benajah & Whitlow Eight dollars and seventy cents

and to Benjamin W. Johnson fourteen dollars and four cents being their respective proportion of said nett sum to be money now assigned and decreed to them respectively upon their respective claims found and reported by said Commissioners and that he be discharged from further administering said Estate Thomas Ringgold presiding Judge

The Estate of Mason Arnt

Application for Letters County Court Decem. 7th 1825 Durham Arnt sharing applies for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Mason Arnt deed It is ordered that notice is given of the said application by advertisement at the Court House and three other public places to all persons interested to appear and show cause at the next Court to be holden on the third monday of this instant at the Court House, and show cause why letters of administration should not according to law be granted 7th 1825 Thomas Ringgold Judge &c

Letters granted

County Court sd & Marengo County & return day the third monday & 19th day of Decem ber 1825 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge &c Durham Arnt sharing heretofore made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Mason Arnt deceased and notice having been given of said application as required by Law and no person appearing to contest the same and the said Durham Arnt this day coming into Court continuing his said application and having entered into & Bond with Security in the sum of One thousand Dollars and taken the oath required by Law as Administrator aforesaid It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to the said Durham Arnt on all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of said deceased It is Ordered by the Court that William Anderson William Burks Thomas Anderson Mathew Brewer and Eli Davis be appointed appraisers to appraise the Estate of Mason Arnt and that they make due returns of the same

Bond

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Durham Arnt Benjamin Barton and William Cooper are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the Probate

County Court of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama aforesaid in the sum of One thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office we bind Our selves our heirs Executors & administrators and in Signs firmly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seal and dated this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty five The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Durham Arnett has been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Mason Arnett deceased Now if the said Durham Arnett shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may by the Law be required of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void & otherwise to remain in full force and virtue (Signed) Durham Arnett Seal Test W B Barton Wm Williams Coo[?] Signed sealed and acknowledged in open Court before me Geo Cunningham Clerk

Letters. The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Judge of the County Court for said County Whereas Mason Arnett late of Marengo County deceased died intestate having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels and credits within the County aforesaid Be reason Whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and also the final dismission from the same to the Court aforesaid does of right belong Thee desiring that the goods chattels and credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and lawfully disposed of do hereby grant unto Durham Arnett Administrator full power by this power of these presents to administer the goods chattels rights and credits of said deceased which is him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask demand sue for recover and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law then the balance surplus to be for to the legal heirs and distributees of said deceased and the said Durham Arnett having given Bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to his just qualification as administrator aforesaid he is by order of said Court and by virtue of these presents ordained constituted and appointed administrator of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of the said Mason Arnett deceased Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 19th day of Decr 1825

Geo Cunningham Clerk

Amount of Sales of the Estate of Mason Arnett deceased

Sept 1825	Sale of Mear Birdsong	$ 10	12½		
	" of Wm Bounds	8	00		
	" of Frances Walker	3	12½		
	" of Wm Hardeman	6	12½		
	" of John Glass	1	25		
	" of Alfred Ludey		75		
	" of Mr Moore		50		
	" of James Lockhart	3	75		
	" of Elijah Morris	6	00		

Amount of money collected by Durham Arnett Admr of Mason Arnett

Frances Tolleson	1	12½	
Benjamin Mills	11	12½	
Sherod Parker	3	25	
Elijah Morris	11	25	
John McFarlan	6	50	
John McFarlan at an Auction	3	00	
John P Freeman	15	31	
Philip Goodbread	23	81½	
John Megginson	1	81½	

John P Freeman	3	62½	William Anderson	9	50
William Fowler	3	00	Miley Brooks	22	00
David Curry	17	81½	Isaac Smith	5	43¾
Berryman Adams	3	81½	Ealet Warner	5	93¾
James Pelly	13	18¾	William H Clark	2	37½
Noah Chatham	3	43¾	Thomas Ringgold	4	12½
W B Adams	2	00	Robert Neil		12½
Jeremiah Mitchell	4	12½	B P Willson & Co	3	37½
Arrington & Pitts	4	62½	George Cunningham	2	80
Mathew Brewer	2	12½	Durham Arnett	2	30
Dempsey Murdaugh	8	81¼	John Cawley		31½
Brought Over			Durham Arnett	30	62½
John Carter	18	00	amount brought over	117	18¾
John Cawkins				115	73
			amounts of sales of goods & chattels	282	43¾
				2	25½
Amount of Money paid out by Durham Arnett Admr of the Estate of Mason Arnett to Creditors				$317	09½
To James H Adams Sheriff on an Execution against Mason Arnett dec					141.12½
To different persons as receipts will show					160.00
To D Arnett 35 as the note will show					35.00
To D Arnett $138.14					138¼

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me Durham Arnett Administrator on the Estate of Mason Arnett Dec being duly sworn saith that the foregoing Inventory contains a true statement of all the goods & chattels rights & debts due or accruing and that said Deponent is engaged to the Estate of Mason Arnett deceased so far as the same has come to his hands as administrator aforesaid (Signed) Durham Arnett Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day Dec 1829 Geo Cunningham Clerk

At a County Court for Orphans business begun and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first day and first Monday in June A D 1829 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory produced by Durham Arnett Administrator on the Estate of Mason Arnett be filed & entered of Record

The State of Alabama Marengo County County Court for Orphans business began and held in and for said County on the first monday of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered that Durham Arnett Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights credits & debts of Mason Arnett deceased be cited to file his account of Sales of said Estate and also his account current with said Estate by or before the first monday of December next

Citation. The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to make known unto Durham Arnett the administrator of the Estate of Mason Arnett deceased that it is ordered by the Judge of the Orphans Court of the County of Marengo that he be cited to file his account of Sales of said Estate and also his account current with said Estate by or before the first monday in December next Herein fail not and have you and there this writ with your proceedings endorsement thereon Witness George

Final Record of Administration Causes

George Cunninghame clerk of our said Court at office this 2nd day of Nov A D 1829 and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty fourth year Issued 2nd Nov 1829 Geo Cunninghame clerk

Return: Rec'd 13th Nov 1829 not Executed Tho Adams Shff

At a County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama On the first monday and seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty fourth year present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that an alias attachment issue to Durham Avent Administrator on the Estate of Mason Avent deceased to file his account of sales also his account Current and vouchers for final settlement on or before the next Term of this Court

Citation: The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to notify Durham Avent (as you have or are qualified) Administrator on the Estate of Mason Avent deceased that he and appear at the next Term of the County Court for Orphans business to be held at Linden in the County aforesaid on the first monday in January next to file his account of Sales and account Current as the administrator in said Estate herein fail not and thereupon you have this Writ Witness George Cunninghame clerk of our said Court at office this 7th day of December A D 1829 and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty fourth year Issued 7th Dec 1829 Geo Cunninghame Clerk

Return: Rec'd 12th Dec 1829 Executed 14 Dec 1829 Thos Adams Shff

At a County Court begun and held in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the first monday and fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight for Orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that this case be continued and that the Administrator shall attend until the next Term of this Court to file his accounts and vouchers

At a County Court began and held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday in February it the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Eight for Orphans business present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding Durham Avent having been duly cited to file his account of Sales account current and vouchers and having made default It is ordered by the Court that an attachment issue unless he be and appear at the next Return day of this Court and file his said account of Sales account Current and vouchers and that Citation issue accordingly

Citation: The State of Alabama Marengo County To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby commanded to notify Durham Avent to and appear at the next Term of the County Court for Orphans business to be held at Linden in the County aforesaid on the first monday of March next to file his account of Sales account Current and Vouchers as the Administrator of Mason Avent deceased and also to show cause Why an attachment should not issue against him herein fail not and thereupon see Court this 2nd day of March 1829 George Cunninghame clerk of our said Court at office this 18th day of March 1829 Thos Adams Shff

Final Record of Administration Causes No 6

A D 1830 and of the Independence of the United States of America the Fifty fourth year Geo Cunninghame Clerk

Return: Rec'd 21st Feby 1830 Executed the 23d Feby 1830 Tho Adams Shff

An account of the Sales of the personal Estate of Mason Avent deceased 1st October 1825

John P Travers	1 Pail		$ 26
Robert Brachenridge	1 Spade		37½
Do	1 wash Bolt		90
Durham Avent	10 Gallons Vinegar	35 cts	3 50
	3 Barrels		30
J M Johnson	2 Barrels		37½
Benj Isley	Steer deceased	6 Barrels	2 25
John P Travers	4 yds Jeans	per at 36 cts	144
David Morgan	1 Lot all skins		75
Do	1 Lot tin ware		31½
John Corley	2 Balls Cotton twine		13
Durham Avent	1 frying pan		137½
A A M Neild	1 Knives		12½
David Morgan	1 Rifle Gun		10 12½
Durham Avent	Scales and weights		1 87
John P Travers	1 Jug		25
Durham Avent	1 lb Tobacco	10 cts	32½
			$ 24 34½

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunninghame clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Durham Avent Administrator of the Estate of Mason Avent deceased who being duly sworn doth depose and saith that the above account of Sales of said deceased Estate is just & true and is a full and perfect account of said Sales (signed) Durham Avent Sworn to & before me this 8th day of March 1830 Geo Cunninghame clerk

County Court for Orphans business began and held at Linden in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama On the first monday & first day of March A D 1830 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Judge of said Court presiding It is ordered by the Court that the account of Sales of Durham Avent Administrator of the Estate of Mason Avent deceased as returned by him is entered of Record And the said Durham Avent having filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement of said Estate It is ordered that the third monday in May be appointed for hearing and determining the same and that the clerk give forty days notice of the same by advertisement at Linden and three other public places in the County

The State of Alabama County Court Marengo County the third monday of May A D 1830 The account of Durham Avent Administrator of the Estate of Mason Avent deceased being filed for settlement and allowance & set for final hearing at this day due notice thereof having been given as directed by Law By the returns and exhibits of the said Administrator it is made appear that the debts due the said deceased at the time of his death together with the account of Sales of the goods and chattels amount to the sum of three hundred and seven dollars 99 cents that in the life time of the said deceased the said Durham became the security of the said Mason to One Frances Bivens now deceased for a large sum of money which was (in fact) counter secured by said Mason in his life time

by a Deed duly executed proved and recorded authorizing the said Burkhard Womack sale of all the goods and chattles of and to collect all the debts due to the said Mason and apply the money especially to the discharge of said debt for which he had become security and afterwards the balance of the proceeds so in hand ment of other debts justly due and it further being to appear that the said debt together with the costs and charges amounting to the sum of Six hundred and sixty One Dollars 77½ cents being more than the whole proceeds of the Estate has been paid by Edward Durham Grant to Achilles George Administrator of the Estate of said Francis Bierne dead and that there remains no other effects to be administered It is therefore considered ordered and decreed that said Burkhard has fully administered the said Estate and had over the proceeds thereof according to Law that he and his securities be for the said Administration be forever discharged and go hence with out day Thomas Ringgold presiding Judge

The Estate of William A Luey

Citation

State of Alabama Marengo County County Court sitting Court in Vacation the 1st October A.D. 1826 Thomas B Luey having this day made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of William A Luey deceased It is therefore ordered that Citation issue to Mary Luey the widow of said deceased to appear at the next County Court to be held for said County at the Court House thereof on the third monday of October Instant then and there to shew cause if any she have why Administration should not be granted to the said Thomas B Luey

Citation

State of Alabama Marengo County County Court sitting Court in Vacation the 2nd October 1826 Thomas B Luey Estate Thomas B Luey having this day made application for Letters of administration on the Estate of William A Luey deceased It is therefore ordered that Citation issue to Mary Luey the widow of said deceased to appear at the next County Court to be held for said County at the Court House thereof on the third monday of October Instant then and there to shew cause if any she have why Administration should not be granted to the said Thomas B Luey Signed Thomas Ringgold Judge County Court Extracted from the minutes of Court this 2nd day of October A.D. 1826 Joe Cumings Clerk

Order

By Virtue of a Writ to me directed Henry Chiles Deed in office this 7th of October 1826 County Court for Orphans business return day being the third monday and 16th day of October A.D. 1826 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge Estate of Wm A Luey It appearing to the Court that the Citation to the widow of said deceased to appear and shew cause why administration should not be granted to Thomas B Luey has not been returned it is ordered that an alias citation issue returnable to the next term of the Court to be holden on the third monday in November next and that this cause be continued until then Extracted from the minutes of Court this 24th October 1826 Joe Cumings Clerk

Alias Citation

By virtue of this Writ Henry Chiles Deed in office this 25th of Oct 1826

Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of Marengo County

Unpaid by order

To the Sheriff or Coroner of Marengo County Greeting You are hereby commanded to summon Thomas B Luey the next of kin administering on the Estate of Wm A Luey deceased personally to be and appear before the Judge of our County Court for Orphans business at the Court House in Linden on the third monday and being the 16th day of October 1826 then and there to shew cause if any he can have why Letters of Administration on the Estate of Wm A Luey deceased should not be granted to Mary Luey Witness Thomas Ringgold Judge of our said Court at Office this 2nd day of October A.D. 1826 Joe Cumings Clerk

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Order

State of Alabama Marengo County County Court sitting Court in Vacation the 16th October A.D. 1826 Thomas B Luey having this day made application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of William A Luey deceased It is therefore ordered that Citation issue to Mary Luey the widow of said deceased to appear at the next County Court to be held for said County at the Court House thereof on the third monday of October Instant then and there to shew cause if any she have why Administration should not be granted to the said Thomas B Luey Signed Thomas Ringgold Judge County Court Extracted from the minutes of Court this 16th day of October A.D. 1826 Joe Cumings Clerk

Order

By virtue of a Writ to me directed Henry Chiles Deed in office this 17

to the P Thomas B Lucy as now his taking the oath prescribed by
Law and the said Tho B Lucy comes now here into Court and takes
the oath prescribed by Law. It is ordered that Benajah P Whitlow
Joshua Lewis William McMaster Thomas R Curtis and Wm
Curtis be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of the Estate
of William A Lucy dec'd

Bond — State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these
presents that we Thomas B Lucy Benajah P Whitlow and
John Lucy are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold
Esqr Judge of the County Court of the County & State
aforesaid in the sum of five hundred Dollars which payment
well and truly to be made to the said Thomas Ringgold Esqr
& his Successors in office we bind Ourselves and each of our
heirs Executors and Administrators & assigns jointly & severally
firmly by these presents Sealed with Our seals and dated this
20th day of November AD 1826 The condition of the above obliga-
tion is such that Whereas the above bound Thomas B Lucy has
been duly appointed administrator of all and singular the goods &
chattels rights & credits of William A Lucy deceased Now if
the said Thomas B Lucy shall well and truly perform all the
duties which are or may by law be required of him & such ad-
ministrator then the above obligation to be void & otherwise to
remain in full force & virtue (Signed) Thomas B Lucy Seal
John Lucy Seal Tho B Whitlow Seal Signed sealed & delivered
acknowledged in presence of Geo Cuming Same Clerk

Letters — The State of Alabama Marengo County By the Grace of the
County Court of said County Whereas William A Lucy late of
Marengo County deceased died intestate having Made no Will at
the time of his death divers goods chattels & credits within
the County aforesaid By reason Whereof the full disposition &
power of granting the administration of all and singular the
goods & chattels rights & credits of the said deceased and also final
discharge from the same do this Court aforesaid does of right belong
Thus making that the goods chattels credits of said deceased
may be well and truly be administered and legally disposed of do
hereby grant unto Thomas B Lucy Administrator full power
by the tenor of these presents to administer the goods & chattels rights
and credits of said deceased which to him in his life time and at the
time of his death did belong and the same duly demand sue for recover
& recieve the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood
bound so far as his effects will extend according to Law and the
balance that may be due to the said Heirs and distributees
of said deceased and the said Thomas B Lucy having given Bond
and security and taken the oath and performed all & every requisites
required by Law necessary to his just & legal discharge as administrator
& by his Order of said Court and by virtue of these presents Granted
constituted and appointed administrator of all and singular the
goods chattels rights & credits of the said William A Lucy
Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 20th day of
November AD 1826 Test Geo Cuming Same Clerk

Inventory — We the undersigned appointed by the worshipful County Court of

of Marengo County to appraise the Estate of Wm A Lucy dec'd have met
this day and after being duly qualified do make the following appraisement viz

One Horse	$ 40	00	1 Pair Shoe tools & 14 Lasts	$ 6	00
One Saddle	14	00	One trunk	4	00
3350 lbs Seed Cotton at 1 75 p hund	40	25	One pr Shoes	2	00
One Cow & calf	10	00	One Side Leather	2	00
20 Bushels Corn @ 50	10	00	One do do	2	50
One Plough	2	50	One pr Pincers & 1 pair		75
One Hoe		75		134	75

December 18th 1826 — Benajah P Whitlow
The Appraisers duly qualified and — The H Curtis
Sworn before me — Joshua Lewis Appraisers
Tho B Lucy JP

3rd Ord — County Court for Orphans business at the usual day being the third monday &
nineteenth day of February 1827 present the Honorable Thomas Ringgold
Judge &c It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory & appraise-
ment of the Estate of William A Lucy this day filed by the Adminis-
trator be received & entered of Record & It is ordered by this Court that
Thomas B Lucy Administrator of the Estate of William A Lucy
have an order to sell all the goods & chattels belonging to the said
Estate for cash as they have been returned in the Inventory

Supplemental Inventory — A Supplemental Inventory of property belonging to the Estate of Wm A
Lucy dec'd as recieved by Thomas B Lucy Administrator which was
returned viz

Charles Wells This land	$ 37	75	Peter Simms (Freeman's estate)	$ 5	25
Jacob Allen	6	75	debts on morning day on		
Daniel Payne		75	Jane Lucy (Heir)	2	34
Jane Lucy	5	00	Do (Ambrose)	1	50
John Armstrong		56	James Burke (Martin)	2	34
Elias Reed	2	62	John McCraw (Clerk)	1	56
Lewis McClark	2	12½	Lewis Brock (Jamie)	2	
Lewis Brock Jr	6	25	1 Cow & Calf		
Cash	5	00	Personalle as returned by former		

George Cuming Same Clerk of the County Court for Marengo County
Thomas B Lucy Admr of the Estate of Wm A Lucy dec'd Who being
duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God doth depose and say that the foregoing Schedule contains
a true & true Inventory of all the personal property that has come
to the knowledge or possession or belonging to said deceased Estate Signed
Tho B Lucy Adm
Sworn & Subscribed before me this 19th day of February
1827 George Cuming Same Clerk

Sale — A List of Sale of the Estate of Wm A Lucy deceased offered & sold
25th February 1827

By Wm Bruce 1 Bridle & Bit	$	c	Thos B Lucy 1 Side Leather	$ 2	00
Martin Wells 5 Wt 1 lb Iron at 12½ per lb	10	24	Do 1 pr Shoes	2	25
Thomas B Lucy 1 Horse	31	00	Nancy Hammond 1 pr pincers & pair		75
Do 1 Cow & Calf	6	37	Do 1 Hoe		62
Do 1 Yearling	2	62	Do 1 Plough	2	00
Levin Blackmon 1 Saddle	11	75	Do 1 Hound	4	50
Thos B Lucy 1 Pr Shoe Tools	2	00	Do 2 Barrels Lt		25
Nancy Hammond 7 Bushels Corn 37½ lb	3	37	Do B Lucy 1 Cow & Calf	3	37
Charles McCarty 1 Side Leather	2	37	Do B Lucy administrator	124	37
			Tho B Lucy Admr		

Amm'ty of papers due the est. and account on Jacob Allen for $ 1.75
" Sam'l Rea 3.50 " Elijah Rhea 2.62½ " John Armstrong 3.44
" Lewis M'Carty 2.12½ " Lewis Brock Jr. 1.25 " Martin Wills 3.77½
" Dennis Payne 75 - 18.37 " Francis Walker Jr. 81 cts " Thomas
Will come accounts on persons of colour which is included in my
First Inventory which is the complete account of the Estate
of Wm A. Lucy deceased as far as I have come to my knowledge
June 8th 1827 Thomas B. Lucy Administrator

The State of Alabama Marengo County Before Thomas
Ringgold Judge of the County Court of the said County
personally appeared Thomas B. Lucy Administrator of Wm
A. Lucy dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth that the within pa-
per is a schedule of account of Sales contains a full account
of the sales of the goods & chattels of the said Wm A. Lucy dec'd
& that the annexed Inventory with the former Inventory contains
a full inventory and account of all the goods & chattels rights
and credits of the said Wm A. Lucy dec'd coming as the same
have come to his knowledge or possession June 18th 1827 Attest
Thomas Ringgold J.C.C. Thomas B. Lucy

Return of Statement of the Condition and situation of the Estate of Wm A. Lucy dec'd
Adm'r

Debts due by the estate as exhibited to the Administrator (viz)

Julius Marlenieres & Co	87	93¾	Debts due the estate which have been
Mary Landraud	2	25	exhibited to the Administrator (viz)
John Shipard	7	12½	Martin Wills 46 21¼
Achilles George Adm'r	40	50	John Blakeney 13 75
William Hatcher	19	00	Thos B. Lucy 51 12½
Barnabas Mattox	10	00	Mary Hammond 11 00
Daniel Clark	3	50	Lewis M'Carty 2 50
Charles Bratton	11	76	Jacob Allen 5 00
Clement Decontremony	26	06¼	Cash on hand 5 00
Amt debts Exhibited	$ 200	62½	Jane Lucy 5 00
			Peter Stewart (freeman of C) 5 25
			Elijah Rhea 2 62½
			John Armstrong 1 37½
			Francis Walther " 50
			Dennis Payne " 75
			Lewis M'Carty 2 37½
			Lewis Brock Jun'r 1 25
			Entire amt debts due the Estate $ 153 71¼

Affidavit Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Marengo County the above named Thos B. Lucy Adm'r of the Estate of Wm A. Lucy dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth that the above Exhibit of the Conditions of the said Estate is true so far as the same has come to his knowledge and that he believes the said Estate to be insolvent Sworn & Sept 15th 1827 Thomas B. Lucy
Sworn to before me this 15th day of Sept 1827 Thomas Ringgold Judge C.C.

Report of Commissioners appointed

The State of Alabama Marengo County we Henry Childs and George Cunningham Commissioners appointed by the honorable the County Court of said County by an order of said Court dated 24th Nov 1827 and this day pursuant to said order being the first monday of February 1828 to audit the claims against the Estate of Wm A. Lucy as follows (viz)

			Amount Brot up from 1st Column	98 00¾
Julius Marlenieres one note for	8	00	per receipt of Mary Landraud	2 25
Subject to this order	1	30	Brown & Apt to John Shipard	7 12½
Julius Marlenieres Apt & Interest	44	27	do to George Adm'r Received	40 50
Julius Marlenieres on allowance of	89	87½		149 87½

Amt reported Claims brot up	113	76¾	Given under our hands this Nineteenth
Rec'd James Apt allowed by Court	10	37	day of August A.D. Eighteen hundred
David Clarke note & Interest to date	4	00	and twenty eight The foregoing
Charles Bratton proven Apt allowed	11	75	schedule contains all the claims and
Clement Decontremony Apt allowed	26	06¼	claims which were presented or filed
Martin Wills proven Apt allowed	4	25	for examination and allowed and
do do Apt as security to Mr Atwood	31	00	we find the sums due to the several
Wm Walther note & Interest allowed	26	60	creditors as therein set forth as justly
Do Do surviving partner we allow			due from said Estate Test Cunningham
thirty five Dollars and eighty			Comm'rs Henry Childs Comm'rs
cents Test $ 35 87 cents Cuthbert	32	96	we sworn to and subscribed before
Apt	288	77¾	me John M'Farland J.P.

Current The Estate of Wm A. Lucy in account current with Thos B. Lucy Adm'r Cr

To Amt Apt Nancy Hammond for			Amt Bal up	113	76¾
pickering out 2300 lbs cotton @ ½ pr	11	50	Commission to Adm'r on $ 923.15¾ 6 pr ct	9	65
Apt Nancy Hammond for finishing			Balance in hands Adm'r Cr	69	11¾
Cash of the desks of deceased	5	00	Amt Sales property Dec'd	184	87½
To Mr Lucy cart & hands 3 days	6	00	Jacob Allen Account	6	75
Apt Mrs Thacker Drs Bill	12	00	Jane Lucy Acc't	5	00
To Jno Brewer advertising Est & Sheriff	3	50	Elijah Rhea Apt	2	62½
Apt Mrs Allen Apt as rendered	1	75	John Armstrong	1	37½
Elijah Rhea Cr	2	62½	Lewis M'Carty Apt	2	12½
John Armstrong Publishing	1	37½	Lewis Brock Sen'r Martin Wills 37½	2	87½
Martin Wills on settlement Dr	37	75	Dan'l Payne & F. Walther Apt	1	25
Amt Apt Clerk fee bill Court Clerk	32	00	Peter Stewart & Co Cr	10	25
Amt Carried up	113	76¾	Thomas B. Lucy Adm'r	193	15¾

By balance in hands of Administrator to be distributed among the legatees of said estate $ 61.11¾/100 The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared before Thomas Ringgold Judge of the County Court Thomas B. Lucy Adm'r of the Estate of Wm A. Lucy dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth that the above account is a full and true and just statement of the said estate and his proceedings as well also of the disbursements necessarily made and paid out by him and for the debts due by the said estate and all other matters therein contained are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief given under my hand this 9th day of February 1828 Thomas Ringgold J. C. C. Mc Co.

Decree The State of Alabama County Court Marengo County February Term 1828 Present Thomas Ringgold Judge &c. Thomas B. Lucy Adm'r of the Estate of Wm A. Lucy dec'd coming finally to settle his account & final settlement on the return whereof having been given and directed by law and final hearing thereof continued until the present Term of the Court at which the matters and things therein contained being inspected and by the Court considered & there being no exceptions made to the allowance & settlement thereof it is considered and by the Court that the same be in all things allowed confirmed & recorded as a settlement final & liquidated between the said Estate of the said Dec'd which has come to the knowledge & possession of the said Adm'r of his accounts & debts and shows that after allowing all legal offsets & deducting Commissions & after paying the costs & charges of Administration & such costs & charges as are necessarily incurred by said Adm'r there is in the hands of the said Adm'r the sum of $ 69. 71¾/100 Dollars as the nett proceeds of said Estate to be distributed among & paid over to the creditors the said Estate having been delivered over to the Commissioners appointed to audit the claims having reported the same of $ 89 87½ the claims which they have found due from said Estate to the creditors as entered & reported in their report which is now of record in this Court & which report is by the Court confirmed & recorded & ordered that said Adm'r pay out of the assets in his hands the several sums found due from said Estate to the several creditors as entered & reported in their report & that the said Adm'r have a final discharge from his trust as Adm'r of said Estate when he shall have paid the several claims allowed & reported as aforesaid & taken the receipts of the several creditors for the same & returned the same to this Court & not before Ordered that the Clerk of this Court issue to the said Adm'r a final discharge from his trust as Adm'r of said Estate when he shall have complied with the foregoing decree Thomas Ringgold J. C. C.

Final Record of Administration Causes Marengo County

The Estate of Allen Grimes

Application for Letters } At a county Court for orphans business begun and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the twenty fourth day of March Eighteen hundred and thirty Two present the Honorable Wm. J. Mellon Judge of said Court presiding

At this day came Charlotte Grimes widow of Allen Grimes Deceased and made application for letters of Administration on the estate of the said Allen Grimes decd and the said Charlotte Grimes having entered into Bond in the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars with James W. Bryant and Jacob Mitchell as securities therein and having taken the oath prescribed by Law as such Administratrix it is ordered by the Court that letters of Administration issue accordingly

Appraisers } It is ordered by the Court that Jacob Mitchell James W. Bryant James Dunbridge Henry B. Mitchell and Thos. Adams be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased and that they or a majority of them make due return of the same

Bond } The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Charlotte Grimes and James W. Bryant and Jacob Mitchell are held and firmly bound unto William J. Mellon Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said William J. Mellon and his successors in office which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us our heirs Executors and Administrators Severally & Severally Jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this twenty first day of March Anno Eighteen hundred and thirty Two The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Charlotte Grimes has been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased now if the said Charlotte Grimes shall well and truly perform all the duties which she now may be required by law as such Administratrix then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force. C. Grimes [Seal] Jas. W. Bryant [Seal] Jacob Mitchell [Seal]

Teste Geo Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of Marengo County Alabama

Letters } State of Alabama Marengo County March Term 1832 orphans Court

Be it remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on application of Charlotte Grimes Exrx and Administratrix of the estate of Allen Grimes late of Marengo County deceased to this Court at a session held on the 24th day of March 1832 I have granted them my Letters of Administration de bonis in favor of the aforesaid Caroline Grimes on and upon the goods and Chattels rights and credits of Allen Grimes deceased of Marengo County and in every case which doth or may concern the said Caroline Grimes Administratrix aforesaid is hereby authorized & to bring sue and to be sued as the lawful Administratrix of the said Allen Grimes Deceased Witness William J. Mellon Judge of our said orphans Court this 24th day of March 1832 and fifty seventh year of American Independence Attest Geo Cunningham Clerk

Inventory } Inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec. January 16th 1833

1 Red Horse called Selem	60	00	Amount Brot forward		728 00
1 Bay Mare Called Fan	80	00	1 Gold Watch		350 00
1 Bay Mare & Colt Called Molly	46	00	13000 lbs cotton more or less @ 9c6		1650 00
37 head stock hogs @ $1.00 pr head	37	00	3 head Horses		44 75
2100 lbs Salted pork more or less @ $5.00 cwt	250	00	30 head of Cattle @ $3. pr head		150 00
1 Old Cotton Gin	1	00	46 head of Sheep @ $1. pr head		46 00
Household & Kitchen furniture	150	00	12 head " do @ 100 pr head		13 00
Farming Utensils	25	00			$ 2418 75
One Set Blacksmiths Tools	30	00	Henry B. Mitchell Jacob Mitchell		
7 Stacks of Fodder @ $5. pr Stack	35	00	James W. Bryant Charlotte Grimes		

Affidavit } The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared in open Court Charlotte Grimes Administratrix of Allen Grimes Deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the above Inventory contains a true account and Inventory and appraisement of the personal property of Allen Grimes Deceased as made by her given under my hand in open Court this 24th day of January A.D. 1833 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Order to Sale } At a county Court began and held in and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama for orphans business on the 4th Monday and 24th December A.D. One thousand eight hundred and thirty Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty seventh present Wm. J. Mellon Judge of said Court it is ordered upon application that the Administratrix of the estate of Allen Grimes dec'd have an order to sell the personal estate of said Dec'd as made this day of the same

Order to Rec & appr } At a County Court for orphans business held in and for Marengo County at the Court House in said County on the 8th January 1833 Estate of Allen Grimes dec'd

It is ordered by the Court that the Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Allen Grimes deceased as made by the Administratrix be received and entered of record, and it is also further ordered that the true amounts of sales of personal property of said deceased as made by the said administratrix be also received and entered of record and also that the Inventory of notes be received and entered of record

Sales } Account Sales of the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd Sold 25th April 1832 at twelve months Credit

Articles Sold	Names of purchasers	$	cts
1 Sorrel Horse	Robert Goodwyn	5	00
1 Bay Horse	Orlin Goodwyn	10	00
1 Black Colt	Nathan Tisdale	29	75
6 Ewes & Lambs	Mrs C. Grimes	18	50
3 Ewes and 4 Lambs	Daniel Johnson	9	00
6 Ewes with Lambs	Jacob Mitchell	15	00
1 yoke of Broke Oxen	Nathan Tisdale	30	00
1 yoke " do unbroke	C. Grimes	28	00
2 Cows and yearlings	C. Grimes	20	00
1 Cow & Calf	C. Grimes	10	00
1 yoke of unbroke Steers	C. A. Hatch	21	00
1 white Steer	Hardy Abney	8	75
1 Bull	Henry B. Mitchell	8	35
1 Bull	Hardy Abney	7	00
1 Bro Twyn	Robert Goodwyn	5	00
1 Black Cow and yearling	C. Grimes	10	00
1 white Cow C. A. Hatch	C. A. Hatch	8	35
1 red Cow & calf	Nathan Tisdale	9	25
1 Pided Cow	Henry B. Mitchell	9	75
1 Cow & heifer	Henry B. Mitchell	13	00
1 Black Cow	Hardy Abney	9	00
1 White Cow	Mrs Haver	7	00
	Sign Charlotte Grimes	$ 392	75

Affidavit } The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared in open Court Charlotte Grimes Administratrix of the estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth that the above & foregoing contains a true account of the Sales of the personal property of said Deceased given under my hand in open Court this 28th day of January A.D. Eighteen hundred and thirty three Geo Cunningham Clerk

2nd Sales } Account Sales of personal property belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd Sold Jany 28th 1833 on 18 months Credit

Names of purchasers	Articles	$	cts
Mrs. C. Grimes	To 1 Lot of old ploughs	11	00
Do Do	To 300 pounds more or less of Cotton @ 10c	150	00
Do Do	To Fodder and Bale	5	00
Do Do	To 2 Stacks Fodder	5	00
Do Do	To 1 Bay mare Mare	80	00
Do Do	" 1 Red Horse	80	00
Do Do	" 57 head of Hogs	70	00
Daniel Johnson	" 1 Lot old ploughs	6	00
Do Do	" 1 Lot of old Iron	2	50
Samuel Simmons	" 1 crop out Sand	6	60
H. B. Mitchell	" 1 do do	1	00
Nat R. Barnard	" 1 Set Black smiths tools	26	50
Samuel Simmons	" 2 Sack plains	1	50
H. B. Mitchell	" 1 Waggon	26	37
H. B. Mitchell	" 5 Stacks Fodder &	20	11

and Lambs $ 441 00

Order to record

County Court for orphans business returned day being the 8th January 1833 Estate of Allen Grimes

It is ordered by the court that the Inventory and appraisment of the estate of Allen Grimes Deceased as made by the Administratrix be received and entered of record, and it is also further ordered that further amounts of sales of personal property of said deceased as made by the said administratrix be also received and entered of record and also that the Inventory of notes be received and entered of record

1st Sales Account Sales of the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd held 28th Sept 1832 at twelve months credit

Articles Sold	Names of purchasers	$	cts
1 Sorrel Horse	Robert Goodwyn	5	00
1 Bay Horse	John Goodwyn	10	00
1 Black Colt	Nathan Tisdale	29	75
6 Ewes & Lambs	Mrs Grimes	15	50
2 Ewes and 2 Lambs	Daniel Johnson	4	00
6 Ewes with Lambs	Jacob Mitchell	15	66
1 yoke of Brother Oxen	Nathan Tisdale	30	00
1 yoke " do unbroke	C. Grimes	28	00
2 Cows and yearlings	C. Grimes	20	00
1 Cow & Calf	C Grimes	10	00
1 yoke of unbroke Steers	C.A. Hatch	21	00
1 white Steer	Hardy Abney	8	75
1 Bull	Henry M. Mitchell	8	25
1 Bull	Hardy Abney	7	00
1 Big Stag	Robert Goodwyn	5	00
1 Black Cow and yearling	C. Grimes	10	00
1 white Cow C.A. Hatch	C.A. Hatch	8	25
1 red Cow & Calf	Nathan Tisdale	9	25
1 Pided Cow	Henry M. Mitchell	9	75
1 Cow & Heifer	Henry M. Mitchell	12	00
1 Black Cow	Hardy Abney	9	00
1 White Cow	Mrs Haver	7	00
	Sign'd Charlotte Grimes Adm'x	$ 392	75

Affidavit The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared in open Court Charlotte Grimes Adm'x of the estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd who being duly sworn says that the above & foregoing contains a true account of the sales of the personal property of said Deceased given under my hand in open court this 28th day of January A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Thirty three Geo Cunningham Clerk

2nd Sept Sales Account sales of personal property belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd held Jany 28th 1833 on 12 months credit

Names of purchasers	Articles		
Mrs. C. Grimes	To 1 Lot of old ploughs	11	00
Do Do	To 200 bushels more of Corn @ 60 cts	120	00
Do Do	To Fodder and Oats	5	00
Do Do	To 2 stacks Fodder	5	00
Do Do	To 1 Bay mare Mare	50	00
Do Do	" 1 Black Horse	50	00
Do Do	" 57 head of Hogs	70	00
Daniel Johnson	" 1 Lot old ploughs	6	00
Do Do	" 1 Lot of old Iron	2	50
Samuel Simmons	" 1 crop of oat Sand	6	60
H. M. Mitchell	" 1 do do	1	00
Rob R. Bryant	" 1 Ul Black smiths tools	26	50
Samuel Simmons	" 2 Sack planes	1	50
H. M. Mitchell	" 1 Waggon	36	37
H. M. Mitchell	" 5 Stacks Fodder & oat straw	20	11
		$ 401	97

	Amt sales Back from	481	50
C.A. Hatch	1 Black Cow & Calf	7	50
Do Do	1 Red Cow & Calf	9	25
Do Do	1 White Cow & Calf	8	62
Robt Goodwyn	1 small red Cow & yearlin	7	75
H. M. Mitchell	3 yearlins for	11	37
Do	Do		
	1 Mare & Colt	21	00
John C. M. Greer	1 Male of cotton	12	75
James R. Bryant	1 old cotton Gin	10	00
Mrs C. Grimes	1030 lbs bacon @ 6¼ cts	66	95
Mrs Goodwyn	200 " pork for	11	25
Do	Do 200 " do do	11	63
Hardy Abney	400 " do do	22	92
H. M. Mitchell	200 " do do	11	62
Elijah Mills	200 " do do	11	66
Elijah Mills	200 do do	11	66
H. M. Mitchell	200 do do	11	70
Mrs C. Grimes	1 Mill Lard do	3	00
do do	1 Set knays & two wads	1	00
do do	Washing tubs & Churn	1	00
do do	Sieve & cards	"	50
do do	Sail	"	50
do do	Cooking Utensils	"	00
do do	2 Saddles	5	00
do do	1 Set Bottles	12	00
do do	1 Set Crockery	1	00
do do	½ Bbl flour	2	00
do do	1 Set plates & dishes	1	00
do do	1 Mahogany Table	10	00
do do	1 Bureau	10	00
do do	1 pine Table	"	50
do do	5 old Chairs	"	50
do do	2 Bucketts & Wheel	2	00
do do	4 B. Nyx	4	00
do do	6 do Rice @ 4 per B	6	00
Johnson	300 lbs wool @ 31 cts per lbs	6	30
H. M. Mitchell	1 Hair Matt & c	10	62½
H. M. Mitchell	157 Acres of Land More or less	2	50
Mrs C. Grimes	1 Set knives & forks		75
do	1 Loom & Reel	5	00
H. M. Mitchell	Loom & fire dogs	1	00
Draft on John C. M. Greer Dec'd dated 20th 1834	accepted by C Jolly pr'c for	1220	00
	Sign'd Charlotte Grimes	$ 2034	00

Affidavit The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared in open Court Charlotte Grimes Adm'x of the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that the foregoing & the below contains a true account of part of the personal property of Allen Grimes Deceased as made by her given under my hand in open Court this 28th day of January A.D. 1833 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Schedule of notes & accts due & owing to the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd in the hands of Charlotte Grimes Adm'x including interest & amounts up to the 28th day of January 1834

From whom due	Residence	Date	When due	Amount & Interest	Paid	Due
Henry M. Mitchell note	176	"	Feb 1st 1833	Principal 33.94 Int 2		363 94

	Amt Sales Mdse from	481 50
C. A. Haleb	1 Black Cow & Calf	7 50
Do Do	1 Red Cow & Calf	9 25
Do Do	1 White Cow & Calf	8 62½
Robt Goodwyn	1 small red cow & yearling	7 75
H. B. Mitchell	3 yearlins	11 37
Do Do	1 Mare & Colt	21 00
John C. M'Grew	1 Mule & colt	13 75
James R. Bryant	1 old Cotton Gin	10 00
Mrs C. Grimes	1030 lbs bacon @ 6¼ cts	64 37½
Miss Goodwyn	200 " pork	11 25
Do Do	200 " do	11 63
Hardy Henry	400 " do	22 92
H. B. Mitchell	203 " do	11 62
Elijah Mills	200 " do	11 66
Elijah Mills	200 do do	11 66
H. B. Mitchell	200 do do	11 70
Mrs C. Grimes	1 Mill Card	2 00
do do	1 set trays & tin ware	1 00
do do	Washing tubs & chairs	1 00
do do	Wool & cards	" 50
do do	Nails	" 50
do do	Cooking Utensils	" 00
do do	2 saddles	5 00
do do	1 Doll Books	12 00
do do	1 Doll Crockery	1 00
do do	1/2 bbl flour	2 00
do do	1 Doll plates & dishes	1 00
do do	1 Mahogany Table	10 00
do do	1 Bureau	10 00
do do	1 pine Table	" 50
do do	5 old chairs	" 50
do do	2 Bushels Wheat	2 00
do do	4 D Rye	4 00
do do	6 do Rice @ 1 per D	6 00
Johnson	20 lbs wool @ 31 cts per lbs	6 20
H. B. Mitchell	1 Hair Mattress	10 62½
H. B. Mitchell	157 Acres of Land More or Less	2 50
Mrs C. Grimes	1 Set Knives & forks	1 25
Do Do	1 Loom & Reel	5 00
H. B. Mitchell	Loom & fire tools	1 00
Draft on John C. M'Grew Dated June 25th 1834 accepted by Colby & Co for		1220 00
Sept. Charlotte Grimes		$2034 00

Edmund The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared in open Court Charlotte Grimes Admnx of the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that the foregoing Schedule contains a true account of effects of the personal property of Allen Grimes Deceased as made by her sworn under my hand in open Court this 25th of January A.D. 1835 Jno Cunningham Clk

Schedule 1st Schedule of notes and debts due and owing to the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased in the hands of Charlotte Grimes Administratrix including interest and amount up to the 25th day of January 1835

From whom Due	Amount	Credits	When due	Amount of Interest	Due
Henry B. Mitchell note	476	"	Feb 18th 1833	Int 23.94	563 94

From when Due Note	Amount	Credits	When due	Amt of Interest Amt Brot forward	
					563 94
Charles Mitchell	150.00	" "	Feb 12th 1833	Added Int 11.50	161 50
Henry B. Mitchell	57.00	" "	Apl 23rd 1833	" " 3.02	60 02
Henry B Mitchell	30.00	20.00	March 2d 1833	" " .72	10 72
Henry B. Mitchell	86.00	" "	Jany 1st 1833	" " 7.35	93 35
C. A. Haleb	298.53	" "	Jan 1st 1833	" " 25.53	324 08
Henry B. Mitchell	12.87½	" "	Apl 11th 1833	" " .78½	13 66
C. A. Haleb	160.00	" "	Jan 1st 1833	" " 13.50	173 50
B. W. Adams	38.75	10.00	Jan 1st 1833	" " 1.60	30 35
Mathias Tisdale	69.00	" "	Apl 26th 1833	" " by Mr Smith 2.14	73 14
C. A. Haleb	29.25	" "	Apl 28th 1833	" " 2.34	31 59
John Goodwyn	10.00	" "	Apl 28th 1833	" " .60	10 60
Henry B. Mitchell	56.25	" "	Apl 25th 1833	" " 3.21	59 86
Robt Goodwyn	31.37½	" "	Jan 25th 1834	" " "	31 37½
Hardy Henry	45.76	" "	Jan 25th 1834	" " "	45 76
David Johnson	15.63	" "	Jan 25th 1834	" " "	15 63
Robt Goodwyn	10.00	" "	Apl 25th 1834	Credited Aug 20 cts	9 80
C. A. Haleb	40.37½	" "	Jan 25th 1834		40 37½
Henry B. Mitchell	108.82½	" "	Jan 25th 1834		108 82½
James R. Bryant	36.50	25.00	Jan 25th 1834		11 50
Henry B. Mitchell	25.00	" "	Jany 25th 1834		25 00
Elijah Mills	11.66	" "	Jan 25th 1834		11 66
Lemuel Simmons	8.00	" "	Jan 25th 1834		8 00
John C. M'Grew Apl	220.00	" "	Jan 25th 1834		1220 00
C. A. Haleb note	60.13½	" "	Jan 25th 1833	Added Int 4.81	64 93½
T. M. Walker "	300.00	" "	Jan 1st 1833	" " 24.00	324 00
C. A. Haleb & H. B. Mitchell	237.00	" "	Jan 1st 1834	" " 1.31	238 31
H. B. Mitchell	101.00	" "	Jan 1st 1834	" " .55	101 55
Jacob Mitchell	73.00	" "	Jan 1st 1834	" " .41	73 41
B. W. Adams	37.50	" "	Jan 1st 1834	" " .15	37 65
Lemuel Simmons	26.50	" "	Jan 1st 1834	" " .14	26 64
	$ 3863.10½	55.00			$ 3948 . 61
Deduct am't Credits	55.00				
	$ 3808.10½		Signed June 8th 1834.	Charlotte Grimes	

Order for final settlement

County Court for orphans business in vacation Marengo County being 27th day of May A.D. 1833 Hon Wm R. Hon Judge presiding At this day came Charlotte Grimes Administratrix of the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased and filed her papers and accounts for allowance and final settlement it is therefore ordered by the Court that Sunday the twenty day of January next be set apart for said final settlement and that the Clerk of this Court give forty days notice at Lenders and Rice other public places in the County that the Kindred and creditors may come forward and shew cause why such final settlement cannot be made

Order appointing appraisers Same day

It is ordered by the Court that the following persons be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to value and appraise the negroes belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased viz Isabel Credit Lavender Simmons Augustus Forcue Burdett Eskridge and Solon Jordan and that they make due return to this Court at Court to be held on or before the first monday of January next according to law

Citation to issue

Citation to issue Suggested to the Court it is therefore ordered that a citation issue to Thos M. Walker one of the heirs of T. M. Walker of Allen Grimes Deceased to appear and declare the amount of Allowances made to them by the aforesaid day said Allen Grimes in his lifetime so that the same may be brought into Notes Debts or shew cause why it should not be considered and adjusted by the Court that has the business of the deceased's full proportionable part of said Estate

Appraisement of Negroes

Marengo County December 29th 1833 Appraisement of the Negro property belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Deceased

Tom Aged 55 years	300	00	James Aged 26 years	750 00
Lucky Aged 42 years	350	00	Bill aged 24 years	700 00
Sunny do 14 years	475	00	Susan do 8 years	250 00
Josh do 13 years	400	00	Gingo do 24 years	500 00
Tanner do 3 years	175	00	Mariah do 18 years	300 00
Sarah do 28 years	350	00	Adaline do 13 years	200 00
Sally do 12 years	400	00		
Polis do 10 years	400	00		
Eli do 8 years	275	00		
George do 6 years	250	00		
Judy 30 years old & child	500	00		
Clis aged 12 years	375	00		
Enoch do 10 years	400	00		
Vines do 8 years	250	00		
Marshall 6 years	200	00		
Uriah aged 3 years	100	00		
Polly aged 26 years & child	500	00		
Collier aged 7 years	250	00		
Ervinah do 5 years	175	00		
Mahida do 2 years	150	00		
and Carried up	$6955	00		

The three last named negroes were given by demand do Stacy B. Walters in trust, so long as they are appraised at $1775.00 in all, to wit

Aunt brought forward $6355 00

James Aged 26 years 750 00
Bill aged 24 years 700 00
Susan do 8 years 250 00
Gingo do 24 years 500 00
Mariah do 18 years 300 00
Adaline do 13 years 200 00
Subtotal
The three last named negroes were $6955 00
given by demand do Stacy B. Walters 1500 00 1775.00
in trust, so long as they are appraised at $7955 00
present ages value at the time of
advancement say $1600.00

We the appraisers certify that those prices is as near as we can come at in the value of said negroes belonging to the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd

Test D. Greene
John Jordan
Jacob Mitchell

Order for Court Court for Orphans Business January Term 9th day 1834 Hon Judge Dillon presiding

Ordered that the account current of the Administratrix of the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd together with the vouchers filed by the said Administratrix and marked is fully allowed and ordered to be recorded as a final Settlement of said Administratrix account to the date of said account including the sum of Nine hundred and twenty five Dollars 75/100 four and three fourth cents in notes and money on hand & due as stated to be held in the life time of the deceased and twenty two dollars 84/100 cents due to the Administratrix to be divided among and accounted for by the Administratrix to the heirs of said deceased It is ordered by the Court that the said nett sum of Nine hundred nine hundred and seventy five Dollars 75/100 four & three quarter cents be equally divided among and distributed to the aforesaid heirs (to wit) Stacy B. Walters Husband to Lucy Grimes Henry B. Mitchell husband and representative to Louisa Grimes Sarah Ann Grimes a minor heir of the age of twelve years and Charlotte Grimes widow of said deceased & that the distributive share of the Minor be paid over to Guardian &c & further ordered that John Gordon Augustus Roberts Birdsong Eskridge B. Williams and Henry G. Leonard be appointed Commissioners to make a division and distribution of said estate according to the instructions of this order and that the clerk of this Court furnish said Commissioners with a copy of the foregoing order of division together with an inventory of the real estate of said deceased to be distributed

Dr The Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd in account with Charlotte Grimes Admin'x Cr

(1831)

	No	$	cts
To Amt of note of Allen Glover	1	48	00
" Acc't of Allen Grimes	2	90	41
" do of Clifford Fulford	3	17	10
" Amount of J. Johnson	4	40	00
" Acc't of Allen Avery	5	30	00
" Note of D. H. Malone	6	5	00
Amt forward		$230	51

By amount of ready money on hand at the death of the Deceased 1832 37½
Sept 7th By cash received of
Zadoc Wharton on acc't 2 37½
1832 May 5 rec'd of C. Mitchell
" " on account 10 50
Amt rec'd for Hides 10 00
Amt Carried up $1687 25

Dr The Estate of Allen Grimes in account current with C. Grimes The Admin'x Dat'x Cr

To Amt debit Mark forward		230	51	By Amt brought forward 1687 25
To Amt of Cash in 1831	No 7	15	37½	
To Amt paid Jones for 1832	No 7	15	37½	
" Acct do Dr W. B. Crow	8	23	10	1833 March 23 Rec'd of H. B. Mitchell
" do do Mrs King	9	15	75	Cr for Cash rec'd for 1831 70 00
" Note do John Gilmore	10	32	10	9/10 of 6.11 Bushels on acc't 1 37½
" Acct Dr Cain & Pinkston	11	1	62½	" " Sales of Wheat and Rye 12 80
" do do Mrs R. Mitchelson	12	2	00	Nett proceeds of 20 Bales of Cotton &c 6 00
" do do Mathl Eskridge	13	8	75	of 1831 sold by C. Saby & Co 684 81
" do do H. Willis	14	2	18¾	39 Bales Cotton sold by D. H. Waters 988 61
" Order do S. McGregor	15	10	00	1 Note on H. B. Mitchell & Nathan Cleland and 00 00
" Note do Wm Sutherland	16	12	25	1 do do W. H. Adams due Jan'y 1st 1831 for 25 75
" Acct paid D. H. Sutherland	17	30	75	1833 June 28th Amt of Sales per receipt for Cash
" Execution Thos Adams Sheff	18	306	08¾	Sold 28th Jan'y 1833 including Crop of 1832
" Acct Rd D. H. Sanderland	19	20	00	Bottom of 1832 Sale bill (2) 2032 00
" do do Wm H. Cutler	20	8	23	April 28th Sales of personal Estate
" Mark's Labor Col Bainbridge	21	81	00	Sold 28th April 1833 do bill (4) 292 75
" Acct Labor Mitchell	22	16	83¾	Rent of Land & Hire of Negroes for 1833 698 00
" do paid Dan'l Johnson	23	12	60	Cr Interest on 275 Dollars from 9th
" do do W. Carpenter	24	5	49	Dec'r 1832 to 25th June 1834 27 33
" Note do Riley Hubbard	25	75	10	Cash two 50 Dollars from 1st Nov'r
" Acct do Superintendt Drummond	26	56	45	1833 to 25th January 1834 1 99
" do do Gilbert Brickling	27	5	12½	Ellis dismissed out of Office
" do do Simon Broom	28	14	81	on Writ in Circuit Court Marengo (1)
" do do Caleb Warner	27	71	05	Com'n by Allen Grimes on Mr Goodman (2) 140 22
" do do H. P. Whitford	30	1	88	The Amount of Jennings Debt
" Note do M. P. Lyon	31	87	10	in Clerks office Circuit Court (1) 6 68¾
" Acct do M. P. Lyon	32	10	00	By this Amount received of Mr H.
" Execution Thos Adams Sheff	33	71	82½	Watson for the redemption of the
" Acct paid C. H. Taylor	34	11	19	negro man Sam sold on Monday Nov'r
" Family Stores & Cash Exp's	35	108	45¾	Engaged by Said Watson do 400 00
" Note paid C. P. Davenport	36	6	00	Deceased in his life time
" Acct do C. P. Davenport	37	5	90	By this Sum received on a
" do do John Haines	38	20	00	draft given by Chas B. Mitchell
" Note do D. McMillian	39	12	00	for Acct due to Dec'd in his life time 258 18¾
" Acct paid James Saby	40	23	50	Amt forward $1266 76
" do do Horatio Willis	41	7	75	
" do do Louisa A. Mitchell	42	249	34	
" do do Sarah A. Grimes	43	109	48¾	
" Bal'ce sent 1833 due to Adm'x	44	100	00	
" Fee Geo Cunningham on fees	45	20	00	
" D. Willis & John Gulford " Acc't Sold to Constable	46	8	68¾	
Cash paid for the purchase of the W½ N.W. qr Section 23 T 17 R 1 E entered by H. B. Mitchell for the Estates	47	103	00	
Cash paid for the purchase of the N.W. qr of the N.W. qr of Sec 33 T 17 R 1 E entered by C. Grimes	50	12½		
Do Acct paid D. Meyers by D. H. Waters	49	18	75	
		$	2175	37½

Dr. Account Current between The Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd & Admr. Cr.

	Amt Debit Most over				Amount Most over	$ 7266	76
	To this sum retained by Admr.						
	C. Orby & Co. due them by Dec'd	191	28	1831 Jan'y			
To Ballance from Co. Clerk's office		27	06½	By Ballance in money in hands of the Administratrix		713	11
" Counsel fee allowed by the Court				By Amt of Notes due the Estate			
" 5 per Cent Commissions on $7976.76 allowed as a commission to the Administratrix		363	83	Including the Interest to this date the list marked	32	3948	61
Amt of Notes on hand Belonging to Interest for Sale due to and Inventory filed	(59)	3805	10½	Acc't against Louisa M. Mitchell			
				Ditto B. Mitchell her husband	Vouch. 113	249	34
				Acc't vs Sarah A. Grimes	Vouch. 112	109	43½
Money in hands of the Adm'r		713	11	Amt of value of negroes advanced by Mr. Dorsett in his life time to Stacy B. Waters		1000	00
		$ 7976	76	Appraised value of 93 negroes belonging to the Estate on appraisement (8)		7955	00
				Nett amount of the Estate		$ 13975	54½

Remaining for distribution amongst the heirs (viz) Caroline Grimes the Widow and Administratrix Stacy B. Waters and Lucy his wife Henry M. Mitchell and his child Louisa M. Mitchell the representatives of Louisa M. Mitchell Dec'd and Sarah Jane Grimes. Signed Charlotte Grimes

Affidavit

The State of Alabama Marengo County personally appeared before me Thomas Anderson Clerk of the County Court of the said County the above named Charlotte Grimes Administratrix of the Estate of Allen Grimes Dec'd who being duly sworn deposeth that the foregoing account as stated is just and true and contains a full and true Debit & Credit account current of All and singular the personal Estate of the said deceased that came into her hands and of all her acts & proceedings therein to the best of her knowledge and belief. Sign'd Charlotte Grimes Adm'x

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January 1834. Th's Anderson Clk

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Guardianship of Florida Josephine De Bouliere

Appointment of Emile E. Descourt

Applications & Orders to Sell Real Estate

County Court for orphans business held in vacation on the 25th day of August 1831 present the Honourable Wm. A. Alston Judge of the Said Court Thursday. This day appeared in open Court Florida Josephine De Bouliere a minor over the age of fourteen years who chose Emile E. Descourt as her guardian which appointment was made and letters Issued accordingly on her entering into Bond and security

To the Honorable William A. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County your petitioner E. E. Descourt Guardian of Florida Josephine De Bouliere would respectfully shew unto your Honour that the personal Estate and the rents and profits of the real Estate are wholly unable and inadequate for the support maintenance and Education of her ward the said Florida Josephine De Bouliere and that it is necessary for said purposes and objects that a part of the real Estate of her said ward should be sold your petitioner would further respectfully solicit your Honour to order that such part of said real Estate as to your Honor may seem meet should be sold for said purposes your petitioner would also suggest unto your Honor that owing to the situation and quality of the tract of land belonging

To said ward known as the allotment number sixty seven in section number twenty five in Township Eighteen in range three East in the district of Lands known as the French grant & seems to your petitioner the most convenient to be sold your petitioner would further respectfully pray of your Honour to order said tract of land to be sold in conformity to the Law in such case made and provided and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Order

It is ordered by the Court that the prayer & signed E. E. Descourt of the petitioner be granted and that the said guardian have an order to sell the above described tract of land according to the rules of Law in such case made and provided Wm. A. Alston Judge Coty Ct Mo. Coty

Bond on Sale

The State of Alabama Marengo County know all men by these presents that we E. E. Descourt Alexander Fornieres and Peter Delaney are held and firmly bound unto William A. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County for the time being and his successors in office in the sum of Two thousand three hundred and Eighty Dollars to be levied of our respective goods and chattels lands and tenaments for the payment whereof we bind ourselves our heirs our executors and administrators severally and severally firmly by these presents In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this 25th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound E. E. Descourt as guardian of Florida Josephine De Boulliere having obtained an order for the sale of Allotment No. 67 section No. 25 corresponding with the west half & E of and W of E of the quarter section No. 24 in the official plat of survey in Township No. 18 range three East containing one hundred and nineteen and 93/100 Acres that she will observe the rules and directions of Law for the sale of real Estate by guardians and that she will well and truly account for the proceeds of said sale and that the same shall be disposed of according to Law

E. E. Descourt Seal
A. Fornieres Seal
Peter Delaney Seal

Endorsed

The within bond having been seen and inspected is hereby approved this 25th day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty four Wm. A. Alston Judge Coty Ct

Letters

The State of Alabama Marengo County At a county court held in vacation on the 25th day of August A.D. 1834 be it remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on application of Florida Josephine De Boulliere a minor over the age of fourteen to our orphans court to have E. E. Descourt appointed her guardian during her minority I have caused these my letters of Guardianship to issue in favour of the aforesaid E. E. Descourt by which she is authorized as such guardian in every case which occasion an act may require to bring suits and to defend and to prosecute all such lawsuits and matters as may be necessary to be done as the Law for the guardian of the said Florida Josephine De Boulliere witness Wm. A. Alston Judge Coty Ct

Inventory

Inventory of the estate of Florida J. De boulliere so far as I have taken possession thereof

One tract of land containing one hundred and nineteen and 93/100 acres lying & being in the County of Marengo known as allotment number sixty seven in section No. 25 in section No. 18 and range three East in the district of Lands commonly known as the french grant also one other tract of land lying and being in said County of Marengo containing one hundred and twenty acres being the undivided fourth of Allotment number fifty eight in ~~allotment~~ Section Number twenty two in Township Eighteen in range three East in the district of Lands commonly known as the french grant which said two tracts of land are worth according to the best estimates two thousand dollars

hundred Dollars signed E.E. Descourt

Affidavit E. Personally appeared in open court Emes E. Descourt Guardian of Florida Josephine De Bouttiere a minor heir of John E. De Bouttiere dec'd who being duely sworn deposeth and sayeth that the within Inventory contains a true account and Inventory of all the property of John E. De Bouttiere of which she has taken possession as guardian as aforesaid given under my hand in open court this 25th day of August A.D. 1834 signed E.E. Descourt. sworn to in open court on the day and year above stated Asa Robinson Clerk

E. Descourt & Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County Knowdale men by these presents that we E.E. Descourt Julius Martinieve and Peter De Vaney are held and firmly bounds unto William S. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County and his successors in office in the sum of four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars to be levied of our respective goods and chattels Lands and tenaments for the payment whereof we hereby bind ourselves our heirs our Executors and Administrators Joint by and severally firmly by these presents In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands and affixed our seals at this the twenty fifth day of August Anno Domini 1834 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Above bound E.E. Descourt has been appointed guardian of the person and estate both real and personal of Florida Josephine De Bouttiere now if the said E.E. Descourt shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as such guardian then the above obligations to be void Otherwise to remain in full force and virtue E.E. Descourt Seal Julius Martinieve Seal Peter De Vaney Seal

Estate of Robt. W. Bateman

In the name of God Amen I Robert W. Bateman late of the city of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania Merchant being in a sound disposing mind & memory & of sound judgment do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I will that all my just debts of any kind whatsoever which I may owe at the time of my decease (none however now exists as I verily believe) and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executor hereafter named and appointed out of my estate as soon thereafter as practicable and I leave the charge of my funeral to the discretion of my said executor I give and dispose of all my estate saving what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts in case as aforesaid there should happen to be any such as my debts and funeral charges in the following manner & I give to my beloved wife Mary Bateman to be by her enjoyed so long as she may remain my widow all the monies goods chattels rights credits & choses in action which may be due or accruing to me on bonds bills notes or otherwise in any manner whatsoever at the time of my decease to take the same to her own use and the proper education and maintainance of my children during her life and so long as she may remain my widow as aforesaid but on this condition that should my said wife intermarry with any other person she shall forthwith fully and fairly account to my Executor for every sum next so expended by her for the benefit of my children & being my will and meaning to secure all my property to my said wife for her natural life and so long as she may remain unmarried and at her decease or in the event of a decease or Marriage the same to be divided among my children for their sole use and benefit

so a proper testimonial of respect to the memory of my dear deceased parents I will that the sum of one hundred dollars be set apart and appropriated to erecting a neat and suitable tombstone over their remains

And I nominate and appoint Benjamin Horner Executor of this my last will and testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of november in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three R. W. Bateman (Seal) signed sealed published and declared by the above named Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands as witnesses this said fourteenth day of november A.D. 1833 John Wiley Alexander Hamilton

Probate State of Alabama Mobile County ss Personally appeared before me Wm. W. Garrow Judge of the County Court of the said County of Mobile John Wiley who being duly sworn says that Robt. W. Bateman whose name is subscribed to the annexed will and Testament died on the fourteenth day of November 1833 sign seal and publish and declare the annexed will and Testament in presence of him the said Wiley and of Alexander Hamilton and that they the said John Wiley and the said Alexander Hamilton did at the request of the said Bateman and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe their names as witnesses on the said fourteenth of November 1833 and that the signatures of R. W. Bateman and John Wiley and Alexander Hamilton to the said will are genuine and in the proper handwriting of the said Robt. W. Bateman and John Wiley and Alexander Hamilton respectfully and he further states that the said Robert W. Bateman at the time of signing and publishing the said last will and Testament as aforesaid was of sound mind subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Mobile County this 16th day of August 1834 Wm. W. Garrow

Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County At a county Court began and held in and for said County on the first monday being the first day of April A.D. 1834

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Horner W. C. Garner and Jack Mariniether are held and firmly bound unto William S. Alston Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of six Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Wm. S. Alston or to his successors in office for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals this the 1st day of January A.D. 1834

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Benjamin Horner has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and Testament of Robert W. Bateman dec'd now if the said Benjamin Horner shall well and truly perform all and singular the duties which are or may be required of him by Law as executor aforesaid then the above obligation shall be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Benjamin Horner (Seal) Wm. W. Garrow Jack Mariniether dec'd (Seal) John Wiley (Seal) Signed before me This 1st day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty four Thos. W. Malone J.P. & a.c.

Endorsed The within Bond having been examined is hereby approved this 1st April 1834 William S. Alston Judge County Court Marengo County

Order of appointment & Oath At this day came on for probate the last will and Testament of Robt. W. Bateman dec'd and the affidavit of John Wiley one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being produced in court and examined by which it is made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Robt. W. Bateman signed sealed and published the same on the day and year therein mentioned as his last will and Testament in the presence of the said witness and Alexander Hamilton the other subscribing witness and that the said deceased at the time of making the same was of sound mind & Benjamin Horner

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Lands moved thereon as the allotment number sixty seven in section No 25 in Township Eighteen in Range three East in the district of Lands known as the French grant & seems to your petitioner the most convenient to be sold your petitioner would further respectfully pray of your Honour to order said tract of land to be sold in conformity to the Law in such case made and provided and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c. Upon hearing by the court that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said guardian have an order to sell the above described tract of land according to the orders of Court in such case made and provided Wm. R. Alston Surgr Coty Ct Ala. Co. Ct. Marengo Ala. Ordered that Wm. R. Alston Clerk of the County Court of Marengo County aforesaid do issue an order that Ed. D. Desmont Alexander Peterson and Peter Delaney are held and firmly bound unto William R. Alston Surgr of the County Court of Marengo County for the time being and his successors in office in the sum of Two thousand three hundred and Eighty Dollars to be levied of our several goods and chattels lands and tenements for the payment thereof we bind ourselves our heirs our executors and administrators firmly and severally jointly by these presents In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this 28th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Ed. D. Desmont as guardian of Rose Ann Josephine De Montiere Orphan of Manuel De Montiere late of Mobile deceased has petitioned to the County Court of Marengo County at a term thereof held on the 25th day of August A.D. 1834 for an order for the sale of a certain tract of land known as the French grant & described as the West half of the South East quarter of section No 25 in Township No 18 Range three East containing one hundred and twenty and 33/100 Acres that the said petitioner the Guardian of said Orphan may sell the same by private sale and that he will well and truly account for the proceeds of said sale and that he deliver a deed according to law to the purchaser Now if the said Ed. D. Desmont & Alexander Peterson & Peter Delaney Jointly & severally

The within bond having been taken and subscribed is hereby approved this 28th day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty four Wm. R. Alston Surgr Coty Ct

The State of Alabama Marengo County Ss a County Court held in and for said County on the 25th day of August A.D. 1834 be it remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on application of Theodore Josephine De Montiere a minor over the age of fourteen to our aforesaid Court he chose Ed. D. Desmont as his guardian during her minority & there caused these my letters of Guardianship to issue in favour of the aforesaid Ed. D. Desmont the which he is authorized as such guardian in every case which occasion or any require to bring suits and to defend and be defended and transact all & singular business and matters as may be necessary to be done as the Law in such case directs of the said Theodore Josephine De Montiere minor Wm. R. Alston Surgr Ct Secretary & Secretary of the estate of Theodore J. De Montiere deceased for and in behalf of the said minor Taken possession of one tract of land containing one hundred and nineteen acres & 33/100 acres being in the County of Marengo known as allotment number sixty seven in section 25 in section No 18 and range three East in the district of Lands commonly known as the French grant also one other tract of land lying and being in said County of Marengo containing one hundred and twenty acres being the undivided fourth of allotment number fifty eight in section number Twenty two in Township Eighteen in Range three East in the district of Lands commonly known as the French grant which said two tracts of land are worth according to the best estimates two thousand dollars

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lands well known as the allotment number sixty seven in section twen- ty five in Township Eighteen in range three East in the district of lands known as the French grant it seems to your petitioner the most convenient to be sold your petitioner would further respectfully pray of your honour to order said tract of land to be sold in conformity to the law in such case made and provided and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray [signed] E. E. Descourt

Order. It is ordered by the court that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said guardian have an order to sell the above described tract of land according to the rules of law in such case made and provided Wm. A. Alston Judge Cnty Ct. M. Cty

Special bond. The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we E. E. Descourt Alexander Fournier and Peter Delaney are held and firmly bound unto William A. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County for the time being and his successors in office in the sum of Two thousand three hundred and Eighty Dollars to be levied of our respective goods and chattels lands and tenements for the payment whereof we bind ourselves our heirs our executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this 25th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound E. E. Descourt as guardian of Florida Josephine De Boutiere having obtained an order for the sale of allotment No 67 section No 25 corresponding with the west half S.E. qr and W ½ of E ½ of S.E. quarter section No 28 in the official plat of survey in Township No 18 range three East containing one hundred and nineteen and 83/100 acres that she will observe the rules and directions of law for the sale of real Estate by guardians and that she will well and truly account for the proceeds of said sale and that the same shall be disposed of according to law E. E. Descourt {seal} A. Fournier {seal} Peter Delaney {seal}

Endorsed. The within bond having been seen and inspected is hereby approved this 25th day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty four Wm. A. Alston Judge C.C.

Letters. The State of Alabama Marengo County At a county court held in vacation on the 25th day of August A.D. 1834 be it remembered and made known to all whom it may concern that on application of Florida Josephine De Boutiere a minor over the age of fourteen to our orphans court to have E. E. Descourt appointed her guardian during her minority I have caused these my letters of Guardianship to issue in favour of the aforesaid E. E. Descourt by which she is authorised as such guardian in every case which occasion may require to bring suit and be sued and to act and transact all such business and matters as may be necessary to be done as the lawfull guardian of the said Florida Josephine De Boutiere witness Wm. A. Alston Judge C.C.

Inventory. Inventory of the estate of Florida J. DeBoutiere so far as I have taken possession thereof one tract of land containing one hundred and nineteen and 83/100 acres lying & being in the county of Marengo known as allotment number sixty seven in section 25 in section No 18 and range three East in the district of lands commonly known as the french grant also one other tract of land lying and being in said County of Marengo containing one hundred and twenty acres being the undivided fourth of allotment number fifty eight in ~~allotment~~ section number Twenty two in Township Eighteen in range three East in the district of lands commonly known as the french grant which said two tracts of land are worth according to the best estimates two thousand four

hundred Dollars Signed E. E. Descourt

Affidavit. Personally appeared in open court Emma E. Descourt Guardian of Florida Josephine De Boutiere a minor heir of John C. De Boutiere Decd who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the within schedule contains a true account and inventory of all the property of John C. De Boutiere of which she has taken possession as guardian as aforesaid given under my hand in open court this 25th day of August A.D. 1834 Signed E. E. Descourt Sworn to in open court on the day and year above stated Asa Robinson Clerk

Guardian's bond. The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we E. E. Descourt Julius Marloniere and Peter Delaney are held and firmly bound unto William A. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County and his successors in office in the sum of four Thousand Eight hundred Dollars to be levied of our respective goods and chattels lands and tenements for the payment whereof we hereby bind ourselves our heirs our Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands and affixed our seals on this the twenty fifth day of August Anno Domini 1834 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound E. E. Descourt has been appointed guardian of the person and estate both real and personal of Florida Josephine DeBoutiere now if the said E. E. Descourt shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as such guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue E. E. Descourt {seal} Julius Marloniere {seal} Peter Delaney {seal}

Estate of Robt W. Bateman Will. In the name of God Amen. I Robert W. Bateman late of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania now being in a very infirm state of health but of sound mind do make ordain and declare this my last will and Testament. It is my will that all my just debts if any such there should happen to be at the time of my death (of none however do I exist as I verily believe) and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executor hereafter named and appointed out of my estate as soon thereafter as practicable and I leave the charges of my funeral to the direction of my said Executor & I give and bequeath of all my estate saving what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts in case as aforesaid there should happen to be any such at my death and funeral charges in the following manner to wit to my beloved wife [illegible] Bateman to be by her enjoyed so long as she may remain my widow all the monies goods chattels rights credits &c that are now in my possession or which may be due or accruing to me on bonds bills notes or otherwise in any manner whatever at the time of my decease to take the same to her own use and the proper education and maintainance of my children during her life and so long as she may remain my widow as aforesaid but on this condition that should my said wife intermarry with any other person she shall faithfully and fully account to my Executor for every sum not so expended by her for the benefit of my children It being my will and meaning to secure all my property to my said wife for her natural life and so long as she may remain unmarried and at her decease or in the event of a second marriage the same to be secured to our Children for their sole use and benefit

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Final Record of Administration Granted Marengo County

Invoice of Effects signed &c. Present

Affidavit of Personalty appeared in open court Emma B. Decourcel Guardian of Florida Josephine De Bouligny & minor heir of John B. De Bouligny dec'd who being duly sworn on oath deposeth and saith that the within account & exhibits is true & correct and Decourcel has all the property of John B. De Bouligny of which she has Letters Testamentary granted & recorded since which time she has come into open Court this 25th day of August A.D. 1834 signed E. B. Decourcel sworn to in open Court on the day & year above. Attest Asa Worthington Clerk

Guardian Bond The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we E. B. Decourcel Julius Blackburn and Robt. D. Nanny are held and firmly bound unto William L. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County and his successors in office in the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars to be void of our joint & several goods and chattels lands and tenements for the payment whereof we hereby bind ourselves our heirs our Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands and affixed our seals this the twenty fifth day of August A.D. 1834 The condition of the above obligations is such that whereas the above bounden E. B. Decourcel has been appointed guardian of the persons and estates of the minor heirs at law of Florida Josephine De Bouligny now the wife of E. B. Decourcel shall well and truly pay over unto the estates which are or may be by law required of her as such guardian when the above obligations to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Witness Julius Blackburn and Robt. D. Nanny

Estate of Robt. W. Bateman

In the name of God Amen I Robt. W. Bateman late of the City of Mobile in the State of Alabama Marengo County in a sound disposing State of health but of advanced age do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows to wit

1st It is my will that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid out of my estate as soon thereafter as practicable and I leave the charge of my Executor to the discretion of my said Executor Lydia Ann Bateman to be her support so long as she may remain my widow all the rest residue & remainder of my estate both real & personal of which I may die seized & possessed I give devise & bequeath unto my said wife Lydia Ann Bateman to be her property & to dispose of as she may think proper

2nd I nominate & appoint my said wife Lydia Ann Bateman executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day of November A.D. 1833

Robt. W. Bateman (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Testator as and for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands as witnesses this 15th day of November A.D. 1833

John Wiley Alexander Hamilton

State of Alabama Mobile County ss Personally appeared before me Wm. L. Garrow Clerk of the County Court of the said County of Mobile John Wiley who being duly sworn doth depose & say that Robt. W. Bateman whose name is subscribed to the annexed will & testament as testator & the deponent as witness thereto signed sealed & published & declared the annexed will & testament in presence of him the said Wiley & one Alexander Hamilton & that the said Robt. W. Bateman at the time of signing & publishing the said will & testament was of sound & disposing mind & memory & that the said Alexander Hamilton & this deponent subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Robt. W. Bateman & in the presence of each other & that the signature of Robt. W. Bateman & John Wiley & Alexander Hamilton to the said will are genuine & in the proper handwriting of the said Robt. W. Bateman & John Wiley & Alexander Hamilton respectively & he saith that the said Robt. W. Bateman at the time of signing & publishing the said will & testament was of sound & disposing mind & memory & not under any restraint to the best of this deponents knowledge & belief

John Wiley

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of August 1834 Wm. L. Garrow Clerk

The State of Alabama Marengo County At a county court held in & for said county on the first monday being the first day of Sept. A.D. 1834

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Horner Wm. L. Garrow and Jack Mercer Esqrs are held and firmly bound unto William L. Alston Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of Six Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Judge & his successors in office for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals this 1st day of September A.D. 1834

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Benjamin Horner has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and Testament of Robert W. Bateman dec'd now if the said Benjamin Horner shall well and truly perform all and singular the duties which are or may be required of him by the said executor aforesaid & by the above obligation shall be found void but otherwise to remain in full force & virtue Benjamin Horner (Seal) Wm. L. Garrow (Seal) Jack Mercer (Seal) Acknowledged before me this 1st day of September A.D. 1834

Thos. McClenahan Clerk

The within Bond having been examined is hereby approved this 1st day of Sept. A.D. 1834

William L. Alston Orange County Court Marengo County

At this day came on for probate the last will and Testament of Robt. W. Bateman dec'd and the affidavit of John Wiley one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being produced in court and examined by which it is made appear to the satisfaction of this Court that the said Robt. W. Bateman signed sealed and published as his last will and testament in the presence of the said witness and Alexander Hamilton the other subscribing witness and that the said deceased at the time of making the same was of sound mind & Benjamin Horner

for a proper testimonial of respect to the memory of my dear departed parents I will that the sum of one hundred dollars be expended annually & appropriated to erecting a neat and suitable tombstone over their remains

And I nominate and appoint Benjamin Horner Executor of this my last will & testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of november in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and thirty three Robt. W. Bateman (Seal) Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands as witnesses this 15th day of November A.D. 1833 John Wiley Alexander Hamilton

State of Alabama Mobile County ss Personally appeared before me Wm. L. Garrow Clerk of the County Court of the said County of Mobile John Wiley who being duly sworn doth depose & say that Robt. W. Bateman whose name is subscribed to the annexed will & testament as testator & the deponent as witness thereto signed sealed & published & declared the annexed will & testament in presence of him the said Wiley & one Alexander Hamilton & that the said Robt. W. Bateman & John Wiley & Alexander Hamilton respectively & he saith that the said Robt. W. Bateman at the time of signing & publishing the said will & testament was of sound & disposing mind & memory & not under any restraint to the best of this deponents knowledge & belief

John Wiley

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of August 1834 Wm. L. Garrow Clerk

The State of Alabama Marengo County At a county court held in & for said county on the first monday being the first day of Sept. A.D. 1834

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Horner Wm. L. Garrow and Jack Mercer Esqrs are held and firmly bound unto William L. Alston Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of Six Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Judge & his successors in office for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals this 1st day of September A.D. 1834

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Benjamin Horner has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and Testament of Robert W. Bateman dec'd now if the said Benjamin Horner shall well and truly perform all and singular the duties which are or may be required of him by the said executor aforesaid & by the above obligation shall be found void but otherwise to remain in full force & virtue Benjamin Horner (Seal) Wm. L. Garrow (Seal) Jack Mercer (Seal) Acknowledged before me this 1st day of September A.D. 1834

Thos. McClenahan Clerk

The within Bond having been examined is hereby approved this 1st day of Sept. A.D. 1834

William L. Alston Orange County Court Marengo County

At this day came on for probate the last will and Testament of Robt. W. Bateman dec'd and the affidavit of John Wiley one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being produced in court and examined by which it is made appear to the satisfaction of this Court that the said Robt. W. Bateman signed sealed and published as his last will and testament in the presence of the said witness and Alexander Hamilton the other subscribing witness and that the said deceased at the time of making the same was of sound mind & Benjamin Horner

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as a proper testimonial of respect to the memory of my dear deceased parents I will that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to erecting a neat and suitable tombstone over their remains

And I nominate and appoint Benjamin Horner Executor of this my last will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of november in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three W. H. Waltman Sealed & delivered by the above named Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands as witnesses this said fifteenth day of november A.D. 1833 John Wiley Alexander Hamilton

State of Alabama Tobitt County ss Personally appeared before me Wm. H. Garrard Clerk of the County court of the said County of Tobitt John Wiley the living Witness sworn by me to the Will of W. H. Waltman whose name is subscribed to the annexed Will and Testament bearing date the fourteenth day of November 1833 Sign Seal and publish and declare the instrument writing and Testament in presence of him the said Wiley and of Alexander Hamilton and that the said John Wiley and the said Alexander Hamilton subscribed at the request of the said Testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as witnesses on the said fifteenth day of November 1833 and that the signature of W. H. Waltman and John Wiley and Alexander Hamilton to the said will are genuine and in the proper handwriting of the said Walter H. Waltman and John Wiley and Alexander Hamilton respectfully and he further states that Walter H. Waltman at the time of signing and publishing the said last will and Testament as aforesaid was of sound mind disposing and sworn to before me the undersigned Clerk of the County court of Tobitt County this 18th day of August 1834 Wm. H. Garrard Clerk

State of Alabama Marengo County At a county Court began and held in and for said County on the first monday being the first day of Sept A.D. 1834

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Horner H. B. Garrard and Jack Thornton are held and firmly bound unto William D. Nolan Judge of the County court of the County aforesaid in the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars to be paid to the said Wm. D. Nolan or to his successors to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators severally jointly and separately firmly by these presents sealed with our seals this thirtieth day of January A.D. 1834

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Benjamin Horner has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and Testament of Walter H. Waltman deceased now if the said Benjamin Horner shall well and truly perform all and singular the duties which are or may be required of him by law as executor aforesaid then the above obligation shall be void else to remain in full force and virtue Benjamin Horner [illegible] Walter H. Waltman [illegible] Archer Marsh Walter Scott [illegible] Nolan

Sworn to and acknowledged before me this thirtieth day of January Eighteen hundred and thirty four Thos. W. Glenn & Co [illegible]

The within Bond having been examined is hereby approved this 1st day of Sept 1834

William D. Nolan Judge County Court Marengo County

At this day came on for probate the last will and Testament of Walter H. Waltman dec'd and the affidavit of John Wiley one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being produced in court and examined by which it is made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Walter H. Waltman signed sealed and published the same on the day and year therein mentioned as his last will and Testament in the presence of the said witness and Alexander Hamilton the other subscribing witness and that the said deceased at the time of making the same was of sound mind & Benjamin Horner

Letters

The executor named in said will appeared in open court and made application for letters testamentary and having entered into bond with his securities in the sum of six thousand Dollars and having taken the oath prescribed by law to discharge the duties of Executor according to law it is ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to said Benjamin Horner

The State of Alabama Marengo County at a county Court began and held in and for said County on the first monday being the first day of Sept A.D. 1834 whereon Benjamin Horner appeared in open Court and made application to prove the last will and Testament of Walter H. Waltman late of said County deceased and also made application to the said County Court of said Marengo County for letters testamentary upon the said last will and Testament of the said Walter H. Waltman deceased and the said last will and Testament having been this day duly proven in open court whereby it appears that the said Benjamin Horner was nominated as executor and having entered into and with bond with security in the sum of Eleven thousand Dollars and having taken the oath prescribed by law it is therefore appointed the said Benjamin Horner executor as aforesaid which he hereby accepts and he is ordered to do and perform all and every act matter and thing which may be necessary to be done and performed in the premises according to law and to exercise all the powers and privileges granted by law Witness Wm. D. Nolan Judge of said County this 1st day of Sept in the year first above written Attest Jno. Robinson Clerk

Affidavit of Creditors

The State of Alabama Marengo County Benjamin Horner Executor of the last will and Testament of Walter H. Waltman late of said County deceased being duly sworn says that the said Walter H. Waltman died on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 1834 and that the last will of the said Walter H. Waltman for as much as he believes and knows contains the true last will of said Walter H. Waltman and that he will well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said Walter H. Waltman deceased and that he will return a true and perfect inventory of all the said goods chattels and credits so far as they may come to his knowledge and a true account of sales and the said administration as required by law and the undersigned Clerk of the County court of said County this 1st day of Sept 1834 Wm. H. Garrard Clerk

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The executors named in said will appeared in open Court and made application for Letters Testamentary and having entered into bond with sureties in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and having taken the oath of a Executor to discharge the duties of Executors according to Law it is ordered by the Court that Letters of execution issue accordingly.

Letters

The State of Alabama Marengo County a County Court began and held in and for the said County on the first Monday being the first day of September 1834 whereat Benjamin Warner appeared in open Court and made application to prove the last will and Testament of Robt W. Blakemore late of said County deceased and also made application to said County Court of said Marengo County for Letters Testamentary upon the said last will and Testament of the said Robt W. Blakemore Dec'd and the said last will and Testament having been this day duly proven in open Court by which it appears that the said Benjamin Warner was nominated as Executor and having entered into Bond with sureties in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and having taken the oath prescribed by Law is therefore appointed the said Benjamin Warner executor as aforesaid by which he is authorized to have and to hold and to sell and convey all the real estate and to collect and receive all the debts and effects and to do all other acts and things in which said Estate is or may be interested as executor as aforesaid to the exclusion of all other persons and to exercise all the powers and privileges granted by Law In Witness Whereof I the said Judge of said County this 1st day of September in the year first above written Attest Wm Robinson Clerk

Assistant Letters

The State of Alabama Marengo County I Benjamin Warner Executor of the last will and Testament of Robt W. Blakemore Dec'd having which he has been admitted to Letters testamentary as the last will of the said Robt W. Blakemore Dec'd and Executor of the last will and Testament of the said Robt W. Blakemore for as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute said will according to Law and further shows that as the goods and Chattels rights and credits of the said Robt W. Blakemore will appear and that I will return a true Inventory of all the said goods Chattels rights and credits so far as they may come to my knowledge and a true account of sales and such administration as required by Law Benjamin Warner Executor as aforesaid Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned Judge of the County Court of said County this 1st day of Sept 1834 Wm Robinson Clerk

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Final Record of Administration Causes. Marengo County

Letters The State of Alabama } ss
Marengo County } By the Judge of the County Court of said County
Whereas Samuel Watson late of Marengo County deceased died
intestate leaving while he lived and at the time of his death diverse goods
Chattels and Credits within the County aforesaid by reason whereof the Law imposes
upon and power of granting the Administration of all and singular the
Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of the said deceased and also a Bond
with sureties upon the same to the court aforesaid as of right belongs they during
that the Goods Chattels and Credits of said deceased may be well and truly
administered and legally disposed of do commit and grant unto Rebecca
Watson Full power by the Tenor of these presents to administer the Goods
Chattels Rights and Credits of the said deceased which to him in his
Lifetime and at the time of his death did belong unto and he demand
the deceased stood bound so far as his effects will extend
according to Law and then the balance justly to pay over to the
legal Heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said
Rebecca Watson having given bond and security and taken
the Oath and performed all other requisites required by
Law necessary to her just qualification as administratrix
she is by virtue of these presents ordered by said Court and by virtue
of these presents ordained constituted and appointed Administratrix
of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits
of the said Samuel Watson Witness the Honorable the
Judge of the said County this 17 day of November in the Year of
Thousand Eight hundred and thirty four Thomas Ringgold
Jno Cunningham Clerk

Bond The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that we
Marengo County } Rebecca Watson Edward Moore and
James G. Moore are held and firmly bound unto Thomas
Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County
aforesaid in the sum of two Thousand five hundred dollars
to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be
made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with
our seals and dated this the 15th day of November 1834
The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas
the above bound Rebecca Watson has been duly appointed
the Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods and
Chattels rights and credits of Samuel Watson deceased
Now if the said Rebecca Watson shall well and truly perform
all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as
such Administratrix then the above obligation to be void
otherwise to remain in full force and effect Signed Sealed
and acknowledged in open Court before me Jno
Cunningham Clerk (Seal) Rebecca Watson (Seal)
Edward Moore (Seal) James G. Moore (Seal) approved
this 15th of November 1834 Thomas Ringgold

Final Record of Administration Causes. Marengo County

Estate of Samuel Watson dec'd

The State of Alabama } ss
Marengo County }

By the Judge of the County Court of said County

Whereas Samuel Watson late of Marengo County deceased died seized and possessed of Goods Chattels Rights and Credits within this County aforesaid by reason whereof the Grant upon Good Chattels Rights and Credits of the said deceased and also a Grant thereof from the Same to the Court aforesaid doth of right belong they having first taken the Goods Chattels and Credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of do commit and grant unto Rebecca Watson Full power by the Tenor of these presents to administer the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of the said deceased which he hath in his custody and at the time of his death did belong unto or which may hereafter come to his hands or possession and the same and to pay the debts he which the deceased stood bound to pay so far as his effects will extend according to Law and then the balance justly to pay over to the legal Heirs and distributees of the said deceased and the said Rebecca Watson having given bond and security and taken the Oath and also performed all other requisites required by Law necessary to her just qualification as administratrix she is by virtue of these presents duly invested constituted and appointed Administratrix of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of the said Samuel Watson Witness the Honorable the Judge of the said County this 17 day of November A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty four. Thomas Ringgold

Attest Geo Cunningham Clerk

Bond The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that we
Marengo County } Rebecca Watson Edward Moore and
James S. Moore are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this the 15th day of November 1824

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Rebecca Watson has been duly appointed Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels rights and credits of Samuel Watson deceased Now if the said Rebecca Watson shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such Administratrix then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect signed sealed and acknowledged in open Court before me Geo Cunningham Clerk (Seal) Rebecca Watson (Seal)
Edward Moore (Seal) James S Moore (Seal) approved this 15th of November 1824 Thomas Ringgold

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A List of Samuel Watsons property & Accts

November 21st 1824

1 Negro Girl Lucy one do	$350	00	Cr by Cash pd to Sydney M Brooks dec'd 5th June 1824	$37 75
1 Sorrel Horse & Cart	100	—	Cr by ditto pd to Robt Ellis dec'd Treasurer of Marengo 1824	25 00
1 Mule Colt	50	—	Cr by ditto pd to John Watson dec'd Treasurer 1824	25 00
4 Cows & Calves	80	—	Cr by ditto pd to Nathaniel Watson dec'd Treasurer 1824	12 —
2 Beds & Furniture	50	—		$100 75
1 Spinning Wheel & Reels	5	—	Cr by ditto pd to order of the County Court for Orphans Treasurer	
1 Trunk	1	—	Cr by ditto pd to Samuel Browning Executor Samuel Browning dec'd	
1 Round Saddle	3	50	Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Browning and	
1 Womens Saddle	15	00	James Watson all of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama	
1 pair Saddle Bags	1	00	are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esquire Judge	
2 Bells 2 Riding Whips 1 pr Pistols	4	00	of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the sum of Eight	
3 Old Irons 1 Pot Stand	1	00	hundred dollars to be paid to the said Thomas Ringgold Esquire	
1 Jug 5 Cups 1 pair Knives 1 Razor	1	00	or his successors in office to which payment well and truly to be	
4 Forks 1 Razor 1 Shaving Pot	1	50	made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators	
1 Old Gun 1 Chair 1 pr Old Boots	15	25	jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our	
1 Pocket Testament 1 Testament		50	seals and dated this 15th day of November 1824	
1 Aspen Book 2 Spelling Books do	1	00	The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas	
2 Pails 1 Box 1 Table 1 Bottle	2	50	the above bound Samuel Browning has been appointed Executor	
1 pr Irons 2 Candlesticks	1	50	of the last Will & Testament of Samuel Watson deceased Now if	
3 Cups 1 pr Gears 1 Trough 1 Bowl	1	50	the said Samuel Browning shall well and truly perform all the	
1 Map 3 Augers 2 Hammers 1 Vice	3	75	duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such	
1 Box 1 Nose Bottle		12½	Executor then the above obligation to be void otherwise to	
on Note of Hand on Jno Means due Jany 1st 1825	33	87½	remain in full force and effect signed sealed and acknowledged	
on note of hand on Mr Parker given			in open Court before me Geo Cunningham Clerk (Seal)	
May 1st 1825 on 12 months Credit	10	00	Samuel Browning (Seal)	
			James Watson (Seal)	
			Witness Geo Cunningham Clerk	

The State of Alabama } ss
Marengo County }

I Rebecca Watson Administratrix of Samuel Watson dec'd do Certify that the above and foregoing is a true Statement of all the goods and Chattels and Credits of said deceased directly or indirectly as far as Come under my knowledge given under my hand and Seal this 21st day of November 1824

Rebecca Watson (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 21st day of November 1824
Marengo County } Rebecca Watson has duly sworn to the above as therein stated & the day and date above written

Edward Moore Justice of the Peace

The State of Alabama } I do certify that the above named Samuel Browning Executor
Marengo County } of Samuel Watson dec'd and William Browning Executor of Samuel Watson dec'd
have been duly sworn as the law directs and that Rebecca Watson Administratrix of said deceased has also been duly sworn as the law directs given under my hand this 26th day of November 1824 E M Moore Justice of the Peace

Copy of Sale

The State of Alabama } County Court January Term 1825 It is ordered by the Court that
Marengo County } Watson Watson have an order of sale to sell the personal property of Samuel Watson deceased excepting the negro Girl the said negro and Chattels being purchased property that the sale be shown of the same — extracted from the minutes of the Court this 31 day of January 1825

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Orphans Court of Marengo County — 1834

A List of Samuel Watsons property Decd

November 20th 1834

1 Negro Girl age unknown	$300 00	Due this Estate on a Judgment in favor of Saml Watson dec'd vs Saml Browning Sen'r dated 3d June 1834	$ 47 50
1 Yoke of Oxen & Cart	80 —	Due this Estate on Note of Saml Browning Sen'r dated 5th January 1834 for	20 00
1 Mule Horse	90 —	Due this Estate on Note of John Watson dated 5th January 1834	25 —
4 Cows & Calves	50 —	Due this Estate on Note of Richard Watson dated 5th January 1834	12 —
27 Bales of Cotton	50 —		$104 50
1 Spinning Wheel & Reels	5 —	Appraised to us by order of the County Court for Gibbons County	
1 Trunk	5 —	Mr Saml Browning, Sworn Benj Watson Browning	
1 Mans Saddle	3 50	Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of November	
1 Womans Do &c	15 00	Saml Browning	
1 pair Saddle Bags	1 50	Benj Watson Browning	
2 Pails 2 Keelers 1 Churn 1 pr Pot Hooks	4 75	This 20th day of November	
3 Hot Irons, 1 Pot Shovel	1 00	1834	
1 Jug 5 Cups 1 Saucers 1 Basket 1 Bowl	1 00	Isaac Browning (Seal)	
4 Forks 1 Knife 1 Spoon 1 Pot	1 25	J. M. Glenn (Seal)	
1 Hot Oven 1 Spider 1 pr Pot Hooks	15 25	Mm. H. Deer (Seal)	
1 Pail 1 Ordinary 1 Tub wood	50		
1 Axe 1 Hoe 1 Drawing Knife	1 00		
2 Pails 1 Saw 1 Auger 1 Bible	2 50		
1 pr Irons 2 Smoothing	1 50		
3 Coal 1 pr Gear 1 Trough 1 Shovel	1 50		
1 Waggon 3 Augers 2 Hammers 1 Saw	3 75		
1 Rifle 1 Horse Collar	12 —		
Am't of Sales on the Plantation	33 87½		
Am't of Sales on Mr Thacker farm	2 —		
May 9th 1835 Am't of Sundry notes for	47 00		

The State of Alabama } Ss
Marengo County } I Rebecca Watson Administratrix of Samuel Watson dec'd do Certify that the above Schedule of property is a true Inventory of all the goods and Chattels and Credits of said deceased directly or indirectly as far as Comes under my knowledge Given under my hand and Seal this 20th day of November 1834

Rebecca Watson (Seal)

Sworn to Ss Certify that the said Rebecca Watson has been duly sworn to the above appraisement this day and date above written
Edmund Moore Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } Ss Certify that the above named Isaac & Browning Sen'r
Marengo County } Benj Watson Browning & William Browning appraisers of Samuel Watsons deceased estate has been duly sworn as the law directs and that Rebecca Watson Administratrix of said deceased has also been duly sworn as the law directs given under my hand this 20th day of November 1834 E M Moore Judge of Probate

Copy of Sale

The State of Alabama } County Court — January Term 1835 — It is ordered by the Court that
Marengo County } Rebecca Watson have an order of Sale to sell the personal property of Samuel Watson deceased consisting the Negro Girl & the said goods and chattels being forfeited pursuant to the 28th Section of the Law — extracted from the minutes of the Court this 21st day of January 1835

Sale of Property of Samuel Watson dec'd

Rebecca Watson Administratrix of the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased returns the following as a true full and perfect account of the Sales of all the personal property of said Estate which has come to her possession — Viz

Samuel Watsons Spinning Wheel and cards

Isaac Browning 1 Hoe	4	00
Elisha Lacy 1 Ax	2	50
Isaac Browning 1 Shovel & 2 Spades	3	00
Samuel Benton Grace Chairs & Smith Tools & Clamps	1	75
Rebecca Watson 1 Set Earthenware pans &c	1	25
Rebecca Watson Flat Irons	1	00
Rebecca Watson Skillet and Spider	1	00
Rebecca Watson Tongs and Shovel	1	50
Rebecca Watson Pot Hooks		50
Samuel Benton 1 Colt		25
Silvan Clements 1 Mare	2	00
Samuel Benton 1 Oxen		00½
Rebecca Watson 1 Trunk		75
Rebecca Watson 1 Feather Bed & Furniture	3	00
Elisha Lacy 1 Ox Cart Wheels	16	00
Isaac Browning 1 Saddle	13	00½
Lucy Clements 1 Small Jug	3	00
Jeremiah Mitchell 1 Do Do		50
Rebecca Watson 1 Old Saddle		50
James G Moore 1 Mare	10	00
James Burton 1 Bull	12	50
Jeremiah Mitchell 1 Bull	1	12½
John Jackson 1 Small Grindstone		14
Brought Forward	1	25 00½
Rebecca Watson 1 Pail	$143	00½
Rebecca Watson 1 Grind Stone		87½
Elisha Lacy 1 Do		25
Isaac Browning 1 Hoe & Axe	1	00½
John E Anderson 1 Cart	91	00
Westrup Clements 1 Feather Bed	18	50
Rebecca Watson 1 Cow and Yearling	18	00
Jeremiah Mitchell 1 Ox	12	00
Jeremiah Mitchell 1 Ox	9	00
Elisha Lacy 1 Cow and Yearling	11	00
Lucy Clements 1 Stack Cotton	13	00
Rebecca Watson 1 Heap and Corn	3	00
James Burton 1 Negro	7	25
Samuel Burton 1 do	2	25
John McCabe Wagon Harness 50 Rebecca Watson plowing Corn 50	1	00
William Browning 1 Iron Mans Saddle 3 do 75 do 1 Bridle 1 do 75 do	4	50
Edmond Stone 1 Spring Saddle Bags 1.25 1 do Bridle 1 do 75 do	3	00
John McCabe 1 Waterwagon 12 50 1 Linn	1	25
John McCabe 1 Table Chairs 12 50 1 Clock Furniture 25 1 do Clock	1	00
Rebecca Watson	1	37½

I Rebecca Watson formerly Rebecca Watson Admx of the Estate of Samuel Watson do solemnly swear that the above containing a true full and perfect account of the Sale of all the personal Property of Samuel Watson deceased which has come into my possession except one small Negro Girl which I have in my possession

Sworn to and Subscribed before me (Signed) Rebecca Singleton
this 22nd February 1837
Geo Cunningham Clerk

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Rebecca Watson Administratrix of the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased
Submits the following as a true full and perfect account of the Sales of all
the personal property of said Estate which has come to her possession &c

Sale February 17th 1835

Samuel Watson / Shoeing Whel and carts

Isaac Browning	1 ax	4	00
Elisha Lacy	1 Ax	2	50
Isaac Browning	1 Shovel and Spader		50
Samuel Benton	Grace Chairs & Sample Tons & Chairs	2	00
John Browning	One Iron Wedge	1	75
Rebecca Watson	1 Set Carthin ware pans Cups &c	1	25
Rebecca Watson	1 Flat Irons	1	00
Rebecca Watson	1 Skillet and Spader	1	00
Rebecca Watson	1 Tongs and Shovel		50
Rebecca Watson	Pot Hooks		25
Samuel Benton	1 Pot		50
Isham Clements	1 Hoe	2	00
Samuel Benton	1 Hoe		62½
Rebecca Watson	1 Fronk		75
Rebecca Watson	1 Feather Bed & Furniture	3	00
Elisha Lacy	1 Pr Cast Wheels	16	00
Isaiah Browning	1 Saddle	13	00
Isaac Clements	1 Small Log Chain	3	00
Jeremiah Mitchell	1 Do Do		50
Rebecca Watson	1 Side Saddle		50
James G Moore	1 Mare	10	00
James Burton	1 Bell		37½
Jeremiah Mitchell	1 Bell	1	12½
John Jackson	1 Small Grindstone		14
	Brought Forward	1	5 62½
Rebecca Watson	1 Pail	143	142
Rebecca Watson			87½
Elisha Lacy	1 Grind Stone		25
Isaac Browning	1 Rocking Chair	1	62½
John E Anderson	1 Cart	91	00
Thomas Clements	1 Feather bed	18	50
Rebecca Bailey	One side Saddle	18	00
Jeremiah Mitchell	1 Ox	10	50
Jeremiah Mitchell	Cow and Yearling	1	00
Elisha Lacy	one cow and Yearling	11	50
Isaac Browning	1 Stud Horse	13	00
Rebecca Watson	1 Sorrel mare	3	00
James Moore	1 Do mare	1	00
Samuel Benton	1 Do		50
John McCabe	1 Bay mare Rumor 3 yrs old	1	00
William Brownrigg	1 Sow & 8 pigs & 1 Shoat		00
Edmund Jones	1 Bay Saddle Mare 1825	3	00
John McCabe	1 Dictionary	1	00
John McCabe	1 Side Board	1	00
Rebecca Singleton	1 Do	1	00
		33½	54

Rebecca Singleton formerly Rebecca Watson Admx of the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased on oath says that the above embracing a true full and perfect account of the Sales of all the personal property of Samuel Watson deceased which has come into my possession except one small negro Girl which I have in my possession

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 22nd February 1835
Geo Cunningham Clerk

Rebecca Singleton

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The Estate of Samuel Watson deceased in account current with Richard Singleton Admr in Right of his wife

				Dr	Cr
1834					
December	15	To this amount paid as General expenses allowed			15 00
		Paid Lewis Sanders for Medicine and attendance			45 00
		" Paid William H Parker his account			73 87
Decem	4	" Paid George Cunningham part fee in Court			5 00
Dec 1834	17	" Paid Daniel Watson on his claim against Estate			
		This sum and a note on S.M. Goode			37 75
1829					
September	21	" This sum out of money from John Mann			50 00
July 1833	1st	" This sum in money			20 00
1834					
August	7	" Amount of Interest and Negro hire rilled and			
		bequeathed by all parties as covenant and satisfactory			
		for the commissions and the raising the Child Rebecca			
		Watson minor heir up to 1st January 1835			
		Counsel Fee			10 00
		Clerk Bill of balance of fees			9 62½
		balance in hands of Administrator carried			
		to Credit below			491 55½
					771 43
1834					
November	4	By the following notes & Accounts in Inventory		(1)	
		" One on William H Parker due 1st Jany	1834	"	78 00
		" One on S M Goode due 31st Mar	1834	"	37 75
		" One on Richard Gill due 1st Sept	1834	"	20 00
		" One on John Robertson due 16th July	1834	"	26 00
		" One on Malcomb Watson 1st July	1834	"	10 00
1829					
Sept	21st	" This sum Recovered and accredited the note		(2)	
		" against John Mann for $39.87½ and			
1835		" accrued the same Sept 21st 1829 &c			351 86
Janr	17.	" Amount of Sales of all the personal Estate except			
		" one Negro Girl as per Sale List			
		" the same sold 17th Feby 1835 at 12 months		(3)	321 86
1834					
August	7	By this sum in money remaining in hands of the			771 43
		" Administrator to be an Interest			
		" after the first of January 1835			491 55½
		One Negro woman named Sally in possession			
		" of Administrator of the Estate of			380 00
		" to be divided and distributed between the Admr			
		" Richard Singleton and his wife Rebecca the			
		" Widow of dec'd and Rebecca Watson the daughter			
		" and minor heir of the said deceased			

Richard Singleton

Decem

The State of Alabama County Court Marengo County
Orphans business adjourned day 7th August 1834

The account current of Richard Singleton Administrator in right of his wife of the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased being set for final hearing on this day — due notice whereof having been given as required by Law, the parties and relators appeared and upon an inspection and hearing of said account all objections are waived and it is considered

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The Estate of Samuel Watson deceased in acct. current with Richard Singleton Admr in right of his wife Cr

1834					
September	15	To this sum paid for funeral expenses allowed		15	00
		Paid Lewis Linney for Medicine and attendance	3	45	00
		" Paid William H. Parker his account	3	73	50
Decem	4	" Paid George Cunningham's part tax in Court	1	5	00
Dec 1834	17	" Paid Daniel Watson on his Claim against Estate			
1829		By this sum rent & note on J. M. Brooks $33.75		27	75
September	21	" This sum also of money from John Mann	40-00	40	00
1829		" This sum in money	50-00	50	00
April	1st	" Amount of Interest and Negro hire sold and			
1830		disposed by all parties as complained was satisfactory			
August	7	for the commissions and the raising the Child. Rebecca			
		Watson Minor heir up to 1st January 1835			
		Counsel Fee		10	00
		Clerks Bill of balance of fees due		4	62½
		balance in hand of Administrator carried			
		to Credit below		491	55½
				$787	43
1834					
November	6th	By the following notes &c. returned in Secretary		(1)	
		" One on William H. Parker due 1st Jany	1834	"	78 00
		" One on J. M. Brooks due 30th Nov	1834	"	33 75
		" One on Richard Gill due 1st Dec	1834	"	20 00
		" One on John Robertson due 16th Feby	1834	"	26 00
1829		" One on Malcomb Watson due 1st Feby	1834	"	10 00
Sept	21st	" This sum Recovered and received on the note			
		" against John Mann for $39.57½ and		(2)	
		" received the same Sept 21st 1829 viz			
1835				251-84	
August	17.	" Amount of Sales of all the personal Estate except			
		" one Negro Girl as per Sale List			
		" the same sold 17th Feby 1835 at 18 months		(3)	
				321 84	
1834				787 43	
August	7	By this sum in money remaining in hands of the			
		" Administrator to be on Interest			
		" after the first of January 1835		491 55½	
		One Negro woman named Sally in possession			
		" of Administrator of the value of		500. 00	
		" to be divided and distributed between the dau			
		" Richard Singleton and his wife Rebecca the			
		" Widow of decd and Rebecca Watson the dau			
		" ghter and minor heir of the said deceased			
		Richard Singleton			

Decree

The State of Alabama County Court Marengo County
Orphans Session at Linnaday 7th August 1834.

The account current of Richard Singleton Admr in right of his wife of the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased being set for Final hearing on this day due notice whereof having been given as required by Law. The parties come and hearing of said account all objections are waived and

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same it is considered by all that said account be allowed & thereupon paid and understood by the Court. It is considered and decreed that the said account be in all things allowed and entered on record as a Quietance and of the said Administrators accounts up to the present date. By said account is made appear that a nett balance in money of four hundred and ninety one dollars and fifty five and one half cents remain in the hands of the said Richard Singleton. Whereupon it is considered and decreed that the said Richard Singleton and Rebecca his wife who was also the Admx of the deceased unite to their own proper use forever the one half of said sum. The remaining half of said money to wit the sum of two hundred and forty five dollars and seventy seven cts. It is hereby further considered and decreed to belong to Rebecca Watson the minor heir and daughter of the said deceased and is ordered and decreed to be paid over to her proper Guardian. The Estate of the said Samuel Watson deceased except the Negro Woman Sally in the possession of the said Richard Singleton to be fully administered. It is further considered and decreed that one half of the said Sally her income issue and increase appertain and belong to the said Richard Singleton and wife. And that the other half of the said Sally her income issue and increase belong and appertain to the said Rebecca Watson the Minor heir and Daughter of the said deceased. And it is further ordered that from and after the last day of December next, that the said Negro Sally go into possession and custody of the Guardian of the said Rebecca to be hired out annually by him for the benefit of both parties until the said Negro or otherwise disposed of according to Law. (Signed) Wm J Alston Presiding Judge of said County

State of Ala. Probate Court Marengo County. I John Rosborough Judge of Probate in and for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Letters of Administration granted by me to Richard Singleton on the Estate of Samuel Watson deceased as the same appears of record in my office. Given under my hand and official seal this 11th day of Nov 1834. John Rosborough Judge of Probate

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and it is considered by all that said account be allowed wherefore and be cause the matters and things therein contained being also fully and understood by the Court. It is considered and decreed that the said account be in all things allowed and entered on record as a Confirmation and of the said Administrators accounts up to the date thereof. By said account is made appear that a neat balance in money of four hundred and ninety one dollars and fifty five and one half cents remain in the hands of the said Richard Singleton. Whereupon it is considered and decreed that the said Richard Singleton and Rebecca his wife who was also the Admx of the deceased retain to their own proper use forever the one half of said sum. The remaining half of said money to wit the sum of two hundred and forty five dollars and seventy seven cents. It is hereby further considered and decreed to belong to Rebecca Walton the minor heir and daughter of the said deceased and is considered and decreed to be paid over to her lawful Guardian. The Estate of the said Samuel Walton deceased except the Negro Woman Sally in the possession of the said Richard Singleton to be fully administered. It is further considered and decreed that one half of the said Sally her income issue and increase appertain and belong to the said Richard Singleton and wife. And that the other half of the said Sally her income issue and increase belong and appertain to the said Rebecca Walton the Minor heir and Daughter of the said deceased. And it is further ordered that from and after the last day of December next, that the said Negro Sally go into the possession and custody of the Guardian of the said Rebecca to be hired out annually by him for the benefit of both parties until the said Negro be otherwise disposed of according to Law (Signed) Wm J Alston Standing Judge of said County

State of South Carolina Chester district } Ordinary's Office 1834 Letters

State of South Carolina Chester district } John Hardbrough Ordinary of Chester District To Purza Lee Widow and Relict of Eliazer Lee late of Chester deceased Sally and substitute having wholesale Lives and at the time of his death was possessed of goods rights and credits within this district as far as can by means nothing of the just disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods rights and credits of the said deceased and also enabling the accounts executed and rendering of the said Administration and a final discharge of the same to be in manner lawfully thereon to belong and pertaining that the goods rights and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered and accounted and disposed of as the Law doth grant unto the said Purza Lee Widow of the said Eliazer Lee deceased in whose fidelity in this behalf I hereby very much confide by these presents do administer the goods rights and credits of the said deceased which to him in his lifetime and at the time of his death did belong and to ask levy secure and receive the same and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood obliged so far forth as his goods rights and credits will extend according to their value and order of Law being first known on the Holy evangelists of Almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory thereof and to exhibit the same into the ordinary's office in Chester district in order to be recorded on or before the fifteenth day of January next and to render a just and true account Calculation and reckoning of the said Administration when thereunto required and I do ordain depute and constitute you the said Purza Lee Administratrix of all and singular the goods rights and credits

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of the said deceased Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and in the fifty fifth year of American Independence J. Workbrough O.C.D.

Purza's Collateral

State of South Carolina Chester district } Before Wesley Lindsay one of the Judges of the Court of ordinary of Chester district and State aforesaid being sole Judge and my own Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain a true Copy of the Letters of Administration and the papers thereto appertaining and belonging in the Administration committed to Purza Lee widow of Eliazer Lee deceased and as upon the estate of Eliazer Lee. In further testimony that John Workbrough was then Judge and Clerk of the Court of ordinary in said district that the same was in due form of Law and fully executed and to which due credit be given thereto given under my hand and the seal of my office this 31st day of May Anno Domini 1841 and of the 65th year of American Independence Wesley Lindsay Judge and Clerk of the Court of ordinary Chester District

Bond

The State of South Carolina Marriage County Know all men by these presents that we Purza Street Simon Goodrich and John Street are held and firmly bound unto Wm. Alston Judge of the County Court of Marriage and his due successors in office in the penal sum of three thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Dollars for the payment of which well & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 9th day of Dec 1834 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Purza Street was appointed administratrix upon the estate of Eliazer Lee deceased by the Court of ordinary in Chester District as also to the Carolina and has proceeded and had recorded in the County Clerks office of Marriage County aforesaid a copy of the letters of Administration granted to her in Chester district in the State of South Carolina Now if the said Purza Street Administratrix as aforesaid shall well and truly administer and effect according to Law all moneys and effects received by her in right of Eliazer Lee deceased from any person or persons in the state then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect

Purza Street [Seal] Simon Goodrich [Seal] John Street [Seal]

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of the said deceased be sworn to make a true inventory of all & singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased which have come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Executor or into the hands possession or knowledge of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit into the Court of Ordinary at the time of his accounting before the said Court and also to render a just account of his administration of the said estate when he shall be lawfully required to do the same.

Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of November Anno Domini 1820 and in the fifty fifth year of American Independence. Peter Mobley Ord. Clk.

Pledges Collateral

State of South Carolina Chester District. I Peter Mobley Judge and Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of Chester district and State aforesaid being sole Judge and my own Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the foregoing page contains a true Copy of the Letters of Administration and the papers thereto appertaining and belonging in the Administration committed to Turza Ann widow of Eleazer Lee Deceased and upon the estate of Eleazer Lee. I do further certify that I do not recollect whether I was then Judge and Clerk of the Court of ordinary in said district that the same was duly executed and filed as I believe but refer to the records to govern whether my hand and the seal of my office this 9th day of May Anno Domini 1821 and of the 45th year of American Independence. Peter Mobley Judge and Clerk of the Court of ordinary Chester District

Bond

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Turza Ann Elmore Thomas Goodgion and John Elmore are held and firmly bound unto Wm. D. Alston Judge of the County Court of the County of Marengo and his successors in office in the penal sum of Three thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Dollars for the payment of which well & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 9th day of Oct 1821

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Turza Elmore was appointed administratrix upon the estate of Eleazer Lee Deceased by the Court of ordinary in Chester District in South Carolina and has produced and had recorded in the County Clerks office of Marengo County aforesaid a copy of the letters of administration granted to her in Chester district in the State of South Carolina Now if the said Turza Ann Elmore administratrix as aforesaid shall well and faithfully administer and dispose according to law all moneys and effects received by her in right of Eleazer Lee Deceased from any person or persons in the State of Alabama & the same so made do exhibit into the Court of Ordinary at the time of her accounting before the said Court and also render a just account of her administration of the said estate when she shall be lawfully required to do the same then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect

Turza Ann Elmore Seal — James Goodgion Seal — John Elmore Seal

State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court. Be it remembered that we John H. Elmore Enoch H. Crook and Benjamin Lockette and William J. Browning are held and firmly bound unto William D. Alston Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of twelve thousand dollars which sum well and truly to be paid to the said William D. Alston and his successors or heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty fourth day of September A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John H. Elmore and Enoch H. Crook have obtained letters of administration from the said William D. Alston Judge as aforesaid upon the estate and effects of William Elmore late of Marengo County deceased. Now if the said John H. Elmore and Enoch H. Crook shall well and truly perform all the duties required of them as such administrators according to the true intent and meaning of these presents then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. John H. Elmore Seal — Benjamin Lockette Seal — William J. Browning Seal — Enoch H. Crook Seal — signed sealed and delivered in presence of George Cunningham — Paul Bryant

Inventory of William Elmore deceased

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Judge Alston. Be it known to all whom it may concern that I Elizabeth Elmore wife of William Elmore deceased have this day relinquished all claim of administering on the Estate of William Elmore deceased. Given under my hand and seal this fifteenth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two. Elizabeth Elmore Seal

Witness present Thomas Goodgion

An Inventory of the Estate of William Elmore deceased appraised in part by the following appraisers to wit John Sparks Sr. & Eleazer Elmore Benjamin Lockette John B. Barton and Enoch H. Crook November the twenty eighteen hundred and thirty three

One Bedstead Saco	$3.00	Amount brought up	$310.25
one lot weaving hoes	.75	one lot tables	3.00
one lot plows	8.00	one bay horse	100.00
three ledges	3.00	one lot chairs	2.00
grubbing hoe and adze	1.50	one lot of old pewter	3.00
one lot tools	5.00	one cracking and glassware	4.00
one pair Stillyards old one	.50	one lot barrels and tubs	.50
one lot gears	4.00	one lot of new pewter	6.00
one set new irons	4.00	four beds and furniture	87.00
one set old irons	2.00	four trunks	5.00
one pair hand mill stones	5.00	one clock Reel	1.50
two cane open rides	4.50	three pair fire irons	9.00
one box glass	50.00	one pair shovel and tongues	3.00
two Cane chairs in the lot	8.00	one house bellows	1.50
One lot hogs forty three head	86.00	one lot sundry articles	3.00
One Sow & pigs	50.00	lot of books	12.00
one Grind Stone	2.00	one clock	15.00
four axes	4.00	one can and bottles	7.00
one rifle gun	12.50	one looking glass	.50
one large shot gun	16.00	one lot of tin ware	1.00
one small shot gun	6.00	one lot Kegs	2.25
	$310.25		

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Know all men by these presents that we John H. Lehman, Enoch H. Cook and John B. Burton are firmly bound unto William L. Allston Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the sum of twelve thousand dollars which sum well and truly to be paid to the said William L. Allston and his successors heirs executors administrators and assigns we bind ourselves jointly severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty fourth day of September A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John H. Lehman and Enoch H. Cook have duly applied to the said administrators of all and singular the goods chattels rights and credits of William Lehman of Marengo County deceased. Now if the said John H. Lehman and Enoch H. Cook shall well and truly perform all the duties required of them or may be in any manner by law required of such administrators then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. J.H. Lehman Seal J.B. Burton Seal E.H. Cook Seal Benjamin Lockette Seal William Browning Seal Signed sealed and delivered in presence of George Cunningham Clerk

The State of Alabama Marengo County Judge Chester Ellis J.H. Lehman an acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth Lehman wife of William Lehman deceased has relinquished her claim of administering on the Estate of William Lehman deceased. Given under my hand and seal at Linden this twenty fourth day of September A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two. J.H. Lehman (Seal)

Inventory An Inventory of the Estate of William Lehman deceased appraised by the following appraisers to wit. John Sparrow Enoch H. Glover Benjamin Lockette John B. Burton and J.H. Glover November the twenty eighteen hundred and thirty two

One Pendent Seal	$3.00	Amount brought up	$330.25
one lot bunting hoes	.75	one lot tables	3.00
one lot plows	8.00	one bay horse	100.00
three ledges	3.00	one lot chairs	6.00
grubbing hoe and adze	1.50	one lot of old pewter	3.00
one lot tools	5.00	one bracket and glass sconce	4.00
one pair stilyards decease	.50	one lot barrels and boxes	.50
one lot gears	4.00	one lot of new pewter	8.00
one set new irons	4.00	five beds and furniture	50.00
one old iron	3.00	four trunks	5.00
one pair hame mill stones	5.00	one clock Rack	1.50
two saw spindles	.50	three pair fire irons	9.00
one ox yoke	50.00	one pair shovel and tongues	3.00
two log chains in the lot	8.00	one hand bellows	1.50
one lot horse forty three head	66.00	one lot sundry articles	3.00
one Gray mare	50.00	lot of books	12.00
one Sorrel stone	2.00	one clock	15.00
four axes	4.00	one cow and bell	7.00
one rifle gun	12.50	one looking glass	.50
one large shot gun	15.00	one lot of tin ware	1.00
one small shot gun	8.00	one lot sugs	2.25
	$330.25		

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one lot cat heirs	$1.50	five hundred rails more or less	$167.00
one lot saddles	36.00	fifteen hundred rails more or less	15.00
one lot plates	37½	one lot hogs forty eight head	192.00
one pair stirrups	2.50	one lot cattle fifty nine	26.00
one lot cooper ware	6.00	one yoke oxen	50.00
one lot pot ware	20.00	one Brown horse colt	25.00
one lot pewtering & hulls	6.00	one lot hogs forty six head	100.00
one lot gear	.75	three cows and calves	24.00
one cotton	5.00	Total	6705.18½
Negro Property			
Man Bill	450.00	John Sparrow	
Man Aaron	500.00	J.B. Burton	
Woman Peggy and three Children	500.00	Benjamin Lockette	
Woman Selah and child Pip	550.00	J.H. Glover	
Woman Mariah	400.00	The above appraisers were duly sworn in my presence by me	
Woman Dorthy	400.00	J.H. Lehman Clerk	
Lot Cattle two Oxen Mare & Colt	150.00		
Boy John	300.00		
Boy Beckam	275.00		
Boy Bridmant	250.00		
Boy Solomon	150.00		
two hundred and forty acres land more or less	1500.00		

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid John H. Lehman and Enoch H. Cook administrators of the Estate aforesaid William Lehman deceased who being duly sworn doposeth and saith that the foregoing Schedule contains a full true and perfect inventory and appraisement of the Estate of William Lehman deceased to the best of their knowledge and information J.H. Lehman & Enoch H. Cook Sworn to and subscribed this 1st November 1832 Geo Cunningham Clerk

Supplementary The Inventory of the Estate of William Lehman deceased and appraisement of the same by J.H. Glover J.B. Burton Benjamin Lockette and John Sparrow

one yoke Oxen	$40.00	J.H. Glover J.B. Burton	
one Cow and Calf	16.00	John Sparrow Benjamin Lockette	
two Mare colts	70.00	The above appraisers were duly sworn before me this 24th day of December 1832 and returned the same to this office	
one yoke Oxen	40.00	J.H. Lehman Clerk	
one lot Cattle eight Head	56.00		
	$222.00		

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County and State aforesaid John H. Lehman and Enoch H. Cook who being duly sworn doposeth and saith that the above is a true inventory and appraisement of the balance of the personal property of the Estate of William Lehman deceased as far as the same has come to their knowledge or information J.H. Lehman Enoch H. Cook Sworn to in open Court twenty fourth december 1832 Geo Cunningham Clerk

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one lot Lat Irons	$1.50	five hundred bushels corn more or less	$187.00
one lot saddles	36.00	fifteen hundred lbs fodder more or less	15.00
one lot Slates	37½	one lot hogs forty eight head	192.00
one pair Styards	2.50	one lot cattle fifty nine	26.00
one lot coppers ware	6.00	one yoke oxen	50.00
one lot pot ware	20.00	one Roan horse colt	25.00
one lot spinning wheels	6.00	one lot hogs forty six head	100.00
one lot gear	.75	three cows and calves	24.00
one loom	5.00	Total	6705.12½
Negro property			
Man Bill	250.00		
Man Andrew	500.00		
Woman Capey and child Bill	500.00		
Woman Jeder and child Pris	550.00		
Woman Mariah	400.00		
Woman Dinthy	400.00		
Gall and two children Henry & Ann	650.00		
Boy Lin	300.00		
Boy Rechard	275.00		
Boy Bondurant	250.00		
Boy Johnathan	150.00		
two hundred and forty acres land more or less	1300.00		

Appraisers

John Spann
L B Burton
Benjamin Lockette
L H Glover
The above appraisers were duly sworn in my presence by me
L H Selman (Seal)

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid John H Selman and Enoch H Cook administrators of the Estate aforesaid William Selman deceased who being duly sworn deposite and saith that the foregoing schedule contains a full true and perfect inventory and appraisement of the Estate of William Selman deceased so far as the same has come to their knowledge and possession L H Selman E H Cook Sworn to and subscribed this 6th November 1832 Geo Cunningham

Supplementary Inventory } An inventory of the Estate of William Selman Clk deceased as appraised by John Spann E A Glover L B Burton Benjamin Lockette and on the sixth day of December eighteen hundred and thirty two
E A Glover L B Burton

one yoke Oxen	$40.00
one Cow and Calf	16.00
two More colts	70.00
one yoke oxen	40.00
one lot Cattle eight head	56.00
Total	$222.00

John Spann Benjm Lockett
The said appraisers were duly sworn before me this sixth December eighteen hundred and thirty two
L H Selman (L.P.)

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County and State aforesaid John H Selman and Enoch H Cook who being duly sworn deposite and saith that the above is a true inventory and appraisement of the balance of the personal property of the Estate of William Selman deceased so far as the same has come to their knowledge and possession L H Selman. E H Cook Sworn to in open Court twenty fourth December 1832 Geo Cunningham

Stat of Alabama Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that I Letitia Hooper of Marengo County and State of Alabama in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have for my five grand children by Levicy Wolf wife of James Wolf Enoch Cook Olive Cook Letitia Cook and Ellender Cook children of widow Mathias Cook now the wife of William Selman do give grant and bequeath unto them my said grand children the following negroes respectively by. To Levicy Wolf wife of James Wolf a negro boy about six years old by the name of Benjamin To Enoch Cook a negro boy named James about fourteen years old To Olive Cook a negro girl named Eloye about five years old To Letitia Cook a negro girl about three years old named Isella and to Ellender Cook a negro girl named Mary and a negro woman about ninety five years old the mother of all three negroes except James and her increase to belong to them my grand children respectively at the time of my death to have and to hold the same negroes respectively to them and their respective heirs forever and I warrant and forever defend the said six negroes unto the said Levicy Wolf Enoch Cook Olive Cook Letitia Cook and Ellender Cook to them and their heirs forever from me my heirs executors administrators and assigns. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighteenth day of October eighteen hundred and twenty one. Letitia her Hooper (Seal) Geo Cunningham
Witness her Mark Mark

State of Alabama Marengo County. Personally appeared before me John Lockhart Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Letitia Hooper who acknowledged the above deed of gift to be her own free act and deed and desires the same to be recorded as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal this the fourteenth day of September eighteen hundred and twenty two Thos Lockhart L.C.C.M.C. (Seal)

State of Alabama Marengo County. I William Adams Clerk of the County Court of Marengo County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing deed of Gift has been duly recorded in the county Court Books of Marengo County and State of Alabama this fourteenth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty two

Know all men by these presents that William Selman James B Wolf and John Jackson are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of one thousand dollars which payment well and truly to be made or bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of February eighteen hundred and twenty five. The condition of the above obligation such that whereas the above bound William Selman has this day been duly appointed guardian to Polly Ann Selman a minor under the age of fourteen and also guardian of and to John H Selman Orella Selman Elizabeth B Selman Alfred W Selman and William W Selman who have chosen him as such guardian before Lewis Anderson Esqr a Justice of the said County as he has customed to our said County Court. Now if the said William Selman shall well and truly improve to the best advantage the Estate of the several wards and perform all the duties required of him by law as such guardian then above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force. William Selman (Seal) James B Wolf (Seal) John Jackson (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged

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State of Alabama } Know all men by
Marengo County } these presents that I Letitia Hooper of Marengo County and State
of Alabama in consideration of the natural love and affection
I have for my five grand children Lydia Wall Enoch Cook Olen Cook Letitia Cook and Ellender Cook
do give grant and bequeath unto them my said grand children the
following negroes respectively viz To Livey Wall wife of James
Wall a negro boy about six years old by the name of Benjamin
To Enoch Cook a negro boy named James about fourteen years old
To Olen Cook a negro girl named Eliza about five years old To Letitia
Cook a negro girl about three years old named Leila and To
Ellender Cook a negro girl named Mary and a negro woman about
ninety five years old the mother of all those negroes as put James
To have and to hold the same negroes respectively as
to them and their respective heirs forever and I warrant and for
ever defend the said negroes unto the said Livey Wall Enoch
Cook Olen Cook Letitia Cook and Ellender Cook to them and
their heirs forever from me my heirs executors administrators
and assigns In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this eighteenth day of October eighteen hundred
and ninety one Letitia Hooper (Seal)
Witness my Hand
Test Geo Cunningham
State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before
me John Lockhart Judge of the County Court of the County and
State aforesaid Letitia Hooper who acknowledged the above deed
of gift to be her own free act and deed and desires the same to
be recorded as such In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and private seal this the fourteenth day of September
eighteen hundred and twenty two John Lockhart J.C.C.C. (Seal)
State of Alabama Marengo County I William Adams Clerk of the
County Court of Marengo County and State aforesaid do hereby certify
the foregoing deed of Gift has been duly recorded in the county Court Books
of Marengo County and State of Alabama this fourteenth day of September
eighteen hundred and twenty two

Know all men by these presents that William Selman Lewis B Walpole and John
Jackson are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of the County
Court of the County and State aforesaid and his successors in office in the full sum
of ten thousand dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our
heirs executors administrators and assigns firmly by these
presents Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of February eighteen hun-
dred and twenty five The condition of the above obligation made that Thomas the above
bounden William Selman has this day been duly appointed guardian to Polly Ann
Selman a minor under the age of fourteen and also guardian of and to John H
Selman Orella Selman Elizabeth B Selman Alpha W Selman and William W Selman
who have chosen him as their guardian before Lewis Anderson Esqr a Justice
of the said County as in his testimony to our said County Court Now if the said William
Selman shall well and truly perform to the said wards the duties of the said
guardian and perform all the duties and office of him by law as such guardian then
the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force Witness Selman (Seal)
Lewis B. Walpole (Seal) John Jackson (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged

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In the County Court Marengo County

County of the Chancery of William Selman

The State of Alabama Marengo County I Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace
of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify to the Clerk Justices of the County
Court of the County aforesaid that on this the fourteenth day of February eighteen
hundred and twenty five the heirs of William Selman Esquire viz John H
Selman Orella Selman Elizabeth Selman Alpha Selman and William W
Selman came before me Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace and made
choice of them person named unanimously chose William Selman Esqr as their
next and lawful guardian given under my hand and seal this the
fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty five Lewis Anderson (Seal) J.P.

Guardian's Bond by J. H. Selman

Know all men by these presents that we John H Selman Dazia County
and Abraham Lindsay are held and firmly bound unto Thomas
Ringgold Esqr Judge of the County Court of Marengo County in the State
of Alabama in the penal sum of one thousand dollars lawful
money of the United States which payment well and truly to be made to them
Ringgold Esqr and his successors in office we bind ourselves our heirs ex
administrators and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents
Sealed with our Seals and dated this twentieth day of August A.D. one thousand
eight hundred and twenty seven The condition of the above obligation is
such that whereas the above bounden John H Selman has this day been duly
appointed guardian to Willis Selman as now a minor under the age
of fourteen years Now if the above bound John H Selman shall well and truly
perform all the duties which are or may by law required of him as such
guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force
and effect John H Selman (Seal) Willis Selman (Seal) Abraham Lindsay (Seal)
Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of Geo Cunningham
The within bond is approved this 20th day of August 1827 Thomas Ringgold J.C.C.C.

Application by Administrators to sell lands of W. Selman dec'd

The State of Alabama Marengo County To the honorable the Judge of the
County Court of the County and State aforesaid the petition of the undersigned
administrators of the Estate of William Selman deceased respectfully
represent that the following real estate of the said deceased to wit The South
West quarter of Section twenty five the North East quarter of the North West quar-
ter and the North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty five
township eighteen Range five in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens
cannot be equally fairly and beneficially divided among the heirs devisees of
said intestate without a sale of the above real Estate the following are the heirs of s
Estate that are of age Alpha W Selman William W Selman Orella Selman
Calvin Anderson Margaret wife of James S Irvin & Milady C Selman
Alabama Elizabeth Selman Widow of said deceased and the following
minors heirs to wit Thomas B Selman aged eighteen years Edward P Selman
aged fifteen years Peter P. Selman aged thirteen years Benjamin F Selman
aged eleven years and as per the rule of the same to number the record one thousand
eight hundred and thirty three L. B. Selman Enoch P York administrators
E. E.

Citation to heirs &c on application of the administrators of the estate of William Selman

The State of Alabama Marengo County To the sheriff of said county greeting you
are hereby commanded to summon Alpha W Selman William W Selman
Orella Anderson wife of Calvin Anderson heirs of William Selman
deceased Elizabeth Selman widow of said deceased and John Elizabeth B
as guardian of the minor heirs of said deceased to wit Thomas M Selman
aged eighteen years Edward P Selman aged fifteen Peter P Selman aged

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In the County Court of Marengo County

Amount of the Clerkship of William Coleman

The State of Alabama Marengo County I Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify to the Clerk Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid that on this the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five the sum of William Coleman Augustus Coleman Elizabeth Coleman Alonza Coleman and Nathaniel Coleman came before me Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace and each of them respectively acknowledged Coleman Coleman Esqr as their minor and lawful guardian Given under my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace

Guardians Bond by E H Coleman

Know all men by these presents that we John H Coleman Davis County and Abraham Lindsay are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ringgold Esqr Judge of the County Court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama in the penal sum of one thousand five hundred dollars Lawful money of the United States which payment well and truly to be made to the said Thomas Ringgold Esqr and his successors in office we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this seventeenth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John H Coleman was this day duly appointed guardian to William Coleman a minor under the age of twenty one years If the above bound John H Coleman shall well and truly perform all the duties of such guardian as aforesaid then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect John H Coleman Seal Davis County Seal Abraham Lindsay Seal Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Jno Cunningham Jun Clk

The within bond is approved this 17th day of August 1827 Thomas Ringgold Judge &c

Application of Administrators for the Sale of W. Coleman's land

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the honorable the Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid the petition of the undersigned Administrators of the Estate of William Coleman deceased respectfully represent that the following real Estate of the said deceased to wit the South West quarter of Section twenty five the North East quarter of the North West quarter and the North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty five in Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens and the South East quarter of Section twenty five in Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens as aforesaid would be equally fairly and beneficially divided among the heirs and devisees of said deceased without a sale of the above real Estate the following are the heirs of said Estate that is to say Alpheus H Coleman William H Coleman Stella wife of Calvin Anderson Margaret wife of James T Irvin of Biloxy County Alabama Elizabeth Coleman widow of said deceased and the following minor heirs to wit Thomas M Coleman aged eighteen years Edward P Coleman aged fifteen years Peter P Coleman aged thirteen years Benjamin H Coleman aged eleven years and Reuben the second one thousand eight hundred and thirty three E H Coleman Enoch H Cook administrators E. E.

Citation to Heirs &c to show cause why sale should not be made

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the Sheriff of said county greeting you are hereby commanded to summon Alpheus H Coleman William H Coleman Stella Anderson wife of Calvin Anderson Margaret Irvin wife of James T Irvin Elizabeth Coleman widow of said deceased and also Elizabeth Coleman as guardian of the minor heirs of said deceased to wit Thomas M Coleman aged eighteen years Edward P Coleman aged fifteen Peter P Coleman aged

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Order of Sale of the Estate of Wm Coleman

aged thirteen years to be and appear upon the second Monday of the County Court to be held for said County on vacation on monday the twentieth day of January next to show cause if any they have why the administrators of said Estate shall not have leave to sell the real Estate as set forth in petition (to wit) the South West quarter of Section twenty five the North East quarter of the North West quarter and North West quarter of North West quarter twenty five Section Township fifteen Range four East Given under my hand and seal this the seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Lewis Anderson Justice of the Peace

Guardians Bond by Elizabeth Coleman

The State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Coleman Enoch H Cook and William B Cook are held and firmly bound unto William L Alston Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the penal sum of six thousand dollars Lawful money of the State of Alabama which payment to be made to the said William L Alston Judge and his successors in office well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns severally and severally firmly bound by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this tenth day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Elizabeth Coleman has been duly appointed guardian to Thomas M Coleman age eighteen years Edward P Coleman age fifteen years Peter P Coleman age thirteen and Benjamin H Coleman age eleven years all sons of William Coleman of said County Deceased Now if she shall well and truly perform the duties of guardian to the said Thomas M Coleman Edward P Coleman Peter P Coleman and Benjamin H Coleman according to Law then the above obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law Elizabeth Coleman Seal E H Cook Seal B H Cook Seal Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us Wm Cook Jr Seal

The within bond having been seen and inspected is hereby approved William L Alston Judge of 6th Jud. Cir.

Order of Sale of the Estate of Wm Coleman

State of Alabama Marengo County. Orphans Court Tuesday the twenty first day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Present the Honorable William L Alston Judge. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court on the petition of John Coleman one of the administrators of the Estate of William Coleman deceased that it is necessary to sell and convey certain lands therein named in order to make a more equitable division among the several heirs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Lewis Anderson Stephen D Burton be appointed Commissioners to sell and convey such lands, to wit the South West quarter of Section twenty four the North East quarter of North West quarter and the North West quarter of do West quarter of Section twenty five Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens, with the exception of certain parts or parcels that shall be laid off to the said Elizabeth Coleman widow of said deceased which the above mentioned Commissioners are hereby directed to set apart and that they give forty days previous notice of their public sales in the County and some public news paper printed in this State three weeks successively previous to the day of sale and that they sell such lands on a credit until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty five taking notes with approved security and a mortgage on the premises to secure the payment of the purchase money and that they make report of their proceedings to this Court according to law A true copy from the minutes Attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

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again at the next term to be and appear in open Court to the honorable the Judge of the County Court aforesaid Court to be held for said County on the vacation on monday the twenty first day of January next to shew cause if any they have why the Administrators of said Estate shall not have leave to sell the real Estate as in said petition is set forth the South West quarter of Section twenty four, the North East quarter of North West quarter of Section twenty four, the North East quarter of North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East and the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens with the exception of certain parts or parcels that shall be laid off to the said Elizabeth Coleman widow of said deceased which shall be done as the Court shall direct as set forth in said petition Given under my hand this twenty first day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty eighth year. Attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

Recognizance all the within heirs and also of Elizabeth Coleman as guardian of the minors of William Coleman deceased eighteenth of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Davis Cooney Esqr

Recognizance by Elizabeth Coleman

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Coleman Enoch H Cook and William B Cook are held and firmly bound unto William L Alston Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid in the penal sum of six thousand seven hundred dollars current money of the State of Alabama which payment to be made to the said William L Alston Esqr and his successors in office well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves our heirs executors & administrators and each of us severally and jointly firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this tenth day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Elizabeth Coleman has been duly appointed guardian to Thomas M Coleman age eighteen years Edward A Coleman age fifteen years John F Coleman age thirteen and Benjamin H Coleman age eleven years all sons of William Coleman of said County Deceased Now if she shall well and truly perform the duties of guardian to the said Thomas M Coleman Edward A Coleman Peter F Coleman and Benjamin H Coleman according to law then the above obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law Elizabeth Coleman [Seal] E H Cook [Seal] W B Cook [Seal]
The within bond having been executed and inspected is hereby approved William L Alston Judge of Cty Ct of M. Cty

Order of Sale of the Estate of Coleman

State of Alabama Marengo County. Orphans Court in vacation the twenty first day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. Present the honorable William L Alston Judge. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court on the petition of John B Coleman one of the Administrators of the Estate of William Coleman deceased that it is necessary to sell and convey certain lands therein named in order to make a more equitable division among the heirs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Julius Alston John B Bouton be appointed Commissioners to sell and convey such lands to wit the South West quarter of Section twenty four the North East quarter of North West quarter and the North West fourth of North East quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens with the exception of certain parts or parcels that shall be laid off to the said Elizabeth Coleman widow of said deceased which shall be done as the Court shall direct and that they give forty days previous notice at three public places in the County and one public newspaper printed in this State three weeks successively previous to the day of sale and that they sell such lands on a credit until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty five taking notes with approved security and a due return make to this Court according to law. A true copy from the minutes Attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

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Elizabeth Coleman's Petition for Dower

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the Honorable Judge of the County Court of said County Your petitioner Elizabeth Coleman widow and late wife of William Coleman deceased petitions the said Court for allowance of dower to your petitioner of Lands hereinafter described which alledges to the said William Coleman in his lifetime & at the death and quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East and North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East and the North West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St Stephens Alabama and your petitioner will ever pray &c January the ninth one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Elizabeth Coleman
The State of Alabama Marengo County. I John B Coleman one of the administrators of William Coleman deceased do hereby acknowledge the service of the above petition this tenth day of January eighteen hundred and thirty four. John B Coleman
Let the prayer of the petitioner be granted and writ issue to the Sheriff immediately to make the allotment required by Law January 20th 1834 Wm L Alston Judge &c

Estate of William Coleman to dower

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the Sheriff of said County Greeting Whereas Elizabeth Coleman widow of William Coleman late of said County deceased has exhibited her petition praying the honorable the Judge of the County Court of said County to allow her dower in certain lands hereinafter named. Now therefore hereby commanding without delay to summon five discreet freeholders of your County unconnected with the parties neither by consanguinity or affinity and entirely disinterested in whom both the said Sheriff is hereby authorized to administer their oath and affirmation to allot and set off by metes and bounds to the said widow in this part according to quantity and quality of all the lands of which William Coleman died seized and possessed in said County and which are in possession of the said William Coleman deceased or his heirs or any person claiming under him or in his right or which shall be

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Elizabeth H. Lehman Petition for Dower

The State of Alabama Clarke County ss. To the honorable Judge of the County Court of Clarke County. Your petitioner Elizabeth Lehman would show unto your honor that she is the widow and relict of William Lehman deceased late of said County and State and that said William Lehman died seized and possessed of the following described real estate to wit the South West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East and the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East and the North West fourth of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St. Stephens Alabama and your petitioner will ever pray &c January the ninth one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Elizabeth Lehman

The State of Alabama Marengo County. I John H. Lehman one of the administrators of William Lehman deceased do hereby acknowledge the service of the above petition this tenth day of January eighteen hundred and thirty four. John H. Lehman Adm

Let the prayer of the petitioner be granted and writ issue to the Sheriff immediately to make to the allottment required by Law January 20th 1834 Pl. Alston Judge &c

Estate of William Lehman to Dower

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the Sheriff of said County greeting. Whereas Elizabeth Lehman widow of William Lehman late of said County deceased has lately come to the petition praying to be endowed of the lands and tenements whereof the said William Lehman died seized and possessed and which are held by the heirs of the said deceased by law and whereas it appears to the Court before hereby commanded without delay to summon five discreet freeholders as commissioners to assign to the said petitioner her dower in the premises by metes and bounds to the said widow on this part according to quantity and quality of all the lands tenements and hereditaments in said County and shall put the said petitioner in possession of the same which said portion shall not be in prejudice of the said heirs at law the North West quarter of Section twenty four the North East quarter of the North East quarter and the North East quarter of the North West quarter and the South West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St. Stephens Alabama herein fail not and return this writ with your endorsement thereon. Witness Thomas Anderson Clerk of said Court at office this twenty first day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and the fifty eighth of American Independence. Attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

Application for sale of lands of Estate of William Lehman

The State of Alabama Clarke County. To the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Orphans Court of said County to assign to Elizabeth Lehman widow of William Lehman deceased her dower in the following described lands belonging to the Estate of said William Lehman deceased to wit The South West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St. Stephens Alabama and the North East quarter of the North East quarter and the North East quarter of the North West quarter and the South West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St. Stephens Alabama with the exception of twenty one and a half acres owned by the widow of the said William Lehman deceased. We hereby give notice that we will proceed to sell at public auction on the third day of March eighteen hundred and thirty four at the residence of said William Lehman deceased to Elizabeth Lehman the following named tract to wit the North East quarter of the North West quarter and the North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty four Township fifteen Range four East in the District of Lands sold at St. Stephens

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Marengo Com[mission]ers Court January Term 1835

Order of the Court to commissioners to make a division of the Estate of Wm Coleman

State of Alabama Marengo County ss. At a Court of Commissioners for said County begun and held at the Court House in said County on the first Monday in January being the fifth day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. Present the Hon. Thomas Bibb Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, Thomas Bolton, Edward Bolton, and Thomas Bolton Esquires Commissioners duly appointed by the Judge of said Court to make partition of the Estate of William Coleman late of said County deceased among the heirs of said deceased. And it appearing to said Commissioners that the said William Coleman died seized and possessed of the following described Lands and Tenements to wit, The East half of the South West quarter of Section No. Twenty Eight in Township No. Eighteen in Range No. Two East of the Huntsville Meridian containing eighty acres more or less. And it appearing to said Commissioners that the said Lands and Tenements descended to the following named persons to wit, Mary Coleman Widow of said deceased, Thomas M. Coleman, Alfred P. Coleman, Peter P. Coleman, Sabrina Patterson, Edwina P. Coleman, William P. Coleman, Benjamin P. Coleman, Richard Morton and Mary Ann Coleman children and heirs at law of said deceased. And it appearing to said Commissioners that said Lands and Tenements cannot be divided among said heirs without injury to the interest of the same. Therefore said Commissioners proceeded to value said Lands and Tenements and appraised the same at the sum of Eight hundred dollars. And said Commissioners proceeded to allot and set apart to the said Mary Coleman Widow of said deceased her dower in said Lands and Tenements. And said Commissioners proceeded to allot and set apart to the said heirs at law of said deceased their respective shares of said Lands and Tenements as follows to wit, To Thomas M. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Alfred P. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Peter P. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Sabrina Patterson one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Edwina P. Coleman, William P. Coleman, Benjamin P. Coleman, Richard Morton and Mary Ann Coleman children and heirs at law of said deceased one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. And said Commissioners proceeded to report to the next term of this Court the proceedings had in the premises. Thos Bibb Judge

Report of Commissioners

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the undersigned Commissioners appointed to partition the Lands and Tenements belonging to the Estate of William Coleman deceased among the heirs at law of said deceased by an order of the Orphans Court of said County at the January Term thereof in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five. We the undersigned Commissioners to whom was delivered the following negroes to wit, Andrew a slave valued at eight hundred dollars, Lot number one, Charlotte a slave valued at seven hundred dollars, Lot number two, Caroline and five children Sally, Ann, Lucy, Boulware valued at three hundred and seventy two dollars, Lot number three, Caroline, Lucy and two children Mary and Lucy valued by Bill valued at three hundred and eighty dollars, Lot number four, Hagar a slave valued at twelve hundred and sixty two dollars and Lot number five consisting of Hannah, Nick, Lucy, Bill and Mary valued at three hundred and eighty dollars we being qualified according to law do certify that we have set apart for the dower of the said Mary Coleman widow of said deceased the following negroes to wit, Lot number four and that upon a balance of the remaining property we divided them into five lots as follows to wit, Lot number one Andrew valued at six hundred dollars, Lot number two Caroline, Sally valued at six hundred dollars, Lot number three Caroline and child Ann valued at six hundred and twenty five dollars, Lot number four Charlotte and child Sally valued at seven hundred and twenty five dollars, Lot number five consisting of Hannah, Nick, Lucy, Bill and Mary valued at five hundred dollars. Lot number one consisting of Lucy and child valued at four hundred dollars, Lot number two consisting of Lucy and child valued at four hundred dollars, Lot number three consisting of Lucy and child valued at four hundred dollars, Lot number four consisting of Lucy and child valued at four hundred dollars, Lot number five consisting of Hannah valued at five hundred dollars. And we do certify that upon allotting unto the following numbers to wit, Enoch Cook Lot number one, John Coleman Lot number two, Lewis Lewis Lot number three, Thomas M. Coleman Lot number four, Alfred P. Coleman Lot number five, Peter P. Coleman Lot number six, Sabrina Patterson Lot number seven, Edwina P. Coleman Lot number eight, William P. Coleman Lot number nine, Benjamin P. Coleman Lot number ten, three negro men by name and age as follows to wit, Andrew aged about twenty five years, Charlotte aged about twenty five years and Hannah aged about twenty five years. And we do certify that upon allotting unto the said Mary Coleman widow of said deceased her dower in said Lands and Tenements. And we do certify that upon allotting unto the said heirs at law of said deceased their respective shares of said Lands and Tenements as follows to wit, To Thomas M. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Alfred P. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Peter P. Coleman one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Sabrina Patterson one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. To Edwina P. Coleman, William P. Coleman, Benjamin P. Coleman, Richard Morton and Mary Ann Coleman children and heirs at law of said deceased one undivided fifth part of said Lands and Tenements. And we do certify that we have set apart to the said Mary Coleman widow of said deceased her dower in said Lands and Tenements. And we do certify that we have set apart to

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State of Alabama } To the Sheriff of Said County Greeting You are hereby com-
Marengo County } manded to take to Summons five good & lawful freeholders
within connected by affinity or consanguinity to lay off by metes and bounds unto
Sarah Pennington Widow of John Pennington late of said County deceased a Dower
or one third as the law directs in the following described lands of which the
said John died seized and possessed (to wit) the South East quarter of and the
East half of the South West quarter of Section Six Township Fifteen Range four
East of the Basis Meridian and due return make to this Court at Linden on
the 5th day of February next January 5th 1835 Attest Robinson Clerk

Surveyors Office Marengo County Alabama 1835 Survey for the Dower of Mrs
Sarah Pennington as designated by the commissioners appointed by the
County court of Marengo County at
(No 2) Beginning at the original half mile corner on the line between Sections
6 and 7 T. 16 R. 4 East and running 160 Poles North to a stake & Stone
S. 1.° W. 13 Links. Pointers N. 32 E. 36 Links Chany T. 16 S. R. 4 E. Stones
E. 3 Poles and 5 Links Sca. Iron mound S. 60 E. 8 Links and Iron mound
T. N.° 6 20 Links. Thence 160 Poles to a Stake Red oak bush & stone 18 Links
Thence West 80 Poles and 5 Links to the Beginning

3 Poles chain
Scale 80 Poles to an Inch

I hereby certify that I the above named Surveyor have surveyed and laid off for Sarah Pennington Widow of John Pennington late of Marengo County Dec'd the East & parts of Land described in the above plat and Plan with John Hughs and William Hardaway Chain carriers and that the same was done correctly and equitably as the law directs Feby 6th 1835 J. C. Gholson Surveyor Sara County

The State of Alabama } To the undersigned Commissioners in the County of
Marengo County } aforesaid for the purpose of Laying off by Metes and bounds
John Pennington Dec'd for the purpose of Laying off by Metes and bounds unto
her Dower a portion of Land. After Receiving the Said Land into three equal
parts and giving said widow Choice she the said widow has three equal
Chooses the Southern most thirty three and one fourth acres of Land lying and
being in Section Six Township Fifteen Range four East the lines Divided
by Said Dower is to run North and South dividing the South East quarter
of Said Section & containing quite in the said quarter the West part
of Said quarter Section 18th January 1835 John Hughs Samuel B. Wood Samuel S.
Henry Wilkinson Surveying

The State of Alabama } To the Sheriff of Said County Greeting You are hereby
Marengo County } commanded & Summons five Lawful freeholders
inclusive of affinity or consanguinity and impanelled Constituted & to lay off by
Metes and bounds to Eliza Morgan the Dower or one third part of & in equity
and power during Widowhood lands of which Reif Morgan late
Husband and Intestate (No 3) the S E qr of Sec 7 T 16 R 3 E and the West half of
N E qr & N W qr T 16 R 3 E and the said Reif Morgan late of
by said State in his life time of Mary Burke and on which the said Eliza Morgan
resides and that you put her in possession of the Dower and
Return make to this Court as the Law directs Attest Robinson Clerk
June 6th 1835

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The State of Alabama } To the Honorable the Judge of the County court of
Marengo County } The petition of Eliza Morgan Widow Edward Early
Shows unto your Honor that on or about the 11th day of August last 1834
Alexander Morgan a resident citizen of Marengo died leaving your petitioner his
Widow your petitioner further showeth unto your Honor that the said Reif
Morgan was at the time of his death Seized and possessed of the following
described tract of land situate in the county aforesaid and described as follows
(to wit) the S.E. qr of Sec 7 T 16 R 3 E and the West half of N E qr & N W qr Sec 18 T 16 R 3 E
Three Hundred & Sixteen (316) acres purchased by said Reif from William Burke and on
which the said Eliza now resides which said three qr Sections land your petitioner
is entitled to and claims dower in your petitioner therefore prays your honor that
her said Dower may be made and set apart and your petitioner ever
pray &c Eliza Morgan by DC Houston

The State of Alabama } We Lyon McBondurant William King J. S. Watson
Marengo County } Carson Pettis and E. P. Lyon do Depose & the
Honorable the Judge of the County court of said County that pursuant to an
Order from the Clerk of the County court of said County directed to the
Sheriff thereof directing him Summons and qualify five Lawful freeholders to
lay off by Metes and bounds the Dower belonging to Eliza Morgan widow of
Alexander Morgan late of said County deceased in and to the following described
lands (to wit) (to wit) the S E qr of Sec 7 T 16 R 3 E the west half of the
North E qr of Sec 18 T 16 R 3 E the qr of Sec 3 T 16 R 3 E and the West half of South
West qr Sec 3 T 16 R 3 E and that we have a Subpoena to said widow as her
dower The South E qr Sec 3 T 16 R 3 E The East half of S W qr Sec 3 T 16
R 3 E and the same on which said widow now resides and the said
Eliza Morgan agrees to take the same as her dower and relinquish all claims to
any and all lands that the said Alexander Morgan owned at his lifetime or
at his death In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
Sworn to & subscribed (Seal) L. P. Bondurant (Seal) E. P. Lyon (Seal) Carson Pettis (Seal)
before me (Seal) William King (Seal)
J. C. Gholson Clerk

In the Name of God amen I Frederick Early of the County of
Marengo and State aforesaid do make this my last will and testament in manner
Mobile January 23rd 1838 following (viz) I lend to my wife Ann Early for and during the term of her na-
tural life the use of the following property negroes Gilbert Caley Norman Lucky all
the household and kitchen furniture (except the Clocks) & Horse called Peter a
small waggon six Cows and calves & ten head stock Cattle all the Hogs which are about
the house supposed to be 60 or 70 head - I also lend to my said wife the following
land (viz) West half of N W quarter of section 13 East half of N E quarter of
section 11 West half of S E quarter of section 11 N E quarter of S E quarter of
section 12 and West half of N W quarter of section 12 all in Township 16 Range
one East - It is my wish that my youngest children if he are under age remain with
their mother and for their support I give the five hundred bushels of Corn five
Stacks fodder and five hundred Dollars in my mill I leave for the use of my wife
and each of my children as may wish to use it at the death of my said wife I
give the land here before described and loaned to her to my two youngest daughters
Martha P and Susan A to be equally divided between the to them their Heirs & assigns
forever the balance of the property herein before described & loaned to my wife
(except) pensions) I give at her death to my children generally to be equally
divided among them to them their heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath
to my son Benjamin A Early the following negroes (viz) John Rose and Lyn
with the following land East half of S E quarter Section 35 West half
S W quarter Section 30 and N W quarter Section 36 all in Township 15 Range

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The State of Alabama } To the Honorable the Judge of the County court of
Marengo County } The petition of Elijah Hogan Executor of the last
Shewith to your Honor that on or about the 11th day of August last 1838
Alexander Hogan a resident Citizen of Marengo did leaving your petitioner his
Executor your petitioner further shewith unto your Honor that the said Alex
ander Hogan was at the time of his death Seized and possessed of the following
real & personal estate in the County aforesaid and described as follows
(viz) the S.E. qr Sec 9 T 18 R 3 E and the west half of N.E. qr Sec T 18 R 3 E
also three half qr Section prescribed by said Act from William Burks and on
which the said Elijah now resides, all which said three qr Sections land your petitioner
is entitled to and claims dower in your petitioner therefore prays your Honor that
he may be made executor and your petitioner duly sworn
May 16 Elijah Hogan by DC Houston

The State of Alabama } Lewis Pepper McBondurant (Commissioner) of the State
Marengo County } Caruthers Pettus and E.P. Lyon as Esquires &
Constable the Judge of the County court of said County that pursuant to an
order from the Clerk of the County court of said County directed to the
County thereof directing three Summons and qualified Jurors be holden to
lay off by metes and bounds the dower belonging to Elijah Hogan widow of
Alexander Hogan late of said county deceased in and to the following described
lands (to wit) (to wit) the S E qr of Sec 9 T 18 R 3 E & the west half of the
north E qr of Sec T 18 R 3 E the E qr of Sec 3 T 18 R 3 E and half of South
West qr Sec 3 T 18 R 3 E and that we have assigned to said widow as her
dower the South E qr Sec 3 T 18 R 3 E. The East half of S.E. qr Sec 3 T 18
R 3 E. it being the same on which said widow now resides and the said
Elijah Hogan agrees to claim the same as her dower and relinquish all claims to
any and all Lands that the said Alexander Hogan owned at his Life time or
at his death. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
Lewis Pepper McBondurant (Seal) S.D. Coulson (Seal) E.P. Lyon (Seal) Caruthers Pettus (Seal)
William Haig (Seal)

State of Alabama } In the name of God amen I Frederick Earley of the County of
Marengo and State aforesaid do make this my last will and testament in manner
following (viz) I lend to my wife Ann Earley for and during the term of her na
tural life the use of the following property negroes Gilbert Ailey & Woman Kitty all
the house hold and kitchen furniture (except) the Horse(s) a Horse called Peter a
small waggon ten Cows and calves & six head stock cattle all the Hogs which was about
the house supposed to be 60 or 70 head - I also lend to my said wife the following
Land (viz) West half of N.W. quarter of section 12. East half of S.E. quarter of
section 11 - West half of S.E. quarter of section 11 - N.E. quarter of S.E. quarter of
section 12 - and West half of N.W. quarter of section 12 - all in Township 16 Range
one East - It is my wife that my youngest children & he are under age remain with
their mother and for their support I give the five hundred bushels of Corn five
Stacks of fodder and Two hundred Dollars my mill I leave for the use of my wife
and each of my children as may wish to use it - at the death of my said partner I
give the Land here before described and loaned to her to my two youngest daughters
Martha Pynel Susan to be equally divided between the to them their heirs & assigns
forever the balance of the property herein before described & loaned to my wife
(except) provisions I give at her death to my children generally to be equally
divided among them to them their heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath
to my son Benjamin A Earley the following negroes (viz) John Rose and Joe
with the following land East half of S.E. quarter Section 35 - West half
S.W. quarter Section 30 and N.W. quarter Section 36 all in Township 15 Range one

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Lit Final Record of Administration of Estate of Matthew Brown

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Attorneys } For The State of Alabama } To the Sheriff of said County Greeting You are hereby
Bailey & Bennett } Marengo County } Commanded to Summon Polly Brown Widow & Executrix and Jourdan Manley of & to appear in Linn County to be and appear before
Turnbull & Daly } the Honorable William Cooper of our Circuit Court at a court to be holden
for said County at Linden on the first Monday in September instant
to shew Cause if any they have why the annexed will of the said Matthew Brown
deceased should not be established and entered of record and Letters of Administration
issued upon said Estate thereon fail not and thereof make return this writ & what
George Cunningham Clerk of our said Court at office the Seventh day of
September A.D. 1838 - and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty
Seventh Issued 7th September 1838 George Cunningham Clerk Clerk

State of Alabama Marengo County August the 8th 1838

Last Will of } Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned Basil Gray & John Gilmore
Matthew Brown dec'd } are held and firmly bound unto Polly Brown Executrix of the last will & Testament of Matthew Brown late of said County deceased in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Polly Brown Executrix and her Securities for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Seventh day of September A.D. 1838 - The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Basil Gray has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of Matthew Brown of Marengo County aforesaid deceased Now if the above bounden Basil Gray shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be law required of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us } Basil Gray (Seal)
Bennett } John Gilmore (Seal)
Turnbull } (Seal)
Daly } (Seal)

Order on the Petition of Matthew Brown } September 7th 1838

It having been represented to the Court that the Estate of Matthew Brown late deceased may sustain injury by a delay in granting Administration on said Estate it is therefore ordered by the Court that all persons interested in said Estate appear before the Court House in Linden on the first Monday in October instant to shew Cause if any they have why the annexed will of the said Matthew Brown deceased should not be established & entered of record & Letters of Administration granted Sept. 7th 1838 -

Wm. Cooper Judge

Summons issued the 8th Sept 1838 to Polly Brown & Family Manley [illegible]

State of Alabama } To the Sheriff of Said County Greeting You are hereby com-
Marengo County } manded to take to Summons five Good & Lawful men of Said
County summoned by affidavit or otherwise to lay off by metes and bounds unto
Sarah Pennington Widow of John Pennington late of Said County deceased the
Dower in and thereto as the law directs in the following described lands of which the
Said Dec'd died seized and possessed (To wit) the South East quarter and
East half of the North East quarter of Section Six Township Fifteen Range four
East of the Tallahatchie Meridian and also to make a true return of
your doings herein to the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be holden
on the 1st day of February inst. January 5th 1835 Asa Robinson Clerk

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Surveyors office Marengo County Alabama 10th for the Dowery of Mrs
Sarah Pennington as designated by the commissioners appointed by the
County court of Marengo County at
(Viz) Beginning at the original half mile corner on the line between Sections
6 and 7 T. 15 R. 4 East and running 160 poles north to a stake & stony
S. 1.° W. 13 Links. Pointers N. 32 E. 26 Lks Stony S. 65.° E. 35 Lks. Pines
E. 63. poles and a Stony Stake. Iron wood S. 62 E. 8 Links and Iron wood
S. 15.° E. 20 Links. Pitch Pine 160 poles to a stake Red oak sapl. S. 45.° E. 23 Lks
Hickory W. 25 & 2 inches S. Lk To the Beginning

[sketch: E 63 poles / Stake / Pine / Pitch Pine / Hickory / Red Oak / Stony / Iron wood / Iron wood / 3 Pole chain 50 Links / Scale 10 poles to the Inch]

I hereby certify that I this day laid
off for Sarah Pennington Widow of John Pennington late
of Marengo County Dec'd the tract or parcel of land described
in the above notes and Plat which John Hughs and William
Ford as chain carriers and which the same was done correctly and legally as the
law directs. Feby 6th 1835 J. C. Sheldon Surveyor Said County

The State of Alabama } We the undersigned Commissioners have this day met
Marengo County } at the House of Mrs Sarah Pennington Widow of
John Pennington Dec'd for the purpose of laying off by metes and bounds
her dower portion of Land. after duly avoiding the said land into three equal
parts and having been regularly chosen the said widow did then and there
choose the dwelling house lately then and now occupied by the said deceased
being in 21st Township fifteen range four east. the lines dividing
the said dowers is to run north and south dividing the South East quarter
of said fifteenth and leaving unto her the said Widow the west part
of said quarter this 10th January 1835 John Hughs James B. Wood James S.
Henry William Ford Witness

The State of Alabama } To the Sheriff of said county Greeting. You are hereby
Marengo County } commanded to Summons five discreet & lawful men as
aforesaid, impartially appointed by a court of ordinary in and for said County to lay off by
metes and bounds to Eliza Morgan the Dower or one third part as nearly to
equality and value as may be of the following described lands of which Alexander
Morgan late husband of said Eliza Morgan died seized and possessed (viz) the S. E. Q. of
Sec. 9 T. 15 R. 3 E. and the West half of the North East Q. of Sec. 9 T. 15 R. 3 E. and also the three half quarter Sections purchased
by said Dec'd in his life time of Mary Burke and on which the said Eliza now resides and that you
return your proceedings herein to the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be holden
in and for said County on the 1st Monday in February inst. January 5th 1835 Asa Robinson Clerk

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The State of Alabama } To the Honorable the Judge of the County and St
Marengo County } The petition of Eliza Morgan widow & relict of Alexander
Morgan late of Said County deceased respectfully Sheweth to your Honor that on or about the 11th day of August last 1834
Alexander Morgan a Citizen of Marengo died leaving your petitioner his
Widow your petitioner further Sheweth unto your Honor that the said
Alexander Morgan was at the time of his death Seized & possessed of the following
tract or parcels of land situate in the county aforesaid and described as follows
(Viz) the S. E. Q. of Sec. 9 T. 15 R. 3 E. and the west half of N. E. Q. of Sec. 9 T. 15 R. 3 E.
also three half Q. Section purchased by said Dec'd from William Burke and on
which the said Eliza now resides, all which said three Q. Sections land your petitioner
is entitled to and claims dower in your petitioner therefore prays your honor that
her said Dower may be made and your petitioner will ever
pray &c Eliza Morgan by D. C. Houston

The State of Alabama } We Jesse H. Bondurant Wm King J. D. Walker
Marengo County } Carson Pettit and E. P. Lyon do Report to the
Honorable the Judge of the County court of said County that pursuant to an
Order from the clerk of the County court of said County directed to the
Sheriff thereof directing three Summons and qualify five free holders to
lay off by mete and bounds the Dower belonging to Eliza Morgan widow of
Alexander Morgan late of said County deceased in and to the following described
lands (to wit) (To wit) the S. E. Q. of Sec. 9 T. 15 R. 3 E. the west half of the
North E. Q. of Sec. 16 T. 15 R. 3 E. S. E. Q. of Sec. 3 T. 15 R. 3 E and half of South
West Q. Sec. 3 T. 15 R. 3 E. and that we have assigned to said widow as her
dower The South E. Q. Sec. 3 T. 15 R. 3 E. The East half of S. W. Q. Sec. 3 T. 15
R. 3 E. all being the land on which said widow now resides and the said
Eliza Morgan agrees to claim the same as her dower and relinquish all claims to
any and all lands that the said Alexander Morgan owned in his lifetime or
at his death. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
Jesse H. Bondurant (Seal) J. D. Walker (Seal) E. P. Lyon (Seal) Carson Pettit (Seal)
William King (Seal)

R. Easley Mill } The State of Alabama } In the name of God amen I Roderick Easley of the County of
January 23rd 1839 } Marengo and State aforesaid do make this my last will and testament in manner
following (viz) I lend to my wife Ann Easley for and during the term of her na-
tural life the use of the following property negroes Gilbert Easley Hannah Easley all
the household and kitchen furniture (except) the stock) a Horse called Bolivar a
small waggon six Cows and calves & one head stock Cattle all the Hogs which are about
the house supposed to be 60 or 70 head - I also lend to my said wife the following
Land (viz) West half of N.W. quarter of section 12. East half of N.E. quarter of
section 11 - West half of S.E. quarter of section 11 - N.E. quarter of S.E. quarter of
section 12. - and West half of N.W. quarter of section 12 - all in Township 16 Range
one East - It is my wife that my youngest children who are under age remain with
their mother and for their support I give the five hundred bushels of Corn five
stacks - fodder and Two hundred Dollars May mill I leave for the use of my wife
and each of my children as may work to use it - at the death of my said wife I
give the said here before discribed and loaned to her to my two youngest daughters
Martha P. and Susan M to be equally divided between the to those their heirs & assigns
forever - the balance of the property herein before discribed I loaned to my wife
(except) possessions I give at her death to my children generally to be equally
divided among them to them their heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath
to my son Benjamin A Easley the following negroes (viz) Johnson Rose and Sofe
with the following land - East half of S.E. quarter Section 35 - West half
S.W. quarter Section 30 and N.W. quarter Section 36 all in Township 15 Range one

Final Record of Administration of Estate of Mr. Brewer

Summons for Polly Brewer & Family & Marengo County Territory of Alabama

The State of Alabama, Marengo County. To the Sheriff of said County Greeting. You are hereby Commanded to Summon Polley Brewer executor of Matthew Brewer deceased and Surety thereby if it to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Wm. Eddleton Judge of our County Court at a court to be holden for orphans business at Linden, on the fifteenth day of September Instant to Show Cause if any they have why the nuncupative will of the said Matthew Brewer deceased should not be established and entered of record and Letters of Administration granted upon said Estate herein fail not and thereof you returne this writ Witness George Cunningham Clerk of our said Court at office this seventh day of September A.D. 1832 — and of the Independance of the United States of America the fifty seventh — Issued 7th September 1832 — Geo. Cunningham Clerk

Last will of Matthew Brewer deceased

State of Alabama Marengo County August the 30th 1832

Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned did hear Matthew Brewer who deceased of life the 28th of August 1832 — say that it was his desire that Ginge Brewer his Son should have a Negro woman by the name of Pat and Straw her Child and to remain in the hand of Polly Brewer for the Care and support of Ginge this Son, he also requested that an equal division of the rest of his estate should be made between the rest of the Legatees given under our hand this 30th of August 1832. Test Bazzel Gray — Sherrod Hammond. We the undersigned do Certify as Legatees of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased that we are all willing for the above written designs of the deceased should Remain in full force and virtue in Law given under our hand this 30th of August 1832

Administration Bond on the Estate of Matthew Brewer

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Know all men by these presents that we Bazzel Gray and John Gilmore Junior and are held and firmly bound unto Wm. Eddleton Esquire Judge of the County Court of said County in the sum of four thousand dollars to be paid to the said Wm. Eddleton Esquire and his Successors in office. Which Payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 15th day of September A.D. 1832 — The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Bazzel Gray has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credits of Matthew Brewer of Marengo County aforesaid deceased Now if the above bounden Bazzel Gray shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be law required of him as such administrator then the above obligation to be void and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed delivered in presence of us in open Court this 15th September 1832

Geo. Cunningham Clk

Bazzel Gray (Seal)
John Gilmore (Seal)
(Seal)

Order on the Estate of Matthew Brewer

September 20th 1832

It having been represented to the Court that the Estate of Matthew Brewer late deceased may sustain injury by a delay in granting Administration. You will therefore issue a Citation to the Widow & next of Kindred to be and appear before before me at the Court House in Linden on the 1st Saturday in October to Shew Cause if any they have or can why the nuncupative will of the said Matthew Brewer deceased shall not be established & entered of record & Letters of Administration granted. Sept. 20th 1832 —

Wm. Eddleton Judge &c

Summons issued 20th Sept 1832 to Polly Brewer & Family Executor — Geo. Cunningham Clk

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Inventory of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased

This the 29th of September 1832

We the undersigned do give this as an Inventory of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased viz

One Negro Boy named Alle	250.00	5 Head Cattle @ 2.50	11.50
One do do do Sack	300.00	24 Head Hogs	34.00
One do give do Charly	150.00	5 Cow Yoke	4.00
One Brown Horse	55.00	8 Head Cattle @ 3.50	28.00
One Bay Mare	30.00	11 Dollars Cash	11.00
One Female Colt	20.00	2 Sows and 8 Pigs	8.00
37 Head of Cattle @ 2.50 per head	94.50	1 Bed & Furniture	15.75
1 Waggon	45.00	1 Horse	60.00
1 Rifle Gun	20.00	1 Woman Saddle	8.75
1 Gun Barrel	4.00		
1 lot of Framing Tools	15.00		
1 do do tools	3.00	Provision for the family Considered by the appraisers	
1 Hand Mill	5.00	250 Bushels Corne	
1 Chest of Drawers	25.00	2000 lb Pork	
1 Gr Sideyard — Sorted Saddle and Saple	5.00	100 lb Coffee	
4 Beads and Furniture	75.00	100 lb Sugar	
2 Chests and Trunk	4.50		
Ballance of House & Furniture	15.00		
Kitchen Furniture	20.00		
2 Mens Saddle & 2 Womans do	35.00		
1 negro Woman and Child	400.00		
1 Cradle Slives	40.00		

Amount Carried up

We the Undersigned do Certify that this is a true Statement of the property that is handed in to us of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased

John Gilmore Junr.
Hinchea Pitts
John Blakney
James Gilmore
Willis Henson
William Hammond

The State of Alabama Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of Marengo County & the County Court of Marengo County Bazzel Gray who being duly Sworn deposeth that the foregoing Schedule of appraisement Contains a true & full Inventory of the estate of Matthew Brewer deceased so far as the same has come to his knowledge & possession with the exception of some notes and accounts due or partly due to said Estate

Bazzel Gray

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 22nd Octo 1832 Wm. Eddleton

Notes due Matthew Brewer deceased

One note on John Henson for 4.50 discharged for 100 lb Pork for use of Family

the Estate of Duncan Ritchie for suit brought 14th of March 1832 for [illegible]

Ephm Coalman to one Note of Open three cows & calves 30.00 one Horse 45.00 to steel Oct in his care of suit brought to Circuit Court Henry Bateman vs White 3.75 Restitution & costs. Thomas Phelps 6.50 suit brought Judgment for 6.25 Dec 16 Day 3.75 costs appeal [illegible]

James Gilmore [illegible] a credit with an order from Brewer for the above [illegible]

John McKay Dr to a Statement for 18.75 entered by mary Brewer
One note on William Clark for 25.00
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The State of Alabama
Marengo County ss } Personally appeared before me Thomas Anderson Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid Bazzel Gray Administrator of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the within foregoing Schedule of notes and open accounts contains a full and correct Statement as far as has come to his knowledge or Sworn to and Subscribed to in open Court this the 11th day of Jan 1834
Bazzel Gray
Attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

affidavit of appraisers of Estate of Matthew Brewer

The State of Alabama
Marengo County ss } Personally came before me Isaac Smedley a Justice of the Peace - Personally Came the following Persons Edmon Grace and nominated to appreciate the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased to wit John Blakeney Kinchen Rabia James Gilmore John Gilmore William Stinson and William Hammond and after being duly Sworn to appreciate the said Estate of the said Matthew Brewer and a true return make according to Valuation of all effects of said Estate that may be presented to them to the best of their Skill and Judgement so help them God
John Blakeney Kinchen Rabia James Gilmore John Gilmore
Willia Stinson Wm Hammond
Sworn & Subscribed to before me this 29th day of September 1832
I Smedley JP

Sale Bill of personal property of Matthew Brewer deceased

A Bill of the Sale of the Property of Matthew Brewer deceased on the 31st day of December 1832

Mary Brewer	1 Horse		55.00
John Michaelson	1 Cow & Calf		24.00
	1 Colt 1 Cow & Calf		30.00
Mary Brewer	1 Cow & Calf		30.00
Do	do 1 do do		6.75
Mr Fowler	1 Cow & Calf		4.62½
Caleb Warner	1 Steer		7.00
Mr Fowler	three head of Cattle		6.50
Bill Adams	1 Waggon		45.00
Mathew Hammond	1 Rifle Gun		20.50
Levi Grear	1 Gun Barrel		1.00
Mary Brewer	1 lot Furniture		5.00
James A. Douglass	1 do do do		2.50
do	do 1 do Tools		3.75
John Gilmore	1 lot of Tools		5.50
Mary Brewer	1 pr Steel Yards		.62½
do	do 1 Hand Mill		2.00
John Gilmore	1 Setee & Drawers		9.50
Ransom Brewer	1 Man		36.00
Simon Croom	1 Yoke Ox		9.50
Mary Brewer	1 do do		11.75
do	do 1 do do		7.00
Malinda Brewer	1 do do		24.00
Mary Brewer	2 Chests & Trunk		1.62½
do	do 1 Ballance of Furniture		4.62½
David Curry	2 Small Pigs		1.12½
Mary Brewer	1 Bed & Bedding		3.75
do	1 Segar Mould		.12½

Matthew Brewer deceased on the 31st day
Ransom Brewer	1 Saddle	6.00
Furney Manley	1 do	2.12½
Malinda Brewer	1 Saddle	14.50
Mary Brewer	1 Saddle	1.00
John Hughes	one Yoke & Ox	40.12½
Levi Grear	1 do do	20.00
Simon Croom	1 lot Hides	5.00
Mary Brewer	1 lot of Hogs	15.00
Furney F. Manley	1 do do	18.12½
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The State of Alabama } Personally appeared before
Marengo County } me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Bazzel Gray Administrator of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that the foregoing Schedule contains a true account of Sales of the Personal property of said deceased as nearly as he can
Bazzel Gray
Given under my hand & affixed the Seal of my office in open Court this 26 day of December AD 1832.
George Cunningham Clerk

Appraisement & Sale of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased

The Sale on the 11th May 1833 of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased

Mary Brewer	1 Cow & Calf	5.37½
Eli Taylor	1 do do	7.37
F. Manley	4 Head of Cattle	8.00
E. H. Taylor	1 Cow	4.05
John Purvis	1 do	8.12½
F. Manley	1 Bull	8.12½
Mary Brewer	1 Cow and Calf	9.50
Wm Mims	1 do do	15.12½
Ira Hughes	1 Steer	7.00
Wiley Thweatt	2 Steers	20.00

The State of Alabama } Personally came Bazzel Gray administrator of the
Marengo County } Estates of Matthew Brewer deceased in open Court who being duly Sworn saith that the above a[illegible] of Sales of the personal property belonging to said Estate heretofore sold is true to the best of his knowledge and belief sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th May 1833. Bazzel Gray
Wm Weston
Judge County Court

Affidavit Bazzel Gray

State of Alabama } Bazzel Gray Administrator of the Estate of Matthew Brewer dec'd
Marengo County } to the Honorable County Court of Marengo County we find by a Close Examination that the saleable Property that has come into our hands is not sufficient to settle all the demands against the aforesaid Estate therefore we pray the Honorable Court for an order to sell three Small negroes one boy by the name of all - one Boy by the name of Jack and one Girl by the name of Milly
Bazzel Gray Adm

Amount of Sales of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased sold on the 17th day of December A.D. 1833.

Sales of the property belonging to the estate of Matthew Brewer deceased

1 Negro Boy named All -		$ 475.00
1 do Boy do Jack -		374.00
1 do Girl do Charity -		249.50
Mark and Brand of Cattle		4.50
3 Head Hogs		3.00

The State of Alabama } Personally came and appeared before me Thomas Anderson Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid Bazzel Gray Administrator of the Estate of Matthew Brewer deceased who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that the foregoing Schedule contains a true account of the aforesaid property sold by him on the 11th day of May AD 1833
Bazzel Gray
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the 11th day of January 1834 attest Thomas Anderson Clerk

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Dr. The Estate of Robertus Love deceased in account herewith to the Love Administratrix

1831						1831			
August	5th	Settlement paid Thomas Key overseer for services in 1829 and 1830 Voucher	1	292	95	Aug 31	By the sum received of Alfred Belcher by an ofa and in full of his receipts for		
	31	Paid Wm Gibson in acct of A Trotter					Sundries Francis Belcher & Calbert	164	75
		Mojeton assumed by deceased in his life	2	24	00		By note Sale of 19 Bales Cotton Clear	257	45
		Paid George Cunningham in part of Tax	3	10	00		of 1831 for sold 3rd Jany 1832 by A Alf		
Sept 1832	30	Paid Thomas B Davis repairs of Gin & Mill	4	5	55		By note proceeds of 10 Bales Cotton Clear		
		Paid Benjamin Rose freight of Cordage	5	4	00		of 1831 Sold by Jones & Cook & Mobile	228	57
Feb	14	Paid Benj Giles account of Tuition	6	154	00	1832 Feb 29	By net Sales of Cotton 25 Bales Cotton		
July	1	Paid Mrs Pendleton Tuition ofa	7	33	58		part of the Crop of 1832 sold by A Alf		
Dec	2	Paid Kell & Pain for Board of 2 Children	8	178	50		at Mobile	1225	90
	7	Paid Benj Giles for Tuition ofa	9	15	00		By ofa Sales of Personal Property sold		
		Paid John Bates for Board of Children	10	12	00		1831 at 6 months Credit	3023	45
		Paid Wm Murrell for Board of Children	11	60	25		By amount of Sales of Cattle sold		
		Paid Isaac W Figures ofa	12	5	87½		at Coffeeville in August 1831 at		
		Paid Jane Collins account	13	3	25		six Months Credit	131	62½
		Paid Benj Mr Laughlin ofa	14	6	25		By amount Sales of Corn sold		
		Paid Dr. D Hodges Surgeons ofa	15	55	95		to David Wood part at a credit until		
		Paid J Mendelson & Co Surgeons ofa	16	19	88		14 March 1833	367	5
		Paid Austin Caldy deed Coffeeville ofa	17	131	88		By Sales of Negro man Jerry Sold		
	20	Paid James A McNeill as overseer	18	162	50		to Alf Trotter in Nov. 1832 on		
		Paid John Jackson Taxes for 1832	19	49	10		a credit until 1st Jany 1836	350	00
Feb		Paid Alfred Yarbrough ofa	20	112	73		By amount of Money on hand at the		
		Paid A Preston & Co ofa	21	17	45		death of the deceased returned		
"		Paid A Preston & Co ofa	22	13	00		in the appraisement 13th Augt 1831	1450	00
		Paid S S Scoggin account	23	4	25		By this Sum Amount advanced by		
		Paid Haynes Elledge & Haynes ofa	24	9	50		deceased in this life time to		
		Paid Haynes Elledge & Haynes Surgeons ofa	25	14	25		Alf Trotter of that in the Appraisement	328	00
		Paid Charles White Mobile ofa	26	15	50		By Alexander Trotter note Collected on		
		Paid Wm King Sheriff ofa	27	35	37½		" Isaac Gibson note Collected	45	50
		Paid Thomas Smith for Bacon	28	12	00		" W Eastlap note Collected	87	85
		Paid A Cook & Co account	29	39	50		returned in Appraisement not collected	133	
		Paid Cosby & Co ofa	30	48	20		By balance of Interest ofa	32	32
		Paid to David & Caleb Love for Pocket Money at Columbus		40	00				
		Paid A & Davenport Sundries	32	16	31½				
		Paid for Clothing in Mobile for ada Love Feby 1832		9	50				
		Amount advanced A Alf Trotter in the life time of deceased		256	00				
		Amount of Notes for personal Property sold by administratrix just as per Inventory		558	00				
Dec	23	Pork and Beef Services of Horses and use of Gin & Screw furnished from use of Farm to present time							
		the ballance due Estate as per bill	33	361	36				
		Commissions allowed by the Court		26	00				
		Commissions on $1755.96 allowed by the Court at five per cent		377	84				
		Ballance in the hands of the Administratrix		255	00				
				2	00				

Carried over

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Petition

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Dec 31st By this sum in money in the hands of Adm^r ... $ 1353 50
" Advanced Mrs Love by draft in favor of Jno ... 284 00
" Paid ent for David & Jno Love by Adm^r Cert ... 238 11½
" Paid ent for Stephen Love by Adm^r ... 175 16½
" Paid ent for Robertus Love by Adm^r ... 51 97
" Paid ent for the Love by Adm^r (4) ... 15 34½
" Paid ent for Edwin & Silas by Adm^r (43) ... 94 09½
" Paid ent for Julia Love by Adm^r (43) ... 94 09½
" Amt this day of Inventory not rendered (inventory) ... 338 00
" Amt this day notes delivered to be endorsed ...
" Sundry Inventory (43) Aggregate amount of appraised Value of 5 Negroes ...
" Inventory filed this day ... $ 2788 50
Net Amt of former Estate ... $ 22818 36½
Amt of Voucher N° 23 herefore ... 13 60
Charges in Schedule in 1821 ...
Julia Love Administratrix &c Returns ... $ 22831 11½

The State of Alabama Marengo County Personally appeared before me George Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of said County Julia Love Administratrix of the Estate of Robertus Love deceased who being duly sworn deposeth, that the above subscribed account current is just and true to the best of her knowledge and belief Sworn under my hand this 26th December 1832

Geo Cunningham Clerk

Final Record of the Estate of Ann Holland deceased

Bond June 1st 1835 — The State of Alabama, Marengo County — Know all men by these presents that we Carman Pistole and William Garbrough and William J McGregor are held and firmly bound unto Geo Cunningham Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars which payment well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 23 day of October A.D. 1832. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Carman Pistole has been duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and Chattle Rights and Credits of Ann Holland deceased Now if the above bounden Carman Pistole shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as administrator then the above obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Carman Pistole (Seal)
William Garbrough (Seal)
W J McGregor (Seal)

State of Alabama, Clerks County Court — Inventory

William Robinson	1 Side Saddle $2.00 1 Sad Trunk $1.00 1 Lot 2.00	13.00
Clifford Dodford	1 Lot of Glass 2.50 Box Jewelry $1.00	10.50
Nathan Garbrough	Lot Crockery ware 1.00 Lot of Sundrys 2.00	3.00
	Parcel 3.00 Piece Furniture Calico 4.00	7.00
William Pace	16 Knives Mush Stephen $2.00 Lot of Copper & Cups $3.00	5.00
	3 pair Ladies Shoes 3.00 1 Marine Shell 1.00	4.00
	Lot of Sadlers Ware 1.00 1 Kettle 3 Blankets 3.00	4.00
	Lot of Clothing 8.00 1 Bed & Bedstead 10 00	18.00
	Lot of Bedcord 4.50 1 Bed Cover Lot Matches 6.00	10.50
	1 Bed Cover and Table Cloth	1.50
	4 Pieces new Calico	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 Sept 1835 Carman Pistole P P

Filed in the Name of Carman Pistole $44.00

The State of Alabama Marengo County — Personally appeared in open Court before me Thomas Cincheson Clerk of the County Court of said County Carman Pistole who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the within Inventory and appraisement contains a true & Circular of all the property belonging to said Estate to the best of his Knowledge and belief so far as has come to his hand

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 6 day of January 1836 — Carman Pistole

Test Thomas Cincheson Clerk

Account of Sales of the personal Estate of Ann Holland deceased

21st January 1836

Charles Pistole 1 Side Saddle	$ 2.00
James Garbrough 1 Chamber & Stove 100	1.50
Wm Pistole Lot of Glass " "	1.65
Carman Pistole 1 Lot Shoes " "	1.00
Charles Pistole Lot Books " "	2.00
Silas Pistole Lot Shoes " "	5.25
Noah Barber 1 Lot Do " "	2.00
Nathan Garbrough Lot Smoothers "	.60
Carman Pistole Lot of Glass "	2.50
Benjamin Pistole 1 Cravat	.75
Carman Pistole 1 Vest Calico C 1.25	2.00
1 Shirt 1.25 1 Under do 2.50 1 do 1.25	3.18¾
" do 2.00 1 do 1.00 1 do .81¼ " "	3.71¼
Noah Barber 1 Vest Calico C 2.00 "	1.43¾
1 do do Linn 2.50 " "	1.50
1 Shirt 1.53 " "	1.53
Silas Pistole 1 Vest Calico 1.50 1 Shirt 1.12½	2.62½
C Marrow 1 Shirt 75 1 Bed Spread 11.00	1.75¼
Lewis Epps 1 Shirt " "	1.87½
James Garbrough 1 Shirt 1.00	1.00
Noah Barber 1 Shirt " "	1.53
Carman Pistole 1 Sheet	1.00
1 do 1.50 " "	2.06¼
Nathan Garbrough 1 do 11.50 1.00	2.37½
Noah Barber 1 do 1.06¼ .62½ do 1.56	1.68¾
Carman Pistole 1 Shirt 75 Night Cap 12½ 50	1.37½
3 under Shirts 1.50 .50 .50	.87½
C Marrow Night Shirt " "	2.50
Noah Barber 1 do " "	2.50
Carman Pistole 1 do " "	1.37½
Nathan Garbrough 1 Vest Cotton "	2.50
Night Shirt 2.50 Half Hat Brig 10 1 do 6.25	1.42½
1 pr Gloves 1.00 2 Pocket Han 1.00 "	2.50
Wm Pace 1 Table Cloth 1.87½ .25	2.12½
Waist Band " "	.62½
Carman Pistole Waist Band "	.62
5 do do 1.25 1.87½ 1.25 .87½ 25	5.75½
Noah Barber 2 Hats 3.00 "	5.00
Joseph Pistole 1 Brig 5.00 Beaver Hat 2.25	2.56¼
1 do 4.00 1 Cap 2 Caps .60 "	4.60
Benjamin Pistole 1 Brig 50 1 Hat .50	1.00
Carman Pistole Straw Hat 6.25 Wing Hat Caps 1.00	1.18¾
	150.44

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Amt Brought forward	36.64
Carman Yarbrough 1 Ring 16 Sot hand 39	41
2 Seals Trunks 211: 541 " "	5.36
Lewis Epperson hair "	12½
James Yarbrough 1 Riding Strip	52
Handkerchief	12½
Charles Pistole Sot of Sundries	29
Jesse Litchfield Beeds 6½ Mat Bay 41	5.1½
Noah Barber 2 Copies 40½ Sacc 199½	2.4
	60.5-8½

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared Carman Pistole Administrator
Marengo County } of the Estate of Ann Holland deceased and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the within foregoing act Sales is a true copy of all the property sold by him belonging to said deceased sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18 day of March 1836.

Carman Pistole
Administrator

Thomas Anderson Clerk

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Estate of Wm Murrell
Decd 11th Sept 1835
Petition for Dower
Order.

County Court for Orphans business began and held at the court House in Linden in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama on Monday the first day of June One thousand eight hundred and thirty five
The Honorable William I Alston presiding

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the late William Murrell of Clarke County deceased was in his lifetime and at the time of his death lawfully seized and possesed of the following real property lying and being in the County of Marengo, to wit The South East qur of Section 8 T15, N E qr of Sec 8, E½ N W¼ Sec 17. The undivided ½ E½ of N W¼ S33 T15 all in Range 4 East. E½ of S W¼ of S33. West ½ of S W¼ of Sec 33. W½ of W½ of S E¼ S33 all in township 16 range 16 Range 3 East, and it also appearing to the court that James Lankford had intermarried with Mary M Murrel widow of the said William Murrell deceased, and the petition of the said James Lankford and Mary M Lankford (formerly Mary M Murrell) being filed for dower and estate in and to the above described tracts or parcels of land.

It is therefore ordered by the court, that a writ issue to the sheriff, commanding him to summon five discreet free holders as commissioners connected with the parties neither by consanguinity or affinity, and entirely disinterested, who upon oath, which oath the sheriff is hereby authorised to administer, shall allot and set off by metes and bounds to the said James Lankford and Mary M Lankford, one third part according to quantity and quality of the above described tracts or parcels of land, and put them in possesion of the same

Petition

To the Honorable Wm I Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County.

Your Petitioners James Lankford and Mary M Lankford his wife, formerly Mary M Murrell, widow and relict of the late William Murrell, would respectfully represent to your honor that the late William Murrell who at the time of his death was an inhabitant of Clarke, died seized of the following lands in Marengo County, viz S E¼ of S8 T15 R 4 E Contg 160 acres. N E¼ S 8 T15 R 4 E 160 acres. E½ of N W¼ of S 17 T15 R 4 E Contg 80 acres. The undivided ½ of E½ of N W¼ S 17 T15 R 4 E Cont 40 acs. E½ of S W¼ of S33 T16 R 3 E Contg 80 20/100 acs. W½ of S W¼ S33 T16 R 3 E Contg 80 20/100 acres. W½ of W½ of S E¼ S33 T16 R 3 E Contg 40 40/100 acs. Out of which your petitioner Mary M Lankford formerly Mary M Murrell claims dower. They therefore pray your honor to issue a writ directed to the sheriff of Marengo County, to cause the dower to be laid off in the lands aforesaid, and we as in duty bound will ever pray

Signed James Lankford
Mary M Lankford

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

To the Sheriff of said county. Gru

Writ.

You are hereby commanded to summon five discreet free holders connected with the parties neither by consanguinity or affinity and entirely disinterested, who upon oath which oath, you are hereby authorised to administer shall allot and set off by metes and bounds unto William Lankford and Mary M Lankford his wife, formerly Mary M Murrell wife of the late William Murrell of Clarke County deceased, one third part according to quantity and quality of the following described tracts or parcels of land situate lying and being in said county (which belongs to the estate of the said William Murrell, to wit The S E qr of Section 8, N E qr of S8 E½ N W qr of Sec 17. The undivided ½ of E½ of N W qr of Sec 33 all in township 15 range 4 East, also E½ S W qr W½ of S W qr W½ of S E qr all in Sec 33. Township 16 Range 3 East and put them in possession of the same, and make a report thereof as the law directs. Witness Asa Robinson clerk of the county court this 8th day of June A D One Thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and of the American Independence fifty ninth year Signed E Asa Robinson Clerk. Surrt. meet the 19th June 1835 Wm Burks Wm G Stafford I M Bondurant E H Lyon David C Thomson.

June the 19th 1835 (Shff endorsement)

Return

We the jurors summoned by David Curry Esqr Sheriff of the county Marengo for the purpose of laying and setting off by proper metes and bounds unto James Lankford and Mary M Lankford his wife, formerly the widow and relict of one Wm Murrell decd of the county of Clark in the State of Alabama, one third part of all the lands held by the said William Murrell, in the county of Marengo and state aforesaid, have accordingly proceeded by metes and bounds to set off the above mentioned one third of the lands of the said Murrell in said county of Marengo and have laid and set off the lands in the manner hereinafter mentioned to wit, all the lands lying situate and being in Township Sixteen and Range three east unto the said James Lankford and Mary M his wife as their full dower or third of the lands of said Murrell lying in this county of Marengo as ascertained by us. Suppose to be two hundred and eighty acres or there abouts, which said lands we have put in possession of the said Langford and his wife. The day date above written. Wm G Stafford

Wm Burks
I Bondurant
D C Thomson
E H Lyon
Signed

State of Tennessee. Davidson County Court January Session 1835. The court appointed Hays Blackman Esquire guardian of Martha Blackman James Blackman and Nancy Blackman minor orphans and heirs of James Blackman deceased. Whereupon the said Hays Blackman in court here gave them several bonds in the sum of Five hundred dollars each with Charles Hays and John Hays his securities for his faithful Guardianship. I Henry Ewing clerk of the said County Court is hereby certify to whom it may concern that the foregoing is a true transcript

from the records of my office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said county to be also affixed at office in Nashville on the twenty sixth day of January A.D. 1835. Thos Ewing

State of Tennessee Davidson County ss. I Thos Reade presiding magistrate of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county do hereby certify to whom it may concern that Thos Ewing whose name is signed to the above certificate is Clerk of said court in said State and that his attestation is given in due form of law and by the proper officer. Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of January A.D. 1835. Thos J Reade [seal]

Julia S. Reynolds } The State of Alabama Marengo County 6th Oct 1835. To the Non-
petition of her guar- } able William J. Alston judge of the Orphans Court for the
dian to sell Land } County of Marengo. The petition of William Reynolds nat-
ural guardian of Julia Susanna Reynolds a minor by his prop-
erly authorized agent and Attorney Fredk Ravisies of said State and County Res-
pectfully represents unto your Honor that the said Julia S Reynolds became entitled to
and is now seized and possed of the one half of the North East qr and the East
half of the North West qr of Section thirty four in Township 18 Range 4 East
being a part of four townships granted to the Tombechbee association of Rev-
olutionary Soldiers. Your petitioner would further represent unto your Honor that his
ward stands indebted unto Fredk Ravisies his agent and attorney in the amount
of money necessary to and which was required to pay the same out of the Land
Office at Demopolis which has been paid and a patent for the said land
obtained. that there is no other property belonging to said ward, and that it
becomes necessary that the same should be sold in order to pay the said debt
incurred in paying out the same as well as for the further support and
maintainance of said Julia Susanna Reynolds. this being the only property
which she owns in the United States. Your petitioner therefore respectfully
prays that your Honor will order and decree a sale to be made of the said
half of said qr sec & half qr sec by the guardian of said ward by his agent
and attorney F Ravisies agreably to the Statute in such cases made and
provided and as in duty bound he will ever pray. Chs & Connor Atty
for Fredk Ravisies agent and Atty of Wm Reynolds

Your petitioner would further show unto your Honor that said Lands are
in a state of nature and yields no settlements or profits and that said ward is
possed of no personal property whatever. C & Connor Atty for petitioner

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Bond } State of Alabama Marengo County 6th October 1835. Know all men
by these presents that we William Reynolds Natural guardian of Julia Susanna
Reynolds ~~Fredk~~ Fredk Ravisies of the state and county aforesaid are held
and firmly bound unto Wm J. Alston and his successors in office as Judge of the
Orphans Court for the County of Marengo in the Sum of Ten thousand dollars
to the payment of which we bind ourselves our heirs and assigns firmly by
these presents. Witness our hands and seals this day and year above written
The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the honorable the
Orphans Courts for the County of Marengo hath this day decreed and or-
dered a rule by said guardian William Reynolds of the one half of the
North east qr sec and the one half of the East half of the North West qr
of Section thirty four in Township 18 and Range 4 East being the land & Lots
of his ward Julia Susan Reynolds for the support and maintainance and edu-
cation of said ward and in the payment of the debts contracted to pay said Lands and the Land office
at Demopolis and obtain patents therefor. Now being no personal property belonging to
the said ward but if the said guardian do and perform all the requisites of

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the same in such cases made and provided by Law. And true returns
of his proceedings thereon make to this court then and in that case this obliga-
tion to be void and of no effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of } Wm Reynolds
Attest Asa Robinson Clerk } by his Atty Fredk Ravisies
Fredk Ravisies [seal]

Guardianship } The State of Alabama Marengo County
Marion Pritchett } To Calvin E Parish of said county Greeting. You are
Letters } hereby notified that by an order of the Honorable the Orpha
Court of the county aforesaid at a special term of said Court begun and
held on Saturday the 7th day of November A.D. 1835 his Honor Wm J Alston
presiding you have been duly appointed Guardian of the estate real
and personal and of the person of Marion Pritchett a female infant
of about ten years of age at present residing in the county aforesaid
Wherefore you are also hereby authorized and required forthwith to pro-
ceed to take possession of the estate both real and personal and of the
person of said Marion Pritchett and manage and conduct the said
affairs according to existing laws and those which may hereafter be
enacted in relation to the estates of said infants wards. Wm J. Alston
Witness John Robinson Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of November A.D. 1835
John Robinson Clk

Bond } Know all men by these presents that we Calvin E Parish Samuel
Pickens Bateman B Cane. John Schirm and Albert D Lucy are
held and firmly bound unto the Hon Wm J Alston Judge of
the County Court of Marengo County and State of Alabama, or the time
being and to his successors in office in the Sum of Twenty thousand dol-
lars for the full and true payment of which we hereby bind ourselves
our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by
these presents. Witness our hands and seals on this the 7th day of Nov
A.D. 1835. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the
above bounden Calvin E Parish hath been duly appointed by the Orphans
Court of the County aforesaid Guardian of Marion Pritchett an infant
of about ten years of age, now if the said Calvin E Parish shall well
and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required
of him as such Guardian then this obligation shall be void otherwise
to remain in full force and virtue. C E Parish [seal] Saml Pickens
[seal] B B Cane [seal] John Schirm [seal] A D Lucy [seal] Attest Asa Robinson
Clerk J P. The within bond having been examined is hereby approved Nov 7th 1835
Wm J. Alston Judge C C

Jefferson Cade } The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that
A Minor } Marengo County } we William Burke and Joseph Bon-
Bonds } dureant are held and firmly bound unto the Hon Wm J Alston Judge
of the County Court of the County and state aforesaid and his successors in office
in the Sum of Eight Thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to
be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly and
severally firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 14th day of November
A.D. 1835. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound-
-en William Burke hath been duly appointed guardian (by the Orphans Court of
Marengo County) of Jefferson Cade a minor over 14 years of age, now if the said
William Burke shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by
law required of such guardian then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full
force and virtue. William Burke [seal] Joseph Bondurant [seal] Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Asa Robinson Clk

Letters The State of Alabama } Orphans Court Special Term Nov 1835
Marengo County } To all to whom these presents may come Greeting
Whereas at a Special term of the Orphans Court held at the Court house in Linden in said County on the 14th day of November AD 1835 the Hon William I Alston judge of the County Court of said County presiding William Burke was was duly appointed guardian of the estate real and personal and of the person of Jefferson Cade a minor heir of Henry B Cade late of Greene County state aforesaid deceased. Wherefore we have caused these our letters of guardianship to issue to the said William Burke And the said William Burke is hereby authorized and required forthwith to take possion of the estate both real and personal and of the person of said Jefferson Cade and manage and conduct his said estate according to existing laws and those which may hereafter be enacted in relation to the estate of said wards. Witness Asa Robinson clerk of the County Court of said County at office in Linden this 14th day of November AD 1835 Asa Robinson Clerk

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Guardianship "Ad litem" of James, John & Thomas Cade & Edmund Early Guardian Bond } Know all men by these presents that we Edward Early Thomas Ringgold and William Burke are held and firmly bound unto the Hon William I Alston Judge of the County Court of said County and his successors in office in the sum of Seven Hundred Six hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrations jointly & severally firmly by these presents Witness our hands and Seals this 2d day of February AD 1836. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Edmund Early has been duly appointed by the Orphans Court of said county guardian "ad litem" of James Cade, John Cade & Thomas Cade minor heirs (all under the age of fourteen years) of said Jesse Cade late of Marengo County deceased. Now if the said Edmund Early shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as guardian "ad litem" of said minor heirs then and in that case this obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Witness our hands and seals this day and year above written (Signed) Edmund Easley [Seal] Thomas Ringgold [Seal] William Burke [Seal] Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of (Signed) the above examined made before (Signed) Asa Robinson Clerk

Letters } The State of Alabama } Orphans Court February Term 1836
Marengo County } Be it known and Remembered that at a Term of the Orphans Court begun and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February AD 1836 The Hon Wm I Alston presiding Edmund Early was duly appointed guardian ad litem of said minors according to Law in such cases made and provided Witness Wm I Alston Judge of our said court this 1st day of February AD 1836 and 60th year of American Independence Asa Robinson Clerk

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Guardianship Bond of Mary F Drummond for Henley Drummond } The State of Alabama } Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Mary F Drummond and P Barnes and Thomas A Sharpe are held and firmly bound unto William I Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County in the State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of Two thousand dollars for the true payment of which we bind ourselves our executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2d day of February 1836 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Mary F Drummond has been duly appointed guardian of Henley Drummond now if the said Mary F Drummond shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. Mary F Drummond [Seal] P Barnes [Seal] Thomas A Sharpe [Seal]

Orphans Court February Term 1836

Letters } The State of Alabama } Be it known and Remembered that Marengo County } on the application of Mary F Drummond to the Hon the Orphans Court of said county at a term of said began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February 1836 I have caused these my letters of guardianship to be issued in favor of the said Mary F Drummond of the property and person of Henley Drummond a minor heir (under the age of fourteen years) of Henley Drummond late of said county deceased, and the said Mary F Drummond is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as guardian of said Henley Drummond. Witness Wm I Alston Judge of said court this 1st day of February AD 1836 (Signed) Asa Robinson Clerk

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Guardianship Bond of Mary F Drummond for Mary Ellis Drummond } The State of Alabama } Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that we Mary F Drummond and P Barnes and Thomas A Sharpe are held and firmly bound unto William I Alston Judge of the County Court of Marengo County in the State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of two thousand dollars for the true payment of which we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this second day of February AD 1836 - The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Mary F Drummond has been duly appointed guardian of Mary Ellis Drummond now if the said Mary F Drummond shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Signed Mary F Drummond [Seal] P. Barnes [Seal] Thomas A Sharpe [Seal]

The State } Orphans Court February Term 1836
Marengo County } Be it known and remembered that on the application of Mary F Drummond to the Honble the Orphans Court of said county at a term of said began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February AD 1836 I have caused these my letters of administration to be issued in favor of the said Mary F Drummond of the property and person of Mary Ellis Drummond a minor heir (under the age of 14 years) of Henley Drummond late of said county deceased and the said Mary F Drummond is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as guardian of said Mary E Drummond. Witness Wm I Alston Judge of said court this 1st day of February 1836 Asa Robinson Clerk

Guardian Bond of Mary F. Drummond for Thos M. Drummond

Know all men by these presents that we Mary F. Drummond and P. Barnes and Thomas F. Sharpe are held and firmly bound unto William J. Alston Judge of the County Court for the County of Marengo in the State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars for the true payment of which we bind our selves our Executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2d day of February 1836 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Mary F. Drummond has been duly appointed guardian of Thomas Monroe Drummond now if the above bound Mary F. Drummond shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue (Signed) Mary F. Drummond (Seal) P. Barnes (Seal) Thomas F. Sharpe (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court February Term 1836. Be it known
Marengo County } and Remembered that on the application of Mary F. Drummond to the Honble the Orphans Court of said County at a term of said court began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February A.D. 1836 I have caused there any letters of guardianship to be issued in favor of the said Mary F. Drummond of the property and person of Thomas Monroe Drummond a minor heir (under the age of 14 years) of Peasley Drummond late of said County deceased, and the said Mary F. Drummond is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as guardian of the said Thomas Monroe Drummond. Witness Wm J. Alston Judge of said court this 1st day of February A.D. 1836. Asa Robinson Clk

Guardianship Bond of Mary F. Drummond for Virginia Ann Drummond

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these pre-
Marengo County } sents that we Mary F. Drum-
mond, P. Barnes and Thomas F. Sharpe are held and firmly bound unto Wm J. Alston Judge of the County Court for the County of Marengo in the State aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars for the payment of which we bind ourselves our Executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2d day of February 1836 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Mary F. Drummond has been duly appointed guardian of Virginia Ann Drummond now if the said Mary F. Drummond shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such guardian then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue (signed) Mary F. Drummond (Seal) P. Barnes (Seal) Thomas F. Sharpe (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court
Marengo County } February Term 1836 } Be it known and remembered that on the application of Mary F. Drummond to the Honble the Orphans Court of said County at a terms began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February 1836 I have caused there any letters of guardianship to be issued in favor
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of the said Mary F. Drummond of the property and person of Virginia Ann Drummond a minor heir of the late Henley Drummond late of Marengo County deceased And the said Mary F. Drummond is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as guardian of the said Virginia Ann Drummond. Witness Wm J. Alston Judge of said court this 1st day of February A.D. 1836. Asa Robinson Clerk

Guardian Bond of (Wright) A. Moore for Samuel Barnes

Know all men by these presents that we Wright A. Moore & Leland Tiffs and K. Tibbs are held and firmly bound unto the Hon William J. Alston Judge of the County Court of said county and his successors in office in the sum of six hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators severally and jointly firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 4th day of January A.D. 1836. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Wright A. Moore has been duly appointed by the Orphans Court of said county guardian of Samuel Barnes a minor of said county over the age of fourteen years now if the said Wright A. Moore shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such guardian of said minor then the above condition to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written (Signed) Wright A. Moore (Seal) Leland Tiffs (Seal) Kindale Tibbs (Seal) Attest Rich. Wooten J.P.

Letters } The State of Alabama } Orphans Court } Be it known and remembered that
Marengo County } February Term 1836 } at a regular term of said court began and holden at the Court House in Linden Wright A. Moore was duly appointed guardian of the person and property of Samuel Barnes a minor heir of James Barnes Late of said County and now know ye, that I William J. Alston Judge of said court have caused these my letters of guardianship to be issued in favor of the said Wright A. Moore of the person and property of the said Samuel Barnes and the said guardian is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such guardian. Witness William J. Alston Judge of said court this first day of February A.D. 1836. Attest Asa Robinson Clerk

Wright A. Moore Guardian of Benton Barnes Bond

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that we
Marengo County } Wright A. Moore & Leland Tiffs and
Kindale Tibbs are held and firmly bound unto the Hon William J. Alston Judge of the County Court of said county and his successors in office in the sum of Six hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents) Witness our hands and seals this 4th day of January A.D. 1836. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Wright A. Moore has been duly appointed by the Orphans Court of said county guardian of Benton Barnes a minor of said county. Now if the said Wright A. Moore shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as guardian of said minor then this condition to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written Signed Wright A. Moore (Seal) Leland Tiffs (Seal) Kindale Tibbs (Seal) Attest Rich. Wooten J.P.

Letters } The State of Alabama } Orphans Court } Be it remembered
Marengo County } February Term 1836 } that at a regular
term of the Orphans Court of said County began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February A.D. 1836 Wright

A Moore was duly appointed guardian of the person and property of Benton Barnes a minor heir of James Barnes late of said county deceased. Now knowye, that I William I Alston Judge of said Court have caused these my letters of guardianship to be issued in favor of the aforesaid Wright A Moore of and upon the person and property of Benton Barnes a minor heir of James Barnes late of said County deceased and the said Wright A Moore is hereby fully authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such guardian. Witness William I Alston judge of said court this 1st day of February AD 1836. Jno Robinson

Sarah Pennington Guardian of Wm B Sarah Pennington are held and firmly bound unto William I Alston judge of the County Court of said county and his successors in office in the sum of

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these
Marengo County } presents that we Sarah Pennington, Richard Wooten and James B Woolf

for the payment of which we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally and firmly by these presents Witness our hands and seals this 4th day of January A.D. 1836

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Sarah Pennington has been duly appointed by the Orphans Court of said county guardeen of Sarah Elizabeth Pennington a minor under the age of fourteen years of said county. Now if the Sarah Pennington shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as guardeen of said minor then and in that case obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written (Signed) Sarah Pennington Seal Richd Wooten Seal James B Woolf Seal Test Wm I Alston Judge C C

Letters

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court
Marengo County } February Term 1836

Be it known and remembered that on the application Sarah Pennington to the Orphans Court of said county of Marengo at a term began and holden at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday of February AD 1836 William I Alston Judge of said Court have caused these my letters of guardianship to be issued in favor of the aforesaid Elizabeth Pennington and upon the person and property of Sarah A Pennington a minor heir (under the age of 14 years) of John Pennington late of said County deceased and the said Sarah Pennington is hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of her as such guardian. Witness William I Alston Judge of said Court this 1st day of February AD 1836

Test Jno Robinson Clk

Report of Kindred Tibbs late guardian of Benton Barnes

The State of Alabama } I Kindred Tibbs guardian of Samuel Barnes and Benton Barnes minor heirs of James Barnes late of said County deceased do solemnly swear that I received for said minors on the 12th of September 1835 the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars and on the 12th of October I received the sum of fifty dollars making in all two hundred and seventy dollars and on the third of October 1835 I sold unto my own use one hundred and twenty dollars and on the 2d of October 1835 I loaned out fifty dollars of the money of said minors also two conditional notes made by Hiram Cook each for the sum of seventy one dollars payable to Burley Barnes Guardian of said minors one due on the 22d day of April 1837 the other on the first day of September 1837 (Signed) Kindred Tibbs guardian Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January 1836. Jno Robinson Clk

A list of the personal property belonging to Jefferson Castle a minor in the hands of William Banks his Guardian

The State of Alabama } I William Banks guardian of Jefferson Castle do solemnly swear
Marengo County } that the foregoing is a full and correct list of the personal property of said minor that has come to my knowledge or possession Sign'd William Banks Guardian Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th of January 1836. Jno Robinson Clerk

Boy Wilson about 21 years old. Boy Abram about 10 years old. Girl Sarah about 7 years old. 1 Bed and furniture

Mrs J Alston Clerk
Judge of the Orphans Court of the County of Marengo. Arcola November 26th 1836

Sir In pursuance of the order from your honorable Court made at the term of the 8th of last to sell the real Estate of Lelia Rebecca Reynolds a minor, I have according to the 40 days public notice in the news paper of Greene County and by hand Bills posted up at different places, proceeded to sale on the 17th inst in Arcola, to the highest bidder, the half of the N.E. quarter section and the half of the North W. half quarter of section 34. township 18 range 4 east. and Alfred J Baughn being the highest bidder, become the purchaser of said tracts of land at $13.50 per acre payable in 12 months with good security, and in consequence I will make title of land to the said Alfred J Baughn. I have the honor to be Respectfully William Reynolds by his att'y Gen Ravesies

State of Alabama } Personally appeared before me Gorham Davenport
Marengo County } a justice of the peace in and for the county of Marengo aforesaid, Frederic Ravesies who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the annexed return of sale of land for the minor Lelia Rebecca Reynolds is true & correct and that he signed the same as atty for William Reynolds & therein acted as such

Given under my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of November in the year A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty five - at Arcola

Gorham Davenport J.P.

Division of Property of the Estate of Guilford Cade

February 2nd 1836 We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the honorable the County court of Marengo county to appraise and divide the negro property belonging to the Estate of Guilford Cade deceased have valued said property and have divided it as follows.

Lot No 1. Consisting of Louis valued at $ 1100
& Katy " 250 = 13.50
To Mrs Easley

" " 2 Consisting of Davy valued at 700 $
Henderson " 575 = 13.75
To Richard Benjamin Cade

" " 3 Consisting of Lucy valued at 800 $
Mose 150 = 13.50
To James Cade

Lot - 4 - of Sally valued at 750 $
" Caroline 150 = 13.50
To Thomas Cade

" " 5 Consisting of Nancy valued at 785 $
Jack 650 = 13.95
To Willy paper Cade

" " 6 Consisting of Fanny valued at 600 $
& Son " 600 = 13.50
To Guilford Cade

Lot No 7 Consisting of Riley valued at $ 350
Silvia & Julia 700
& Almeda 250
$1050

To Jo Cade

William King
William Banks
B. F. Lyon
Jas. M. Young
Commissioners

Personally before the undersigned Justices of the peace in & for the county of Marengo and State of Alabama, came William King, William Burke, B. F. Lyon, and James A. Manning whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument who on oath declare that in making the distribution therein made they have acted to the best of their judgement and without fear, favour or affection. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of February 1836
J. A. Manning. J.P. William King, William Burke, B. F. Lyon, Jas A. Manning.

Joseph Park Last Will July 5 1837

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Park of Sumpter district being in health of body and of sound mind memory and understanding do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say. I give and devise unto my Son Isham Park for his natural life only two hundred and ninety five acres of Land to be the same more or less whereon he now lives adjoining W. G. Richardson on N. E. and on S. E. by my other lands and one negro woman named Clary and her increase and from and after his death to such Child or Children as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my Son John Park for his natural life only three hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining Isaac Cotton land N. W and Thos Mimms and Martin Bird and one negro man named Bob and from and after his death to such Child or Children as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my daughter Sarah for her Sole and Seperate use for her natural life only three hundred and fifty acres of land more or less whereon she and her husband Thomas Mimms now lives being on the Waters of Henry Bird and Martin Bird's lands and one negro woman named Sal for whom I advanced four hundred and fifty dollars to pay for her and her increase and from and after her death to such Child or Children as she may leave alive at her death but if she should die leaving no Child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my Surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my daughter Nancy for her Sole and Seperate use for her natural life only four hundred and four acres of Land binding on Henry Bird's Land S. E and Thos Mimms S. W whereon she and her husband Martin Bird now live and one negro girl named Hannah and her increase and from and after death to such Child or Children as she may leave alive at her death but if she should die leaving no child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my surviving children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my son Joseph Park for his natural life only three hundred and sixty acres of land be the same more or less whereon he now lives binding on William Mimms land N. E and one negro man named Isaac and from and after his death to such Child or Children as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my surviving children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my daughter Rebecca Park for her Sole and Seperate use for her natural life only three hundred acres of Land be the same more or less adjoining S. Brown S. Wm. Mimms E. Thos Simmons S. W and one negro girl named Lilly and her increase and from and after her death to such Child or Children as she may leave alive at her death, but if she should die leaving no Child or Children then to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my daughter Mary for her Sole and Seperate use for her natural life only two hundred acres of Land be the same more or less adjoining Thos Saunders and Geo Sturges lands and the three Children of a negro named Sophia which I lent her and their increase and from and after death to such Child or children as she may leave alive at her death but if she should die leaving no Children or child then to be equally divided among my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and

bequeath unto my daughter Dorcas wife of I Brown for her Sole and Seperate use during her natural life sixty three hundred acres of Land adjoining Mr. Bates Mr Murrels and Wm Mullins living a part of a Grant surveyed by me or granted to me whereon she now lives by the same more or less and the sum of four hundred dollars to be laid out by my Executors in the purchase of a negro girl as to age of her my life time I should not let her have a negro which if I should do the same negro to be given by me or to be purchased to be had by her on the same limitations as the lands and from and after her death to such Child or Children as she may leave alive at her death but if she should die leaving no Children or Child then to be equally divided among my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my son William Park for his natural life sixty two hundred and thirty seven acres of Land known by the name of the Fork field being two hundred and thirty seven acres of [illegible] by or granted to me and the other hundred acres to be off of the East end of a Grant granted to Thomas Adams for two hundred acres and a negro boy named Harry and from and after his death to such Child or Children as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Children or Child then to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my son Benjamin Park for his natural life only two hundred acres of Land granted to Isaac Bird known by the name of my old place and one negro boy named Israel and from and after his death to such Children or Child as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Children or Child then to be equally divided amongst my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and devise unto my son Ebenezer for his natural life only two hundred acres of Land whereon I now live one hundred acres of which to be off of Land granted to Ostean for two hundred acres so as to include the other two hundred acres my dwelling houses and out buildings, he paying to my Executors hereafter named five hundred dollars. If said dwelling houses & other standing out buildings not destroyed during and revised by my wife Dennis the use of the said land and buildings for and during her natural life. It is not my intention that the said five hundred dollars should be paid until the death of my said wife and one negro boy named Dennis and from and after his death to such Child or Children as he may leave alive at his death but if he should die leaving no Children or Child then to be equally divided among my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike.

Joseph Park

Witness I. McNeel Wm Broadway & Griffin Joseph B Watts.

I give and devise unto my daughter Martha Park for her Sole and Seperate use for her natural life only two hundred and twenty acres one hundred acres of the same to be of the Colonel I purchased of John Anderson and the rest off of the east end of land granted to Ostean and one negro girl named Nancy and her increase and from and after her death to such Children or Child as she may leave alive at her death but if she should die leaving no Children or Child then to be equally divided among my surviving Children and their heirs forever Share and Share alike. I give and bequeath unto my Children Rebecca, Martha, Millicent Benjamin and Ebenezer and desire that my Executors do procure and deliver the same to them out of the funds of my Estate household and Kitchen furniture and stock as I have given to my other Children. I give and bequeath unto my wife Dennis Park for and during the term of her natural life and as longer in lieu of Dower the use of the lands and buildings above mentioned in that part of the way will returns to my two Alexander Isaac all the rest and remainder of my Estate not herein before given and devised away for the said term of her natural life and from and after her death it is my will that the said freehold Estate hereby last to be her lifetime shall be sold by Executors and proceeds thereof equally divided amongst my surviving Children to be share by them as the property

Jennie Respectively given to them is to be had. It is also my will that where any dispute may arise about the Location and lines of the Land devised to my children between them that my Executors or such as may have qualified at the time shall appoint three persons to settle the same. Lastly I do hereby declare, nominate constitute and appoint John B Mottes, Edward Mills, John Chevis and Thomas Chevis Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all and every other Will at any time heretofore by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to the foregoing two Sheets of paper this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Joseph Park (L.S.)

Signed sealed in presence of us by the said Joseph Park who at his request have hereunto set our hands I. B. Mott. Wm Broadway. D. Griffin Joseph B Whites

State of South Carolina } I do hereby certify the within to contain a true copy of the Orangeburg Office Inscription (so filed) } last Will and Testament of Joseph Park deceased as deposited with said office and that on the seventh day of January eighteen hundred and thirty eight in open Court was proven by the oaths of D. Griffin one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on the tenth of December eight hundred and thirty seven the Executors named in said Will renounced their Executorship and the administration was granted unto Joseph Park Son of said deceased with will annexed March 11th eighteen hundred and thirty eight Seventeen thirty four 1832 Williams Potter Ord. O.C.

Orphans court September Special Term 16th Sept 1837

Ordered by the court that the letters of Administration granted to John S Burwell & William M Burwell on the estate of Blair M. Burwell deceased by the County court of Franklin county in the State of Virginia (which letters being duly authenticated according to the act of congress in such cases made & provided) be received & recorded.

Ordered for registration

State of Virginia Franklin County towit: At a court held for the said County of Franklin before the Justices of the said court on the Second day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven on the motion of John S Burwell and William M Burwell who made oath according to law and with Isaac Early Armistead L. Burwell and Robert T. Wood their Securities entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs whereupon Certificate was granted the said John S Burwell and William M Burwell for obtaining Letters of Administration on the personal Estate of Blair M Burwell deceased in due form. And whereas by an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth passed on the third day of March in the year 1819 entitled, An act reducing into one the several acts concerning Wills the distribution of Intestates Estates and the duty of Executors and administrators. it is among other things provided that the Clerks of the County shall when required by an Administrator, make out Letters of administration in due form on the report of the first Justice of the Court which Letters shall be signed by such Justice and sealed with the Court Seal. Therefore I Henry Carper being the first Justice of the said Court in pursuance of the above recited act do issue these Letters of administration and do hereby authorize and empower the said John S Burwell and William M Burwell well and truly to collect and administer according to law the goods Chattels and Credits of the said Blair M Burwell deceased in all matters and things concerning the same according to law hereby requiring the said Administrators to make and exhibit into the said County Court a true and perfect inventory of the said goods Chattels and Credits and also to render a just

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and true account of their actings and doings therein when thereto lawfully required. Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Court this 18th day of August eighteen hundred and thirty Seven

Henry Carper J.P.

State of Virginia } Franklin County } ss I Caleb Tate Clerk of the County court of Franklin in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Henry Carper whose name appears to the foregoing letters of Administration is a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County duly commissioned and qualified and that he was the first Justice of the said County Court at the time of granting the said letters of administration In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my Seal of office at office in Rocky Mount this Eighteenth day of August A.D. 1837 and in the 62nd year of American Independance

C Tate Clk

Virginia Franklin County towit. I Showers Price presiding Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Franklin do hereby certify that Caleb Tate who hath given the preceding certificate is and was at the date thereof Clerk of the said County Court of Franklin duly appointed and qualified and that all his official acts and attestations to full faith and credit. Given under my hand and seal this fourth day of September A.D. 1837 And in office for registration 18th Sept 1837

Showers Price J.P. Clerk

R. Easley Will January 23d 1838

In the name of God amen I Roderick Easley of the County of Marengo and State aforesaid do make this my last will and testament in manner following (viz) I lend to my wife Ann Easley for and during the term of her natural life the use of the following property negroes Gilbert Caley & woman Betty all the house hold and kitchen furniture (except) the Bay & Horse called Dollar a small waggon six cows and calves & six head stock cattle all the Hogs which are about the House supposed to be 60 or 70 head. I also lend to my said wife the following Land (viz) West half of N.W. quarter of Section 12 East half of N.E. quarter of section 11 West half of S.E. quarter of Section 11 N.E. quarter of S.E. quarter of Section 12 and West half of N.W. quarter of Section 12 all in Township 15 Range one East It is my will that my youngest children who are under age remain with their mother and for their support I give them five hundred bushels of corn five stacks fodder and five hundred dollars My mill I leave for the use of my wife and such of my children as may wish to use it at the death of my said wife I give the Land here before discribed and loaned to her to my two youngest daughters Martha P and Susan M to be equally divided between them to them their heirs & assigns forever the balance of the property herein before discribed & loaned to my wife (except pervisions) I give at her death to my children generally to be equally divided among them to them their heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin A Easley the following negroes (viz) John Rose and Son with the following Land East half of S.E. quarter Section 35 West half S.W. quarter Section 36 and N.W. quarter Section 36 all in Township 15 Range one East I also give to my said son a Sorrel mare which he now has in possession to him his heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Moore wife of B.F. Moore the following negroes which she now has in possession (viz) Frank & Hannah I also give to her negroes Daniel and the following Land (viz) West half of the southeast section in Township 15 Range one East and West half of N.E. quarter of Section seven Township 15 Range 2 East and East half of N.W. quarter of section 15 Range 15 Township one East I also give to my daughter Mary Ann E Mills to her heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth C McClinton wife of R.F. McClinton negro girl Mary which she now has in possession by Joshua newman Morelle & child Lucian I also give to my daughter Elizabeth

following land East half of S.E. quarter of Section 36 Township 15 Range one East — West half S.W. quarter Section 21 Township 15 Range Two East West half S.W. quarter of Section Six Township 16 Range Two East I also give to my daughter Elizabeth a Horse called Peter to her her heirs & assigns forever I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Ann Shenlevant wife of Wm R Shenlevant negro girl Sarah which she now has in possession boy Charles & old Abram with the following land West half of S.W. quarter section two & West half of N.W. quarter section two in Township 16 Range one East. West half of S.W. quarter Section 35 and S.E. quarter of S.W. quarter of Section 35 in Township 15 Range one East I also give to my Daughter Sarah ann a Horse called Tom to her her heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Caroline the following negroes (viz) Phereba Clare Riley and Peter with the following land East half of N.E. quarter Section 2 & East half S.W. quarter Section 2 in Township 16 Range one East and N.W. quarter of S.E. quarter Section 35 Township 15 Range one East I also give my Daughter Rebecca Caroline a young mare called the Brown filly & Fifty dollars to her her heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to my son Anselm B Easley negroes Hobbin Isaac Fanney & child Joe a sorrel Horse called Snap a young colt & fifteen head Stock hogs also give to my son Anselm the following land West half S.E. quarter Section 36 East half S.W. quarter Section 36 and N.E. quarter Section 36 all in Township 15 Range one East I also give to my son Anselm my Blacksmith tools to him his heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to my Daughter ann P Easley negroes Bob Roberson Charlotte and Sally with the following land West half N.E. quarter section 10 East half S.W. quarter Section Eleven East half S.E. quarter section Eleven and West half N.E. quarter Section 12 all in Township 16 Range one East I also give to my Daughter Ann a filly called Fan to her her heirs & assigns forever I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Martha P and Susan W the following negroes (viz) Abe Matilda Ann Ben Bannister Judy & Mary two colts a bay & Sorrel) I also give to my two daughters Martha & Susan all the land which I own in section Three Township 16 Range one East to be equally divided between them when either shall attain the age of twenty one years or marry to them their heirs & assigns forever I give & bequeath to each of my three youngest Daughters six Cows & calves & four head of stock cattle which cattle my Executors are authorized to sell should they think best to do so and the proceeds of such sale to be held for the benefit of my said children To each of my children who have not already received one I give a Bed & furniture It is my will and desire that all the balance of my Estate of whatsoever kind & not herein disposed of including the present years crop cotton gins sheep &c be sold by my Executors and that after the payment of all my just debts that the balance arising from such sale be equally divided between my wife and all my children share & share alike It is my will & desire that my three youngest daughters live with their mother & that their Negroes Horses &c be worked on the plantation with their Mother untill they shall marry or attain the age of twenty one years severally Lastly I hereby nominate constitute & appoint Maj. William Burks and John B Bruce Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day October A.D. 1837 Rod W. Easley (Seal) signed & sealed in presence of us by Roderick Easley as his last will &c.

Wm Jos. H. B. Bade Stephen H. Dos

Jonathan Anderson } The State of Alabama Monroe County I Jonathan Anderson being
Will of ____ } now of sound mind and fully conscious that before many more sleeps
January 24th 1838 } 9 months have passed away in the course of nature I must be summoned

from this my temporal tabernacle of trial & probation — with a view these & one of settling my temporal concern make this my last will & testament First & Calmist my soul to the immortal God who gave it. Blessed be Jesus not without a hope of future Bliss 2nd Let my executors have me decently buried — 3rd I bequeath to my wife Mary Anderson all the land belonging to the plantation which I now reside on which is all the land I own together with all the stock of horses, cows, steers, hogs, sheep, poultry &c & all the plantation tools and also my negro man Amos & my boys Ben & Bob my woman Easther & Eliah & Emily the property to be & insure to her during her natural life independent of any claims whatever and at her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of my estate according to any order legally made by the orphans court of this county for that purpose as hereinafter stated. 4th to my grand children sons & daughters of Calvin Downy & Rhoda Downy viz Reuben Downy Boyte Downy John Downy Samuel Downy Stephen Downy & Polly Hall. Betsey Small. Ann Downey. Sarah Downy — I will & bequeath an equal part of my estate to that received by any one of my children they altogether only to receive what would have come to their mother if she should live my other children 5th and to my grand children Sarah White Martha White Nelly White & Elizabeth White — I give and bequeath an equal portion of my estate with what would have been given to their mother if she was alive & inherited her full childes part they to receive in the same manner of my Downy grand children 6th to the children of Wm Anderson my son now dead — an equal share of my estate — to them collectively with any other child 7th and to my son Stephen Reuben John James & Dessee each an equal portion of my property — they severally to inherit the same amt. of my Downy grand children in place of their mother & the same as my White grand children in place of their mother & the same as to Wm Andersons children — my property to be divided in the following manner — after first paying all my just debts & giving to my wife Mary the property herein bequeathed to her the residue to be sold to the highest bidder under the order of the orphans court to be sold on twelve months credit paper well secured and the money when collected to be divided as above mentioned the amount which may come to my Downy & my white & Wm Anderson grandchildren is to be retained by the executors & paid to the children as they come of age. the executors paying interest on the same if they are not willing to pay interest then they are required to put the amount in Bank of mobile to the credit of each one severally that is to the name of each child, deposite the amount he is entitled to that he may take it when he comes of age my own children being of age to receive their share. soon a collected — my wifes property after her death to be divided in the same manner as the above and I hereby appoint Jesse M. Anderson & Mary Anderson my wife as executors & executrix & in case of death or any reason occuring to disqualify these pray the orphans court to appoint executors & hope in all cases good & amply secured bonds will be required to insure the full payment of this last will & testament this 29th day of March A.D. 1837 Johnathan Anderson (Seal) signed & sealed in presence of A. M. Lee Thos Pendergrass Robert Pritchett

Jordan Anderson
Will
February 1839

State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that I Jordan Anderson of the state and county aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory in view of my approaching and in the fear of god make the following as my last Will and testament I desire that my body shall be decently interred by my friends and my soul I resign into the hands of Almighty god who gave it and my worldly effects I dispose of as follows to wit that my son Thomas Anderson be appointed my executors to transact and manage all my business 1st my will is that my land be disposed of as follows to wit that my wife Mary Anderson have and retain possession of the west half of the North west quarter of section two in township 15 R three E. conclusing my Dwelling &c During her natural life and then the same to go to my son Jordan Anderson also that my wife have of my negroes property as follos that is Tony Rose and Reuben also all the farming utentils and house hold furniture Except as will be hereafter named 2nd my will is that my grand daughter Catherine Anderson have of my estate two hundred dollars 3rd that my son Thomas Anderson have a negro Boy named Lewis and also the East half of the North west quarter of section two in township 15 R three and the forty acre tract or entery on the North of my old tract to have and to hold forever 3rd my will is that my Daughter Sarah Goodwyn have of my negro property a negro girl named Lucie and one hundred dollars each 4th my will is that my Daughter Nancy have a Negro Boy named Benjamin and one hundred Dollars cash 5th my will is that my Daughter Mary has a Negro girle named Mary Exclusively to her and the heirs of her natural body for ever and that the rest her Eldest Daughter Nancy A. Hill have a negro Girl named Jane to have and to hold for ever 6th my will is that my Daughter Martha Anderson have of my Negro property as follows to wit my negro woman Rachel and her child Alfred also Milton and one feather Bed and furniture 7th my will is that my son Jordan Anderson have of my negroe property as follows to wit my negro peter Patrick and Stephen Also one feather Bed and furniture and to have of my land as follows to wit the East half of the North East quarter section three Township 15 Range 3 E and the before named half quarter at my wifes Death the aforesaid is my Last will and testament signed sealed and delivered in presence of William Adams and Constance Adams in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th Day of August 1839 Jordan Anderson (Seal) his mark
Albert William Adams
Constance Adams

Ann Hackman
Will
February 1839

State of Alabama Marengo County In the name of God Amen I Ann Hackman of the state and County aforesaid but lately of the county of Pow hattan and commonwealth of virginea being in form and weake in body but of sound & disposeing mind memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit Item 1st I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Eggleston and my nephews E. Francis Eggleston and Joseph Early Eggleston and my friend Charlie Cock the sum one thousand dollars to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever and to be paid out of my estate by my Executor hereinafter named at his convenience within two years after my decease Item 2nd to my grand niece Ann H. Baldwin I give and bequeath my negro girl Fanny together with her future increase to her & her heirs forever Item 3rd to my grand niece Eliza E. Baldwin I give and bequeath my negro girl Jane together with her future increase and also negro boy Robert to her and her heirs forever Item 4th to my nephew Edward P. Baldwin I give and bequeath my negro boy Wilson to her and her heirs forever to my grand nephew William H. Baldwin I give and bequeath my negro Boy Oscar to him & his heirs forever To my grand niece Margaret L. Baldwin I give and bequeath

my negro girl Lockey together with her future increase to her and her heirs forever And to my nephew Rev Nathan Richard Baldwin I give and bequeath my negro boy Frederick to him and his heirs forever the negroes mentioned in this and in the preceeding third Item subject however to the provisions hereinafter expressed Item 5th To Ann Maria Eggleston my niece of the state of Mississippi I give and bequeath my set of white Chamber minadeo curtains one coloured and one white counterpane and my black travelling trunk to her & her heirs forever also one set of Red curtains Item 6th To my friend Robert Shiller of Tuscaloosa county in this state I give and bequeath my silver watch to him and his heirs forever provided I should not deliver the same to him before my decease Item 7th To my old and faithfull female servant Candice I bequeath the sum of ten Dollars annually during her life to be paid her by my executor hereinafter named or such other person as may at any time have charge of my estate Item 8th It is my will and desire that my body be buried at Spring Hill church in this county in a decent and christian like manner & that my grave be enclosed with a brick wall as soon as may be convenient after my decease Item 9th All the rest and residue of my estate both Real and Personal of whatever discription and wherever situated I give and bequeath to my niece Eliza J Baldwin and her husband Edward Baldwin for and during their natural lives and it is my will and desire & I redirect that Edward Baldwin shall divide at his death and after the death of his wife all the estate real and Personal bequeathed in this Item among her children by him as he may see cause Item But in case he should depart this life before his said wife Eliza J Baldwin It is my will and desire that she should enjoy all the property, real and Personal included in this Item during her natural life provided she should not marry again but in case she should marry again in that event I will and direct that all the property real and personal embraced in this item shall immediately thereupon upon decease upon and vest in her children by Edward Baldwin in such manner and proportions as he may by his will direct And provided he should make no will or die intestate as to this property It is my will and desire that the said property in this item mentioned both real and personal shall be equally divided among all his children by his present wife Eliza J Baldwin to them and their heirs forever Item 10th It is my will and desire that the negroes mentioned in the second third and fourth items and specifically bequeath to individual children of the said Edward & Eliza J Baldwin shall be subject to the estates under the restrictions and provisions mentioned in the ninth item Item 11th I hereby appoint Edward Baldwin Executor of this my last will and Testament and having full confidence in his justice and prudence I do not wish that the court before which this will may be admitted to record should require him to give any security for the faithful discharge of his duty In testimony whereof hereby revoking and making void all other wills at any time by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the State and county first aforesaid this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven Ann Hackman (Seal) signed sealed published and declared in the presence of Berd M Pearson A P Hide Thos Lamar

Priscilla Thompson
Will
February 1839

State of Alabama Marengo County In the name of God Amen I Priscilla Thompson of the county and State aforesaid do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit First I resign my soul unto the hands of Almighty god hoping and believing in a remission of my sins by the merits and mediator of Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Family and my worldly estate I give and devise as follows First I give & bequeath unto my mother Priscilla Cade my carriage & gray mare & colt & all my household furniture & all the balance of my proper

property of whatsoever nature it may be I give & bequeath unto my Father William Cade & my Mother Priscilla Cade in trust for my children to be enjoyed by them either in possession or by profits as they said Trustees shall think best for them & if any one or more of my children should die without leaving a child living then it is my desire that the property should go to the survivors or survivor & in case all my children should die leaving no child living then & in that case it may wish that all the property heretofore given to my children should be equally divided between my Brothers William Beadle Adolphus J Cade & Erwin E Cade & my Sister Martha Alston In testimony whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal the seventh day of February 1840 Priscilla Thompson [CCB] signed in the presence of Wm J Alston Elizabeth Finch

Polly Thompson Will

This is the last will & testament of me Polly Thompson of the County of Madison and State of Alabama I give and devise unto my son Mills A Thompson three thousand dollars to be at his absolute will and controle without any restriction or limitation whatever I give and devise unto my daughter Sophrona Bassett during her life for her sole and seperate use exclusively of her husband who is not to intermeddle there with nor is the same or any part thereof to be liable or subject to such husbands controle debts or engagements one thousand dollars remainder to her children and if she die without children then the remainder to any of my children or grand children to whom she may by will devise the same and if my said daughter should die without children & without leaving a will then the remainder to be divided equally among my children & their representatives of such as are deceased the representatives taking equally their ancestors part I give & devise all my household furniture to my sons Elbert A. Thompson Darwin S.P. Thompson & Mills A Thompson to be divided equally amongst them The remainder of my estate both real and personal I give and devise to be divided equally among my sons Mills A. Elbert A. Darwin S.P. my daughter Louisiana wife Robert J Manning. Indiana wife of James Manning Junior and my daughter in law Nancy wife of my son Asa W Thompson in manner and form following to wit that is to say To Mills A I give and devise his portion of said remainder absolutely without any limitation or restriction whatever To Elbert A & Darwin S.P. I give and bequeath them respective portions of said remainder to them for their use & benefit during their lives remainder over to their children and if they should die without children then the remainder to such of my children or grand children to whom they by will may devise the same and if they should die without children and without leaving a will then the remainder to be divided equally among my children & the representatives of such as are deceased the representatives taking equally the portion their ancestor would be entitled to To my daughter Louisiana & Indiana and my daughter in law Nancy I give and devise their respective portions of said remainder to them during their lives for their sole & seperate use and benefit exclusively of their husbands who are not to intermeddle there with nor is the same or any part thereof to be subject to or liable to their husbands controal debts or engagements remainder over to their children and if they should die without children remainder to such of my children or grand children to whom they by will may devise the same and if they should die without children & without leaving a will then the remainder are to be divided equally among my children & the representatives of such as are deceased the representatives taking the portion of their ancestor It is my will and desire that if my estate both real and personal should not be sufficient after discharging all my debts to pay and satisfy the legacies aforesaid that

they shall not abate proportionally to every part mentioned shall be first satisfied and so on until my estate is exhausted I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Randy Hill Lowe and George P Brown Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty second day of July 1845 Polly Thompson [CCB] signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Jno Geane James Manning Geo I Manning The State of Alabama orphans court of Madison County February Term 1847 the executor of the last will and testament of Polly Thompson late of said county deceased having this day been duly proven by the oaths of Thomas Geane James Manning and George I Manning the then subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered to be recorded Wm B. T Page 22 says I Richards D Pendleton Clerk of the County court of Madison County in the state of Alabama certify that the above and foregoing contains a true copy and complete transcript of the last will and testament of Polly Thompson deceased together with the probate thereof &c In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said county court at office in Huntsville this twenty ninth day of June AD eighteen hundred and thirty seven and of Americean Independance the sixty first Rich'd B Pendleton

Mason Tyson Will

1847 April 8 Marengo County Alabama In the name of God Amen I Mason Tyson being of sound mind and memory but weak in body do make this my Will and testament hereby revoke all former wills made by me Will as this to be my last will and testament first I give my body to be buried and my sole to god that gave it. 2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid I then give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Tyson the plantation on which we live Known as follows the west half of North East quarter of section twenty Township 18 range 1 East in St. Stephens District and state of Ala containing 79 acres & 37/100 and a black Mare and Bridle Bed and household & Kitchen furniture and plantation tools 1/2 hog and two of my cows to wit Mary and Silver red and 2 Calves and Calves all of the above mentioned property I wish my beloved wife to have during her life at her death I wish it Equally Devided amongst the heirs of her body 3d I then Give and bequeath to my son Simeon Tyson and to my son Joel Tyson and to my Daughter Emaline Pelsbury &c 80 acres Track of Land boundary as follows to wit 24 28 of Township 18 of Range 1 East and the south west quarter of north west of Section No 20 Township No 18 Range 1 East one Sheet and Bridle Bridle all of which I wish Equally Divided between the above mentioned Children and I wish them to remain 6 Cows and calves Then I give to Daughter Mary and Elizabeth Daughters by my first marriage boy name Allen Creighton with with 240 acres Tracks of Land as follows to wit West 80 Township 18 of range no 1 west containing 39 acres 160 and also one 160 acres of section 30 Township No 18 of Range 1 East I also wish them to remain on same with my beloved wife until they marry and become of age from my plantation interest I also Give them 4 Boy Negro Boys Eliza Beth my 2 youngest Daughters by my first marriage Each 6 Cows and Calves and Each 1 yoke Ox 3d I then give and bequeath to my two youngest Daughters Mary Martha J Sarah Louise by my last Marriage I leave 1 quarter section of Land boundary 28 Township 18 Range 1 East the South west quarter and I wish my beloved wife to Reynard it my natural wish it to have equally with the last Children of my last marriage I have a like Token with my Daughter Emaline Pelsbury part of property I gave her Mother and the heirs of her body Excluseller and repeatedly I leave my friend Spyers Broom my wife Elizabeth Tyson my Executrix Executor to this my last will and testament Mason Tyson [CCB] signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us Test of Stephen Williams Elijah M Christian William Osborne

I wish the sum of seven hundred Dollars first and that Mrs Dewolf now owes collected and put at interest for my 2 youngest Daughters Mary Martha and Sarah Louise I also wish the last 80 acres of land the East half of south West quarter of section No 20 Township 18 range 1 East first Executrix Love to my beloved wife Elizabeth Tyson and every thing that went Designated in this my last will and Testament I wish sold and distributed if any thing left I wish it Equally Devided amongst my oldest Children by my first marriage

Bond

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Tyson Stephen Williams and
Marengo County } Robert M Biggins are held and firmly bound unto Benjamin Thornton Esquire Judge of the County Court of the County aforesaid and his successors in office in the penal sum of Five Thousand six hundred dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents and sealed with our seals and dated this first day of May 1847 the condition of the above obligation is

such that whereas the above named Elizabeth Tyson has been duly appointed and qualified Executrix to the last will and testament of Mason Tyson deceased by the Honorable the County Court of said County on the day and date above written) Now if the said Elizabeth Tyson shall well and truly perform all and singular the duties of Executrix of the said will and testament of said deceased according to the directions of the said will as required by law and shall well and truly make distribution and pay and deliver over the said Estate to the Heirs and Legatees according to Law and the directions of the said and the order of said Court then the above obligation to become void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue Elizabeth Tyson [Seal] Stephen Williams [Seal] Robert M Riggins [Seal]
signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of Asa Robinson

Order

The State of Alabama } At an orphans Court held at the Court House in Linden on the first
Marengo County } Monday and first day of May AD Eighteen hundred and thirty
seven the Angus R Robinson Judge of said Court
Estate of Mason Tyson } This day the last will & testament of Mason Tyson deceased was
presented in open court and offered for probate and Stephen Williams one of
the subscribing witnesses thereto appeared in court who after being duly sworn
deposes and says that he Elijah M Chrisenberry and Williams D Evans were by said deceased
duly requested to witness said Will on the day the same bears date and that they signed
their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Tyson and that said Tyson
made his mark to his signature to said Will and declared the same to be established
as his last will and testament and also desired that the post-appendages thereto
after his signature might be received & established as part of the said Will
and that the said Tyson at the time he signed and published said Will was
of sound and disposing mind and memory And thereupon came Elizabeth
Tyson the Executrix nominated in said Will and filed her bond for the sum of
five thousand and six hundred dollars with Stephen Williams and Robert M
Riggins her securities and took the oath prescribed by Law It is therefore ordered
by the Court that Letters testamentary issue accordingly It is further ordered
by the Court that John G Barnes John G Williams and Stephen Williams be appointed appraisers of said Estate
The State of Alabama } At an orphans Court begun and held at the Court House
Marengo County } in Linden for the County and State aforesaid on the
twentieth day of July A D 1837 The Honorable Angus R Robinson Judge of said
Court presiding The Estate of Mason Tyson deceased This day appeared Elizabeth
Tyson admx of the Estate of Mason Tyson decd and returned the appraisement as
appraised by John G Barnes John G Williams and Stephen Williams sworn appraisers
ordered to be Recorded

Appraisement

We the undersigned met at the House of Mason Tyson deceased & after being duly sworn proceeded to appraise the property as shown us by Mrs Elizabeth Tyson administratrix this 24th day May 1837

			Household & Kitchen Furniture		
1st lot Cattle McCowrs Calves & 2 Bullocks each	168	00	1 Bed & Furniture	30	00
2nd lot 12 head at 36 each head	72	00	1 do	30	00
1 Black Stallion	100	00	1 do	15	00
1 Bay Horse	85	00	1 do	15	00
1 Black Mare	85	00	1 Clock	15	00
1 Mare & Colt	35	00	1 Trunk	2	50
1 Roane Pony	30	00	1 Lot Books	5	00
1 Bay Horse Chestnut Pony	40	00	8 Chairs	5	00
1 Bay Colt	30	00	2 Spinning Wheels	6	00
1 do do	15	00	1 Lot Castings	5	00
Slaves			1 Table	3	00
1 old Norman Mary	200	00	1 Lot Coopers ware	7	50
1 Boy Edward	600	00	1 Loom	10	00
1 do Nelson	300	00		156	50

1 Loom	2	00	We the undersigned acknowledge
2 Shuttles	10	00	the above to be correct to the best of
1 grind Stone	2	00	our knowledge
1 Waggon	5	00	John G Barnes
3 Chisels 3 augurs two Rasps 1 Hook 1 pr Hasp	3	00	John G Williams
Shears & drawing knives			Stephen Williams
1 plough & 2 set Harness	10	00	Sworn to and subscribed before
1 pair Steelyards	1	00	me this 20th of July 1837
1 pair		50	Ed mund ott Daly J P [illegible]
1 Heifer	3	00	
Corn & Fodder	41	00	
8 Head hogs	35	00	
1 Shot gun	5	00	
	117	50	
ant Brought over	1933	50	
	2051	00	

Estate of Robert Campbell deceased Report of Comrs appointed to divide the personal property of Robt Campbell

The State of Alabama } August 15th 1838 The undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Honorable the orphans
Marengo County } ant Court of Marengo County to parcel off and divide the personal property of Robt Campbell deceased, report the following as a just and equal distribution of the same to wit Benjamin Campbell drew Lot No 8 Lewis and Jacob each valued at $800 = $1600 has to pay the others heirs the following sums to wit

To William Campbell	212	50	Forgusherd Campbell's Lot No 5		
To Margaret Campbell	662	50	1 Boy Stephen at $1000	1000	00
Elizabeth Campbell	12	50	James Campbell's Lot No 5		
Forgusherd Campbell	62	50	1 Girl Grace at $1000	1000	00
James Campbell	62	50	Robt Campbell No 3		
Robt Campbell	62	50	1 Boy Solomon at $1000	1000	00
John Campbell	62	50	John Campbell Lot No 6		
William Campbell drew Lot			Boy Henry valued at $1000	1000	00
No 7 Waggoner Isaac valued at	450	00			
Margaret Campbell drew Lot No					
2 Maydon at $800 & Lydia at $200	1000	00			
Elizabeth Campbell Lot No					
Mary Jane at Geo Anderson's $150					
and Julia $100	1050	00			

Given under our hands and seals this the 15th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.
John D Coalmith [Seal] Reuben Chandler [Seal] J Coalmith [Seal] Salem Coalmith [Seal]

Gideon Seawell Will — December 10th 1839

State of Alabama, Marengo County } In the name of Almighty God Amen. I Gideon Seawell being sick weak in body but of a sound and disposing mind & memory and impressed with the uncertainty of human existence do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills or parts of wills I may have made. It is my Will and desire that my Executors herein after named shall as soon after my death as may be practicable pay and discharge all my just debts. Item I devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Diana all my property both personal and real together with all debts due to me except such as may be otherwise disposed of by this my Will. Item I give and bequeath to Polly Patterson the young lady reared by me the following six negroes, Mary & orphan, Stacy, Dick, Lucy and Molly, the latter being the infant child of Mary and together with their future increase and hereby direct that the said Six negroes be delivered by my Executors to the said Patterson on the death of my wife or the marriage of Miss Patterson. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends William Seawell, Charles B Jones and Gabriel M Holmes Executors of this my last will and testament with full power to do all such things as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions & parts of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine (1839). Gideon Seawell (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of William Goode E. B. Adams Henry L. Jones

approved — The above will of Gideon Seawell deceased having been proved by the oaths of Elisha B. Adams and Henry L. Jones subscribing witnesses to the same it is ordered to be recorded Nov 18th 1839. Angus R. Morrison Judge &c.

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Reuben Pickett Will — December 8 1839

I Reuben Pickett of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do hereby make and Order this my last Will and Testament. To wit. Item 1st I wish my Dear Wife Mary Jane Pickett to receive four hundred dollars per annum for the period of four years after my death. I also give her all my House hold and Kitchen furniture, Beds and Bedding and her own Sole Watch. The above articles I give to my wife independent of the proportionate part of my estate which she would be entitled to by Law. I also wish her to have the use of such House Servants as may be necessary for her Comfort during the above mentioned period of four years. Item 2d I give to my Brother Joseph Pickett my Silver Leaver Watch. Item 3d I wish my field Negroes to be kept together and my plantation to be continued for the period of four years after my death either seperately or in Conjunction with Joseph Pickett farm at the discretion of my Executors. Item 4th After the expiration of the above mentioned four years I wish all my property to be disposed of in the same manner that it would have been in case I had died without leaving a Will, saveing and excepting the above mentioned bequests in Item 1 and 2. Item 5th I wish my Children to be maintained and educated out of the avails of the annual Crops during the above mentioned four years. Item 6th I hereby nominate my Brother Jo. Pickett Executor to this my Will & Testament this the 8th December 1839. Reuben Pickett (Seal) Test Wm S Price, Samuel L Bennett, B Northrop

approved — The State of Alabama Marengo County. The foregoing last Will and testament of Reuben Pickett Dec'd having been proved by the oath of William S Price one the subscribing witnesses to the same is ordered to be recorded February 18 1840. Angus R Morrison Judg Ct Court

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E S Finch Will — January 20 1840

In all to whom these presents may come Greeting. I Edward S Finch of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory and in full health & mindful of my approaching dissolution, do make order and publish this my last Will and Testament. I direct that my body may be decently interred, and my funeral be conducted at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. My Soul I resign into the hands of God who gave it. and my Estate both real and personal I devise bequeath and dispose of as follows. 1st I give unto my Mother Elizabeth Finch all my negroes Stephen Ben Mary and her Child Lafayette and there increase during her natural life. Then my Will is that the above named negroes shall at her death be Equally divided among my lawful heirs as the Law direct. 2d My Will and desire is that my Executors shall collect which will be due me four hundred Dollars on 1st January Eighteen hundred and forty one and apply the same money to the purchase of a negro Girl for my wife Martha Finch. 3d My Will further is that the balance of my Effects shall be applied by my Exicutors to the payment of my just debts and surpluss if any go to my mother Elizabeth Finch and if there should be a deficiency in the residue set apart in this section the I desire that it should be made good by Mother Elizabeth Finch. 4th and Lastly I appoint my friend John D Ballis Executor to this my last Will. February 20th 1840. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and year above written. signed sealed and published in presence of } E S Finch (Seal)

E M Selman. I Samuel Rich Wooten.

approved — State of Alabama Marengo County. This day was offered for probate the last Will and Testament of Edward S Finch Dec'd and the same having been proved regularly and according to law it is therefore Ordered that the same be admitted to probate and entered of record due notice thereof having been given to the several heirs of the said Deceased as required by law. April 6th 1840. Angus R Morrison Judge of Marengo Cty Court

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John Griffith Will — Oct 23d 1839

In the name of the eternal God who formed all things by the counsels of His power of his will. Amen. I John Griffith of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being sick and weak but of perfect sense of memory and understanding of mind as Constitute and ordain this my last will and testament knowing that it is appointed to all once to die. Therefore in my dear Redeemer I resign my Soul to Almighty God who gave it existence and my body unto earth from whence I came. In pure and certain hope of a Joyful resurrection and a blissful immortality. And as for my worldly Goods which God has graciously granted and lent to me I give and bequeath them as follows. The premises first my will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid after which my wife and desire is that my whole estate both real and personal be kept together. And My will and desire is to lend all my estate real and personal to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Griffith during her natural life and after her death be equally divided between my ten sons (Viz) Thomas W Griffith James H C Griffith John Griffith Samuel M Griffith Richard C Griffith Philip B Griffith Joseph Griffith Benjamin Griffith Geo. M Griffith and Daniel Daniel Griffith. Second My will and desire is that if my negro boy Ary does not please my beloved wife that She may be sold and the purchase money used in buying another of equal Value. — Third if my executors should think it necessary to sell the tract of Land on which I now live they do so and apply the Purchase money in buying another tract or lands elsewhere. — Fourth I do nominate and constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Griffith executrix with my son Thomas W Griffith to this my last will and testament [illegible]

this the twenty Month day of October in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and thirty nine (Signed) John Griffith (Seal)
Signed and Sealed in presence of D M A Dansby & Barzillai Cannon

State of Alabama } Orphans Court during the Session of an Orphans Court 5th Mon 7th 1840
Marengo County } This day came Elizabeth Griffith and made Application to prove the last will and testament of John Griffith late of Marengo County Dec and there being no resistance to the probate thereof The heirs of the said deceased Viz James S Griffith and Thomas M Griffith who are over twenty one Years of age being present and attending thereto and Doctor Daniel M A Dansby one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being now sworn in due form of law doth testify and say on his Oath that he saw the said John Griffith sign and seal the forgoing instrument and publish the same as his last will and testament and that he subscribed the same as a witness thereto in the presence of the said John Griffith and he further testifies and says on Oath that the said John Griffith was fully rational and of sound disposing mind and memory at that time — It is therefore Considered and ordered by the Court that the forgoing will of the said John Griffith having been proven be recorded Valid as to the personal estate alone — It is further ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to Elizabeth Griffith when She files her Bond with two good and sufficient securities in the Sum of Two Thousand dollars (Signed) Angus H Morison Judge of Marengo County Court

Probate

State of Alabama Marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Elizabeth Griffith Thomas M Griffith and Daniel M A Dansby are held and bound unto Angus H Morison Esq Judge of the Orphans Court of said County and to his Successors in office in the Sum of Two Thousand dollars to the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators severally and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of September in the Year one thousand eight hundred and forty — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Elizabeth Griffith has this day qualified as the executrix of the last will and testament of John Griffith Late of Marengo County deceased Now if the said Elizabeth Griffith shall and do well and truly performe all the duties which are or may be by Law required of her as such executrix then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force (signed) Elizabeth Griffith (Seal)
J M Griffith (Seal) D M A Dansby (Seal)

Estate of N Fitts

Order

To James Woodfin Thomas M Pitts Bird M Pierson Samuel Woodfin and Greeting — You are Hereby notified that at a Term of the County Court of Marengo County during the business of an Orphans Court held at the Court House in Linden on the 24th day of July A D 1840 You were appointed Commissioners to lay off and allot to Samuel A Fitts and Seawell I Leach one eight portion each of the lands belonging to the estate of James H Fitts late of Marengo County deceased of which the said James H Fitts died seized and possessed lying and being in the County of Marengo Witness Winfield Woolf Clerk of said Court at office the 24th July A D 1840 (Signed) Winfield Woolf

Report of Surv.

In pursuance of an order from the Orphans Court of Marengo County to us the undersigned Commissioners bearing date July 24th 1840 requiring that we shall [illegible] and lay [illegible] James H [illegible]

one eight portion each of the lands belonging to the estate of James H Fitts late of Marengo County we therewith comply as follows which order is annexed to this report Given under our hands this 8th day of Sept 1840
To Samuel A Fitts We have allotted to him the East Half of the South West quarter section 15 Containing eighty Acres Appraised at 15 dollars The West Half of the South East quarter of section 15 containing eighty acres Appraised at twenty seven dollars and fifty cents which will give the said S A Fitts an excess over this proportion of one hundred and seventy eight dollars & ninety two and a half cts which said Fitts will pay over to the Estate of James H Fitts — To Seawell I Leach we have allotted to him the East Half of the North West quarter of section 15 Containing Eighty acres at eight dollars per acre The West Half of the North East quarter of section 15 Containing eighty Acres at $14.50 pr Acre — The West Half of the South West quarter of section 16 Containing eighty Acres at $10 pr acre all the above lands being in Township 17 and Range 5 East Marengo County Alabama it is hereby understood that each distributee is entitled to Thirty two hundred and twenty one dollars & 7½ cents which shows that the estate is due said S I Leach a balance of six hundred & twenty one dollars 87½ cents (signed)
Thos M Pitts (Seal) Jamas Woodfin (Seal) James Woodfin Jr (Seal) Samuel Woodfin (Seal)
It was understood that the word Marengo County Ala was interlined before the signing of this instrument

All in Township 17 Range 5 East in Marengo County Ala

	Ex A W 80 Acres at 8.00 $640.00 S A Leach	W ½ S W 80 Acres at $14.50 $1160.00 S A Leach		W ½ S W ¼ 80 A at $13.00 $1040.00	E ½ S W ¼ 80 A at $12.50 $1000.00	
W ½ S W ¼ S 15 80 A at $10.00 $800.00 S A Leach	E ½ S E ¼ S 15 80 A at $13.11 $1280.00 S A Fitts	W ½ S E ¼ 80 A at $27.50 $2220.00 S A Fitts	E ½ S E ¼ 80 A at $27.50 $2220.00	E ½ S W ¼ S 14 80 A at $27.50 at $34.00 $2200.00	E ½ S W ¼ 80 A at $32.50 $1840.00	
		W ½ S E ¼ qr S 22 82½ A at $20.00 $1650.00	E ½ S E ¼ S 22 82½ A at $20.00 $1650.00	W ½ S E ¼ 323 82.50 A at $21.25 $1765.23¾	E ½ S E ¼ qr S 22 83.50 A at 21.25 $1765.23¾	
		W ½ S E ¼ 82½ A at 22.75 $1876.12½	E ½ S E ¼ 82½ A at 24.50 $2024.25			

Aggregate Acres 1295.¹⁵⁄₁₀₀
At Valuation $25168.61
¼ to each Legatee $3221.07½

Set apart by the Commissioners as appears in their report which has is attached Sold Seawell I Leach W ½ S W ¼ qr Section 15 The W ½ S E ¼ and W ½ S W ¼ qr in same Section Containing 240 A at valued to $3600.00 his interest being $3221.07½ The Estate of S H Fitts will be due him $621.07½

Set apart to Samuel A Fitts one of the legatees the E ½ of S E ¼ qr and W ½ S E ¼ qr Section 15 Containing 160. Acres appraised to the Aggregate sum of $3400.00 his interest being $3221.07½ Which leaves him due to the estate the balance of $178.92½

I hereby Certify that I Surveyed the Lands belonging to the Estate of James H Fitts deceased as described and that the same was done by order and Certify Mistep this the 8th Sept 1840 (Signed) N B Chisholm Surveyor (Marengo County Alabama)

State of Alabama Marengo County — Personally appeared before me Martin J Smith an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Thomas J Pitts James Woodfin Jr James Woodfin Sr and Elwood Woodfin Witness names Affixed to the within report who after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that they executed the order of the Last County Court Appealed to law and the instructions of said Court. Witness Martin J Smith Justice of the peace 2nd September 8th 1840 — State of Alabama Marengo County September 11th 1840. The foregoing report is hereby received and ordered to be recorded. Angus R Morrison Judge of Marengo County Court

Estate of Henry Smith Sen'r deceased

The state of Alabama marengo County Know all men by these presents that we Jacob Smith Chas R Jones & Young W Grayson are held and firmly Bound unto Angus R Morrison Esqr Judge of the County Court of Marengo County and to his successors in office in the sum of four thousand Dollars to the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty-seven day of October in the Year one thousand eight hundred and forty. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Jacob Smith has this day duly appointed Administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits which were of Henry Smith late of Marengo County deceased. Now If the said Jacob Smith shall and do well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required of him as such Administrator then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force. Jacob Smith (Seal) Chas R Jones (Seal) Y W Grayson (Seal) Signed sealed and acknowledged before me on the day and Year above written Thomas J Woodfin Clk By Wm Fies Woodfin D.C.

Susan Parker's Will

State of Alabama Marengo County November 13th 1840
I Susan Parker of the State and County aforesaid being of sound mind but fully Conscious of the uncertainty of human life and solicitous for the proper adjustment of my temporal Concerns do make this my last will and testament

1st I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Pickering five dollars
2nd I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Lee five dollars to be paid by my Executor
3rd I Give to Richard K Pickering in Trust for my Minor Children viz- Daniel C, Susan R. Ann and John S. the following named Negroes Alfred, Bob, Ralph, Celia, Nelson, Mary, Ann, Martha Ann, Windy, Emeline, Angela, Lucretia, America, Amanda and her three Children. It is my desire that all the above Mentioned Negroes should be kept together. I further desire that my executor should purchase a farm Convenient to his residence and settle said negroes upon it; it is also my desire also that my executor pay all the expenses of the farm that the balance of the proceeds of the different Crops should be laid out in the purchase of Negroes and in making purchase of negroes. It is my desire that my executor and Colombus W Lee should Mutually consult together and make such purchase and at such times as they may think best to the interest of the Children. It is also my desire as my Children Marries or becomes of age that my executor should give off to each of them their respective shares of the negroes and stock upon the farm
4th I also give to Richard K. Pickering in trust for the use and benefit of my aforesaid Minor Children all my Horses and Mules except a Bay Mare which I give to my son Daniel, all my other Stock of every description all my Household and Kitchen furniture also my Pleasure Carriage
5th I Also Give to Richard K Pickering in trust as aforesaid my negro Woman Nancy to be employed when her health permits as a Nurse for the Children on the farm and I strictly injoin it upon the said Richard K Pickering to treat Nancy with Great Gentleness & humanity
6th I also give to the said R. K Pickering the proceeds of the present Crop in Trust for the benefit of my aforesaid Minor Children to be used by him in the purchase of a farm previously mentioned
7th I hereby Ordain that if either of my aforesaid Minor children die without issue his or her portion of the aforementioned negroes, farm to be purchased Crop or Farm & Stock shall revert to the remaining Minor children to be equally among them
8th I desire that Colombus W Lee will keep and raise Daniel and Susan until they become of age and direct their education
9th I hereby Nominate and appoint Richard K Pickering Sole executor of this my last will and testament requesting him to be a brother to my children and a kind Master to their negroes. In Testimony Whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November in the Year of our Lord 1840 (signed) S. Parker (Seal) Signed and acknowledge in presence of us Sarah Turner Samuel G Sabb (Seal) S. A Harris

I Susan Parker of the State and County aforesaid do make and publish this Codicil to my last will and testament in the following manner (viz) I Give to R. K Pickering, my executor aforesaid all the residue and remainder of my personal goods and Chattels & Chattley of what kind and Nature soever not mentioned in my last will and testament to be used by him the said executor for the benefit of my Minor Children (viz) Daniel C. Susan R. Ann and John S. and to be equally divided among them. In witness Whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November in the Year of our Lord 1840 S. Parker (Seal) Signed & Sealed in the presence of us Sarah Turner Samuel G. Sabb (Seal) S. A Harris

State of Alabama } I Susan Parker of the State and County aforesaid do this
Marengo County } fifteenth day of November make and publish this Codicil to my last will and testament in Manner following (that is to say) I Give to my Grand Daughter Amanda H. Simmons the sum of five dollars to be paid to her by my executor R K Pickering.
I Also wish my negro woman Nancy Ann to stay with my daughter Sarah for the purpose of making my negro clothing. I desire my executor to purchase a Spinning Machine for the said Negro Nancy Ann to spin my Negro clothing and such other purposes as my daughter Sarah May see proper to put her at. For the benefit of my four Minor Children such as sewing for them &c. I dont wish said negro woman put on the farm at this time except it is for a few days in case the Crop may be suffering and lastly it is my desire that this my present Codicil be annexed to and Made a part of my last will and testament to all intents and purposes. In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty (signed) S. Parker (Seal) Signed sealed and published in presence of S. A Harris (Seal) R. R. Turner

State of Alabama } At Orphans Court Session 16th 1840 — This day in pursuance
Marengo County } see of due and legal notice hereon is offered to be offered in open Court for Probate the last will and testament of Susanna

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Parker deceased: And it being Made appear to the Court by Oath and legally proven that the Testatrix was of Sound Mind at the Making of the wife and the said Testament in all respects legal It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the same will be admitted to record and Letters of executorship issue to W. R. Pickering in pursuance to the petitioners Mercy (Signed) Augustus Monson Judge of Marengo Cty. Court

Dewitt Martin dec'd. Last Will proved 7th Dec. 1840

The state of Alabama Marengo County } In the name of God Amen this is the last will and testament published and declared of Martin Dewitt of Marengo County and state aforesaid - Item 1st I Commit my body to the Earth recommending my soul to God, hoping for salvation through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour Item 2nd I recommend my body to be Interred in a decent like manner - Item 3d I Give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Dewitt Ten dollars in money to be paid out of my property by my Executors and not one cent more - for my property I do not to have - Item 4th - I will and bequeath unto the sons of Samuel Dewitt Sixteen hundred dollars for the purpose of educating them which amount I wish paid over to my son Samuel Dewitt in three equal instalments for that purpose viz that is to say Five hundred dollars a Year for Three Years - Item 5th I will and bequeath to my wife Nancy Dewitt for and during her natural life the following described negro property (viz) John, Alex, Harriet, Clarissa, Jean at her death I wish the above described property Equally divided amongst my Eight Children viz Eleanor Pamelia Sutton Elizabeth, Jane Jacob, Percy Martin & James - Item 6th I will and bequeath unto my son Sutton Dewitt the following negro property (viz) Jerry and Alice - Item 7th I will and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor Pamelia the following negro property viz; Charlotte & Mat. Item 8th I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Dewitt the following negro property viz Celia Mahala & Milo - Item 9th I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane Dewitt the following negro property, viz, Lee & Marcia - Item 10th I will and bequeath to my son Jacob Dewitt the following negros viz Harry & Isaac also lot or fraction C of section number also lot or subdivision No Lot or subdivision No in section eighteen Township twelve and range three East Containing one hundred and seventy one 100 acres all lying in Demopolis and district - Item 11th I will and bequeath unto my son Percy Dewitt the following negros viz: Lyddon and Rosa - Item 12th I will and bequeath unto my son Martin Dewitt the following negros (viz) Malinda Thomas and Eveline - Item 13th I will and bequeath to my son James Dewitt the following negros, viz, Beaulieu, Ned and Rhoda Item 14th I will that all my just debts be paid - Item 15th I also will and bequeath to my son Sutton Dewitt two notes of hand on Williams Tarver one for one thousand Dollars due the first of January 1840 the other for one hundred dollars due the first of January 1841 out of the two notes Sutton Dewitt is to pay two hundred dollars in the liquidation of a note for whom I stood J. Pamelia County which is now in suit in this County which amount of three hundred dollars I Give to him over then the rest of my Children - Item 16th I wish all my property that I have Given to my Eight Children namely, Sutton Eleanor, Elizabeth, Jane Jacob Percy, Martin, and James Valued agreable to Law and the balance of my property to make each one share equal of the Last named Eight Children, I am Entirely opposed to the negros which I have Given away and I wish them to remain on the plantation and the just proceeds of the Crops equally paid amongst them of the Children who hold property on the plantation that of the Children that may become of age at that my many I wish and will for them to draw their shares as from time to time - It is my will that when my Executor becomes of age that my Land where I am now Living &

If in this my last will testament I my wife Ann Dewitt should survive my dear husband Martin Dewitt then I request that my wife should have my dear children Sutton Eleanor Elizabeth Jane Jacob Percy Martin & James all my property and effects equally which has not been otherwise disposed of in the foregoing Items in this my last will and testament - It is also my will and request that the property which I have willed to my three daughters Eleanor Elizabeth and Jane I have given to them for the special benefit of them and their heirs of their bodies and not to pay the debts of their husbands which was contracted before their marriage or that may be contracted their husbands my Executor after marriage and for their protection I hereby appoint my son Sutton Dewitt their special Executor and agent - I also nominate and appoint my trusty friend Thomas C. Sullivan and Sutton Dewitt of the County and State aforesaid my Lawful Executors to manage my property and minor children and to see that they share and share alike upon the same trust and conditions as above specified In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of August AD 1840 - Martin Dewitt (his mark) Signed sealed published and declared by the said Martin Dewitt in the presence of us who in the presence of testator and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses at the request of the said testator - Gilbert Abeal, Andrew Dealton, Clinton Drinkard -

State of Alabama } Be it remembered that at the Orphans Court of said County the Executors of an Orphans Court December 7th 1840 -
Marengo County } This day came Sutton Dewitt and made application to prove the last will and testament of Martin Dewitt late of said County deceased and then being no Executor in the Probate of the same and Gilbert Abeal Clinton Drinkard and Andrew Dealton the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn in due form of Law do testify and say on their oath that they saw the said Andrew Martin Dewitt sign and seal the foregoing instrument and publish the same as his last will and testament and that they subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Martin Dewitt and they further testify and say on oath that the said Martin Dewitt was fully rational and of sound mind and memory at that time - It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that the foregoing deed will of the said Martin Dewitt having been duly proved according to Law be recorded as filed -

Mary A. Glover Deceased Last will

Know all men by these presents that I Allen Glover of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama in consideration of the love and affection which I bear to and have for the following named persons I hereby give grant convey assign and deliver unto them and to each of them the following described property and effects to wit; - To my wife Mary A. Glover I hereby in addition to the property heretofore conveyed to her by deed give grant assign and convey to her and to her heirs and assigns forever all right or a third part of all my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to have and to hold to the said Mary A. Glover and to her heirs and assigns forever - To her and their sole and only proper use benefit & behoof - To my son Nicholas A. Glover I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth or a third part of all my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to have and to hold the same to him and to his heirs and assigns forever, To my daughter Sarah Ann the wife of Francis L. Goss I hereby

I Grant assign and convey one eighth or a certain part of my estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to her heirs in preference to the heirs of her husband and not to be sold or disposed of without the assent and convyance of my said daughter - To my daughter Abitheania Davenport the wife of Lewis H. Davenport I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth as a certain part of my estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to her heirs in preference to the heirs of her husband and not to be sold or disposed of without the assent and convyance of my said daughter - To my daughter Milley Jane Griffin the wife of Goodman G. Griffin I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth as a certain part of my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to her heirs in preference to the heirs of her husband and not to be sold or disposed of without the assent and convyance of my said daughter - To my son George Frederick Glover I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth as a certain part of all my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to have and to hold to him and to his heirs and assigns forever - To my daughter Ann Eunice Glover I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth as a certain part of all my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to the heirs of her body and only proper use benefit and behoof - To my daughter Laura Davenport Glover I hereby give grant assign and convey one eighth as a certain part of all my Estate both real and personal not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to the heirs of her body to her and their sole and only proper use benefit and behoof - To my grand daughter Mary Thompson I hereby give grant assign and convey the one fourth part of an equal part of share of my Estate both real and personal being the one fourth of an eighth part not heretofore or otherwise disposed of to her and to the heirs of her body and in the event of her dying without issue such part to revert to my Estate - The share of the said Mary Thompson to be made up by an equal abatement of the eight parts or shares hereinbefore conveyed by this instrument - To my wife Mary A. Glover and her three children Trust, George Allen and Laura I hereby give grant and convey all my household and Kitchen furniture, plantation tools and implements and Stock of provisions corn or lard and also my growing crop of the present Year with the use of the horses until the same is cultivated and Gathered - To my son George I hereby give grant and convey in addition to the property heretofore conveyed the quarter section of Land purchased of John H. Chisholm of Tuscaloosa and lying about four miles south of Demopolis, and also two hundred acres sections of Land situate in Township seventeen Range five, one adjoining Col Pearson and the other adjoining T. J. Greaves Land & to the Children of Thomas Nelson of Sumter County I hereby give grant assign and convey the half Quarter section of Land adjoining to or very near Rampt Mill in Sumter County I hereby except from this conveyance the Quarter section of Land owned by one and known as the Porter Quarter embracing a part of B. A. Glovers plantation - I also except from this conveyance all the Lands in the French grant and in Sumter county in which F. J. Lyon has an interest with me and I also except from it all the Lands interest by me for others or in any manner sold or contracted to be sold and I also except all the Lands owned by me in the State of Mississippi or in which I have an interest in partnership with others - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd June 1840. Allen Glover Seal

witness Thos Bedford, John R. Lamsuth, Edwin A. Glover -

The State of Alabama - Special Orphans Court for Clarke County in said State held at the court House of said county on this 14th day of December A.D. 1840 Angelo R. Monroe Judge of said court presiding - Personally came and appeared upon said Court Edwin A. Glover one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Instrument of writing agreed by Allen Glover who being duly sworn according to Law deposes and says that the foregoing and a instrument of writing was duly signed by Allen Glover on the day the same bears date, to wit: on the second day of June 1840 and that he this affiant subscribing his name thereto as a witness at the time of the signing of the same by Allen

the said Allen Glover and at his request - and that the other subscribing witness Thomas Bedford and John R. Lamsuth also subscribed the said Instrument as witnesses at the time aforesaid at the request of the said Allen Glover and in his presence in the presence of each other and also in the presence of this affiant and that the foregoing Instrument is and was agreed to and adopted by the said Allen Glover as a part of his last will and testament Executed and Signed by him at the same time the foregoing Instrument was signed and also witnessed by this affiant - Edwin A. Glover. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 14th December 1840 - Thomas I. Bragg Clerk -

Will

I Allen Glover of the county of Marengo and state of Alabama do make and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following. First. Having by deed of Gift bearing date this day disposed of most of my Estate property and effects I proceed now to arrange provide for and dispose of such matters as may not be embraced by the deed aforesaid - This is the first place my will and desire that any debt or debts I may justly owe be at once paid and satisfied. I have dealt Differently in Lands. In many cases my bonds are out conditioned to make title to real Estate when the purchase money is paid - To enable my Executors herein after named to carry into effect all contracts made by me for the sale of Lands I hereby give and devise unto Williamson A. Glover, F. J. Lyon and B. W. Glover all and every tract or parcel of Land now owned by me and standing in my name and which and which I may have sold or contracted to any person or persons whatever - This devise is made in Trust however and the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered upon receiving payment for said Lands so Sold or contracted away to make a conveyance of the same to the purchaser or purchasers as fully in every respect as I could do - and in the event that any person or persons who may have contracted with me for real Estate shall be or become insolvent & unable to pay the purchase money then and in that event my said Executors are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of any such Lands or real Estate in any manner they may think proper - I also hereby authorize and empower my said Executors herein after named to sell and dispose of any and all Lands owned by me in the French Grant or in Sumter in which Francis J. Lyon has an Interest upon such terms and for such price as they may deem best and to divide the money according to a written Contract with the said Lyon the share or portion coming to me to be divided as directed by the deed of Gift before referred to - and to enable my said Executors to convey said Lands, I hereby give and devise all my right title and Interest in the same unto Williamson A. Glover F. J. Lyon & B. W. Glover - I also hereby give and devise unto my said Executors in Trust as aforesaid all the Lands owned by me in the State of Mississippi either in my own right or in right of some partnership with others with power and authority to sell and dispose of the same upon such terms as they may think proper and to convey the title thereto, the proceeds to be divided as provided in the deed of Gift aforesaid - Having loaned my son William my crop of Cotton of the present Year amounting to about one Hundred & Fifty bales at 8 Cents per pound my Executors herein after named are directed upon ascertaining the weight of the same to take his note for the proceeds and to account the same with Legal Interest from his share or part of my Estate as conveyed by the deed of Gift before referred to - It is my will & desire that the Cash on hand be paid over to Dr. G. G. Griffin and his receipt or note taken for the Amount to be deducted, with Interest from his wife's share of my Estate as conveyed by the said Gift before referred to - I give and devise unto Francis J. Lyon my half or share in the section of Land on which the claim of David H. Mell was located being the 16th Section near Chatalouch in Mississippi - This devise is made in Consideration of his services in procuring titles to the same my Land under the Chatalouch claim. I authorize and direct my Executors to deliver up to Dr. James M. Davenport Lewis H. Williamson his note & one and to take his note in lieu thereof to be deducted from his share or portion of my Estate as conveyed by the deed of Gift before referred to - I release William H. Booth from the payment of any note or notes he may have Executed to me for the rent of Land and request my Executors only to collect from him the debt or debts due me leaving out the rent of the Land - I hereby nominate and appoint Williamson A. Glover F. J. Lyon & B. W. Glover Executors of this my Last will

will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made - witness my hand seal this second of June 1840 - Allen Glover (Seal)
witness Thos Buford - John R. Lambeth - Edwin A. Glover -
In the foregoing will I have referred to a deed bearing even date with the will towit:
2nd June 1840 and which is witnessed by Thomas Buford John R. Lambeth and Edwin A. Glover by which said deed of Gift I dispose of most of my Estate, now if in consequence of the property conveyed by said deed not being devised and formally delivered or from any other cause It should be held or determined that said deed of Gift is not legal and valid as a deed of Gift then I hereby adopt and declare the same and every part and provision thereof, as a part of this my last will and testament - witness my hand and seal this fourth day of may 1840 - Allen Glover (Seal) witness
G. Gaither, Wm. H Lyon, Jno. G. Vary -

The state of Alabama - Special orphans court for Marengo County holden at the court House for said County on the 14th day of December 1840 - Angus R. Morison Judge of said court presiding - Personally came and appeared in open court Edwin A. Glover one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Allen Glover deceased who being duly sworn deposes and says that the foregoing Instrument was duly signed and Executed by Allen Glover now deceased as his last will and testament on the day the same bears date to wit; on the second day of June 1840, and this affiant at the time of the Execution of the same and at the request of the said Allen Glover signed his name thereto as a witness in presence of the said Allen Glover and also in presence of Thomas Buford and John R. Lambeth the other subscribing witnesses thereto and that the said Thomas Buford and John R. Lambeth subscribed their names as witnesses to said will at the time of the Execution of the same by the said Allen Glover in presence of the said Allen Glover, of each other and of this affiant, This affiant further says that at the time of the Execution of the said will by the said Allen Glover as aforesaid the said Allen Glover was of sound and disposing mind and memory - Edwin A. Glover, - sworn to and subscribed in open court this 14th December 1840 Thomas J. Woolf Clerk

The state of Alabama - Special Orphans court for Marengo County holden at the Court House of said county on the 14th day of December 1840 Angus R. Morison Judge of said court presiding - Personally came and appeared in open court William H. Lyon one of the subscribing witnesses to the codicil or addition to the foregoing will of Allen Glover now deceased who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that the foregoing addition or codicil to the will of Allen Glover now deceased was signed and Executed by the said Allen Glover as an addition or codicil to the last will and testament of the said Allen Glover on the 4th day of June 1840 - and that he this affiant at the time of the Execution and signing of the same by the said Allen Glover as an addition to his will as aforesaid and at the request of and in presence of the said Allen Glover signed his name thereto as a witness - and that Ernest Gaither and John G. Vary the other subscribing witnesses to said addition or codicil subscribed the same as witnesses at the time of the signing of the same by the said Allen Glover in presence of the said Allen Glover of each other and of this affiant and that the said Allen Glover was at the time of signing and Executing said codicil or addition to his will of sound and same mind - This affiant further says that the date "the 4th of May 1840" [illegible] to said [illegible] by mistake and that the same was In fact signed and Executed by the said Allen Glover as aforesaid on the fourth day of June 1840 instead of the 4th of May 1840 -
(signed) W. H. Lyon
sworn to and subscribed in open court this 14th December 1840 -
Thomas J. Woolf Clerk

The state of Alabama } Special orphans court for said county holden at the court House at Linden Marengo County } on this 14th day of December 1840 Angus R. Morison Judge of said court presiding - This day came & appeared in open court Francis S. Lyon Williamson A. Glover and Benjamin R. Glover and produced an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Allen Glover deceased and applied for the probate of the same - and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Mary A. Glover the widow and relict of the said Allen Glover deceased has waived in writing any citation or notice of the application for the probate of the will aforesaid - whereupon came Edwin A. Glover one of the subscribing witnesses to the said will and to the deed or Instrument therein referred to and adopted as part of the same who being duly sworn in open court testified on oath that the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Allen Glover produced as aforesaid and dated on the second day of June 1840 - was signed sealed published and declared by the said Allen Glover as his last will on the day of the date thereof in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto and also that the deed or Instrument annexed to said will and bearing even date therewith was Executed by the said Allen Glover at the time the same bears date as stated by him in his written affidavit annexed to said Instrument sworn to in open court. William H Lyon was then Introduced as a witness who stated on oath that the addition or codicil annexed to the said Instrument purporting to be the will of the said Allen Glover was signed sealed and declared by him as a part of his last will and testament on the 4th day of June 1840 - In his presence and In presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto as stated by him in his affidavit sworn to in open court annexed to said will - It is therefore ordered by the court that the will aforesaid of the said Allen Glover deceased proved as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will and testament of the said Allen Glover - and that Letters testamentary do issue thereon to Williamson A. Glover Francis S. Lyon and Benjamin R. Glover the Executors therein named and appointed upon their giving bond with good security in the penal sum of $400.000 Dollars conditioned as required by law and taking the necessary oaths of office -

Estate of Sampson Samuels deceased (Last will)

That I Sampson Samuels of the county of Marengo and state of Alabama being of sound mind and memory but of feeble health and mindful of my approaching dissolution do make and ordain this my last will and testament towit - 1st I give unto my wife Patience Samuels and my son Thomas Henry Leland Samuels all the property I have to be equally divided between them after paying my Just debts - article 2nd - If my son Thomas Henry Leland should die before he arrives at lawful age then the property all to go to my wife Patience Samuels provided he has no lawful issue - Ar. 3rd The property so left shall be at the disposal of my wife Patience Samuels to do with as she may think proper. Lastly I ordain and appoint my two Brothers in law Leland Trippe and Henry Trippe my Executors to this my last will In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Eleventh day of July AD one thousand Eight hundred and forty. Sampson Samuels In presence of Richd Wooten, A W. Selman and Allen Hardy -

At a regular term of the County court of Marengo County begun and held at the court House In Linden on the first monday and second day of October in the year AD 1840 - Hon Angus R. Morison Judge of our said court presiding - This day came Leland Trippe and made application to prove the last will and testament of Sampson Samuels deceased and there being no resistance to the probate thereof and Richd Wooten one of the subscribing witnesses to the Instrument purporting to be the will aforesaid being now sworn in due form of law doth testify and give evidence on his oath that he saw the said Sampson Samuels sign seal and publish the said Instrument as his last will and testament and that he subscribed his name as a witness to the same in the presence of and at the request of the said Samuels and in the presence of A. W. Selman and Allen Hardy the other subscribing witnesses to the same, and the said Richard Wooten further says on oath that the said Sampson Samuels was fully rational and of sound disposing mind

at the time of signing the same
and ordered it is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that the said
will of the said Compton Campson Counsels be recorded on the Records of this Court
as the Last will and testament of the said Campson deceased—

The State of Alabama — In the name of God amen — I James Mathes of
Marengo County and State aforesaid do make and publish this as and for my Last
will and testament in manner and form following (Viz) 1st I lend to my wife
Jane Mathes for and during the term of her natural life only the House and
plantation where I now live, Hogs, Cattle and sheep, all my plantation tools &
Waggon and also all my household and kitchen furniture and at the death of my
said wife Jane Mathes it is my will that the said Stock of all Kinds, plantation
tools and furniture above mentioned be sold by my executor on such terms as he
may think most advantageous to my estate and the proceeds of such sale, to be
equally divided among such of my children as may be living at the death of
my said wife — 2nd I Give and bequeath to my wife Jane Mathes my negro
Girl Harriet to be disposed of in such manner as she may think proper
3rd I Lend to my daughter Jane Doss for and during the term of her natural
life my negro Boy Berry and at the death of the said Jane Doss, I give the
said boy Berry to the heirs of the body of the said Jane Doss who may survive
her. but in case the said Jane should die Leaving no issue then I Give and
bequeath said boy Berry to such of my children as may be living at the death of
said Jane Doss
4th I Lend to my daughter Elizabeth Garrett for and during the term of her natural
life my two negro boys Jack and Ben on Condition that she pay to my executor
the sum of two hundred Dollars and at the death of my said daughter I Give and
bequeath said negroes Jack and Ben to the heirs of the body of said Elizabeth who may
survive her but in case the said Elizabeth die leaving no issue then I Give and
bequeath said negroes Jack and Ben to such of my Children as may be living at her
death — 5th I Lend to my son John Mathes for and during the term of his natural life
my negro Boy Sem and at the death of said John, I Give said negro Boy Sem to such
of the children of said John as may survive him, but in case said John should die
Leaving no children, then I Give said negro Sem to such of my children as may be
living at his death — 6th I Lend to my son Ebenezer Mathes for and during the
term of his natural life my negro Boy Albert on Condition that he pay to my
executor the sum of one hundred Dollars and at the death of said Ebenezer I Give said
boy Albert to such of the Children of said Ebenezer as may survive him. But in case
said Ebenezer should die leaving no Children or child then I Give said boy Albert to
such of my children as may be living at his death
7th I Lend to my daughter Margaret Ann Cowan for and during the term of her natural
life my negro boy Alick and at the death of said Margaret Ann I Give said boy
Alick to the heirs of the body of said Margaret Ann who may be living at her
death but in case said Margaret should leaving no issue then I Give said negro Alick
to such of my children as may be living at her death
8th I Lend to my daughter Caroline Brackenridge my negro woman Hannah and at
the death of my said daughter I give said negro Hannah to the heirs of the body of
said Caroline who may survive her. But should said Caroline die Leaving no issue
then I Give said negro Hannah to such of my children as may be living at her
death — 9th I Give and bequeath to the children of my deceased daughter
Mary Jane the sum of Six hundred Dollars to be equally divided between them
as they severally attain the age of twenty one Years. 10 — I Give and bequeath
to my niece Elizabeth Cunningham the sum of one hundred Dollars, I Give
and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Ann Cowan one hundred Dollars
12th It is my will and desire that in case the negro woman Hannah whom

I have loaned to my daughter Caroline should have no child previous to my
death that my Executor pay to said Caroline one hundred Dollars in order to make
her portion of my Estate as near equal to my other children as I can be
And Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son John Mathes Executor to
this my Last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at
any time heretofore make — In Testimony whereof I the said James Mathes
have hereto affixed my hand and seal this fourteenth day March in the
Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty — (Signed) James Mathes (Seal)
signed sealed and published by the said James Mathes as and for his Last will and
Testament in our presence who at his request have witnessed the same
Andrew J. Ross — Thomas J. Ross, Richard Brackenridge J.P.

Benjamin Lockett's Last Will

I Benjamin Lockett of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being
at present of feeble health, but of sound mind and disposing memory
do publish and declare my Last will and Testament in manner and
form following to wit — 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid
2nd I firstly will, desire, and bequeath all my Estate both real and personal after the
payment of my just debts to the following named persons as Trustees for the uses, purposes,
Trusts and objects hereinafter expressed and specified that is to say — I bequeath to
Clement Mosely in Trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Evaline Mosely the wife of
James A. Mosely, to her and the heirs of her body the following described Slaves to wit
a woman named Lucky and her children, Harriet, Susannah, Caleb, Caroline and
Matthias. the remainder of my Estate both real and personal, I hereby will devise
and bequeath in Trust to Thomas Hemfield and Francis F. Lyon to be by them equally and
justly divided share and share alike among my wife and children now living
deducting the advancements from the share of Caroline Mosely the value of the Negroes
herein specifically bequeathed in Trust for her benefit, and in making such
division it is my will and desire that my Slaves be divided in families as nearly
as possible so as to let the different families go together, it is moreover my
will and desire that the said Trustees when such division of my Estate shall be
made, permit such of my children as may be married to take possession of &
use control and enjoy the benefit and income of the share or part of my Estate
set apart for the use and benefit of such married child, the said Trustees
retaining the Legal title to said Estate so as to prevent any sale or waste of the same
and such part of my Estate as may be set apart for the benefit of my wife
and such of my children as may be unmarried I wish to be kept and worked
together for the benefit and support of my family so long as my wife may live
or my children may remain unmarried; the said Trustees being authorised whenever
any of my children may marry to permit such married child to take possession
& enjoy the use and benefit and profits arising from one share of my Estate
as aforesaid, And upon the death of my wife it is my will and desire that the
part or share of my Estate set apart for her benefit be held in Trust as aforesaid
for the benefit of my youngest son Benjamin F. Lockett. In making the division
herein authorised it is my wish that the Orphans Court appoint commissioners
for the purpose as is usual in the division of Estates. I appoint as my Executors
Thomas Hemfield and F. Lyon and revoke all other wills by me heretofore
made witness my hand and seal 15th December 1840. Benj. Lockett (Seal)
Witness J. Kirkbey W. H. Lyon, F. F. Lyon

Wm W. Cox Nuncupative Will —

Memorandum. That whereas on or about the 12 day of July A.D. one
thousand Eight hundred and forty, John W. Cox of the County of Marengo
and State of Alabama being of the sickness which he died on or

about the day following and that he being of sound mind & sensible of his approaching dissolution did at the residence of his Brother Joseph H Box in being his place of residence, make and declare his Last will and Testament nuncupative, in these words to the Effect following, that my just debts and all Charges be paid out of my Estate and the residue including all the right title interest and claim I have in and to any real or personal property whatsoever I live and devise unto my beloved Sister Eleanor S. McBee the wife of William L. McBee and to Her children, to be to them and to their heirs forever and and for their separate use and maintainance, the same not to Liable for the debts of any person or persons whatever, the above last will and Testament or words to that effect, was spoken and declared by John H Box who being of sane mind a few hours before he died in the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereunto subscribed with an intention that the same should stand for and be his last will and Testament and the the said John H Box did the witnesses bear witness thereto, this the fifth day of December Anno Domini one Thousand Eight hundred and forty Witness E B Adams.

State of Alabama Marengo County } Before me James A Young Judge of the County Court of said County, came Elisha B Adams who being first sworn makes oath and says that he was present sometime on the day previous to the death of John H Box late of said County and heard him declare in substance as stated in the within his Last will and Testament, that he believes said deceased was of sound mind and disposing ~~memory~~ understanding, and that the within instrument to the best of his belief contains a full and accurate Statement of the wishes of said deceased as to the disposition he desired should be made of his Estate as expressed at the time above stated and said deponent further declares that he knows of no other will or Testament of said deceased, deponent further States that James R Jones was at the believes present and heard the same Expressions made by said deceased (Signed) E B Adams, Sworne to and subscribed before me 1st day of February 1841 (Signed) Jas. A Young M.C.C.

State of Alabama } Before me James A Young, Judge of the County Court of Marengo County } said County, came James R Jones who being first duly sworn makes oath and says that he was present and heard John H Box late of said County now deceased on the days previous to his death declare his wishes as to the disposition of his property as in substance stated in the within instrument and that he desired the same to be considered as his Last will and Testament, and deponent further sayeth that said deceased was of sound mind and disposing understanding, deponent further sayeth to the best of his recollection Dr Elisha B. Adams as well as several other persons was present and heard the same Expression of his wishes made by said deceased on the same day (Signed) James R Jones, Sworne to and subscribed before me this 1st Feby 1841 James A Young Judge M.C.C.

Abner W. Ivey & wife } In the name of God Amen I Mary A Vautier of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo of sound mind memory and understanding knowing the uncertainty of Life and the certainty of death do after recommending my soul to the author of its existence and my body to its mother earth in a decent burial make ordain and declare this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following viz:- In the first place I desire that all my just debts and funeral Expenses be Paid 2nd I give & bequeath to William R Vautier, Grace and Lucy Ann Conveyed choice be first paying to Clarissa A Vautier one hundred dollars. 3rd I give and bequeath to Cornelius A Vautier two negro Wench Elvira be paying or securing to be paid to my Grand Daughter Margaret Ivey Vautier on or before the first day

of January eight hundred and forty three or in two years after my death the sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars 4th I give and bequeath unto Clarissa A Vautier one bed and furniture, one hundred dollars to be raised of William R Vautier and one mule, four together with all the increase also one Small Trunk 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary A Vautier one negro man old Tom one Cow called Maitte together with the increase and one Large Trunk 6th I give and bequeath unto Wade A Vautier Fifty dollars the Proceeds of the hire of old man Tom which will be due on the first day of January next also twenty five dollars that I desire William R Vautier and twenty five dollars that I desire Cornelius A Vautier to pay him at the same time And 7th And Lastly I make ordain constitute and appoint my friend James A Hart the sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament declaring all others to be null and void signed sealed and acknowledged the 22nd day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one. Mary A[illegible] Vautier (seal) In Presence of Sarah J Hunter Mary[illegible] Wm R Vautier Wm H Vautier.

Peter R. Gunn Last Will } In the name of God amen I Peter R. Gunn of Marengo county and State of Alabama being in a delicate State of health but of perfect sense mind & memory do make and constitute this my Last will and testament, as follows, viz: In the first place all my Just debts are to be paid as Soon as practicable or convenient out of such means as I may have or the proceeds arising which I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Makala H. Gunn all my property effects and Estate both real and personal consisting of Lands in Alabama and Mississippi together with the improvements to the undivided Interest in any lands of which I am part owner also all the negroes, stock of every description and all debts or moneys due or owing to me at the time of my decease I further nominate and appoint her the said Makala H my Executrix Robert B. Gunn & William King Executors and after paying my debts as above directed the said Makala H. to retain the residue of said property and effects in fee simple for ever in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and forty. The Executors names Interlined before Signing - Peter R Gunn (Seal) Signed and sealed in presence of Saml W. Carter Thomas Anderson, T. C. Erskine - Probate recorded on minute Book B. page 90. orphans Court.

Asa Bishop Last Will } In the name of God Amen - I Asa Bishop of Marengo County in the State of Alabama residing on Double Beek being of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body I do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills - that is first of all I give my soul unto the hands of God who gave it to me and my body to be buried by my Executors and as for such worldly goods as it has pleased God for me to be possessed of as follows viz Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Sons, William T Bishop, Robert Bishop Asa Bishop and Clifford Bishop heirs of my son John A Bishop late of Marengo County now deceased the following described land (to wit) the East of land on which I now live, the first Lot on the North Side to Commence and run two hundred and seventy five yards South, and one mile from East to West Containing one hundred acres I also give and bequeath to the above named heirs of my son John A Bishop (deceased as aforesaid) my negro man Simon Steadly - I give and bequeath to my Grand son Bishop Bedford son of my daughter Polly Bedford after the Natural death of his parents my Second Lot of land lying South of the above described Lot Line forming a Line

hundred and seventy five yards wide from North to South and one mile long from East to West containing five hundred acres I also give to my daughter Polly Fulford one thousand dollars in money, thirdly- I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Allen Styron son of my daughter Esther Styron after the natural death of his parents my thirty Lot of land joining the last described Lot and lying South of it being Two hundred and Seventy five yards wide from North to South and one mile long from East to West containing one hundred acres and my negro man Daniel I also give to my daughter Esther Styron five hundred dollars in money fourthly- I give and bequeath to my Grand son Wallace Willis son of my daughter Sarah Willis (after the natural death of his parents) my fourth Lot of land joining the last named Lot and lying South of it being Two hundred and seventy five yards wide from North to South and one mile long from East to West containing one hundred acres I also give and bequeath to my Grandson Josephus Willis (son of my daughter Sarah Willis after the Natural death of his parents) my negro Boy James - Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my Grand son Francis Nelson son of my daughter Elizabeth Nelson after the Natural death of his parents my fifth Lot of land joining the last described Lot and lying South of it three hundred and Two yards wide from North to South and one mile long from East to West containing one hundred and ten acres - And also my negro Boy Thomas. Sixthly - I give and bequeath to my Grandson John B Robinson son of my daughter Rebecca Robinson after the natural death of his parents my sixth Lot of land joining the last described lot and lying South of it being Three hundred and Fifty Eight yards wide from North to South and one mile long from East to West containing one hundred and thirty acres I also give to my daughter Rebecca Robinson Eight hundred dollars in money I further give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Brittania Robinson daughter of Rebecca Robinson Two hundred dollars for the particular care and attention which she has given to her mother - Seventhly - My negro Boy Stephen son of my woman Mary I wish to be bound by my Executors to Elijah Willis to be learnt the Blacksmiths trade or the art of making Waggons and to be learnt to read in the new Testament and in case of his Death to his son John E Willis until he arrives at the age of twenty-two and at that time I - Emancipate and give him his freedom to be free from the claim or claims of any and all persons whatsoever and I wish my Executors to give him a certificate of his freedom at that time for his uncommon attachment towards me and I further wish for all of my children to aid him in obtaining his freedom - Eighthly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Sufton living in North Carolina my old Negro man Kitt and all of the land I own in that State Ninthly I devise that all of my property not mentioned and devised in this will should be sold upon a credit of twelve months for the purpose of raising the money I which I have willed to my daughter Polly Fulford and Esther Styron and my grand daughter Brittania Robinson daughter of Rebecca Robinson as aforesaid and if the residue of my property which I have not devised by this will does not a suff money to pay the several sums mentioned after all being sold as aforesaid then a proportionable part shall be paid by each of my children who has received their part in property in the line of money but in case the property which is not devised by will and left to be Sold should bring more than a suff to pay the several sums mentioned in this will then and in that case it is to be equally divided amongst my Children - Tenthly If Either of my children who I have given money to in the place of property wishes to take my Negroes or Mumbia at a valuation of five hundred Dollars in the place of the money they

can do so and if not I leave her to be sold with the rest of my property not specified in this will I wish my Children who I have given my Slaves to treat them with humanity and to allow to them half of every Saturday to work for themselves as I have always done I do here by constitute and appoint my sonin law Clifford Fulford and my grand sons John E Willis and John B Robinson my Executors to this my last will and testament I further constitute and appoint my sonin law Thomas Nelson as one of my Executors to this my last will and testament July 25th A.D. 1845 - Asa Bishop (Seal) Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of John B Robinson Elias Sobel Anson Norris

James C Langhorn's Will

I James C Langhorn being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this World whenever it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in the manner following (that is to say) In the first place having rendered certain services to the firm of Nandel Dick of New Orleans I only wish to be remunerated for the services rendered and any property in my hands or possession over and above a fair and just equivalent for my services I wish restored to them. Secondly I do give and bequeath to my Mother Catherine Langhorn and to her heirs for ever all my estate both real and personal either now in my possession or which may hereafter come into the possession of my administrators or executors and do hereby appoint my Father William Langhorn as trustee to carry into effect the above I hearby appoint Henry A Taylor & S H Miller Executors of this my last will and testament - In witness whereof I set C Langhorne have to this my will consisting of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this the third day of July Eighteen hundred and forty one James C Langhorne (Seal) - Signed sealed published and declared by the above mentioned James C Langhorne as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto John Taylor Hey A A Reese Henry S Hey.

Polly Glover's Last Will

The State of Alabama Marengo County - In the name of God Amen I Polly Glover of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory and being desirous to dispose of my property which make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me made Item 1st I give and bequeathe unto my Son John O Glover and to his heirs forever my negro man Slave named Mark and my woman Slave named Ginny - Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Glover and to his heirs forever my negro man Slave named Ronald - Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Willy Glover (Daughter of my son Benjamin Glover and to the heirs of her body forever my negro girl slave named Sarah ann and the future increase of the said female slave - Item 4th - I give and bequeath unto my grandson John F Glover (son of my son Benjamin Glover) and to the heirs of his body forever my negro Girl slave named Augusta and the future increase of the said female Slave Item 5th I give and grant bequeath unto my granddaughter Sarah Ann Glover (Daughter of my son Benjamin Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever my negro girl slave named Violet and the future increase of the said female slave Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth B H Glover (Daughter of my son John O Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever my negro Woman Slave named Nancy my negro man slave named Robert my negro boy slave named Lewis and my negro girl slave named Margaret and the future increase of the said

female slave — Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my [illegible] daughter Lilly B. Glover (Daughter of my son John O. Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever the following negro Slaves town Alfred. Lizett. Harriott. amelia. Moses. and Mitchelle and the future as well as the present increase of the said female slaves Item 8th I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Caroline O. Glover (Daughter of my son John O. Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever the following named negroes (town) Wesley. Eliza. and Adelia and the future increase of the said female slaves —

Item 9th I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Martha Ann Glover (Daughter of my son John O. Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever the following named negroes (town) Franklin and Rebecca and the present and future increase of the said female slaves Item 10th I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sarah A. Glover (Daughter of my son John O. Glover) and to the heirs of her body forever the following named slaves town, Abram & John. Item 11th I give and bequeath unto my great grand son Edward. Frances. Hobson and Elanda Annette Hobson. (son of my grand Daughter Mary O. Glover and Daughter of my son John O. Glover and wife of A. H. Hobson) and to their heirs forever the following named negros (To wit) Cary Antony alias Antony junior Hanah and Mary Ann and her child and future increase of the said female slaves Item 12th I give and grant & bequeath unto my great grand son William Shields (son of my grand son John J. Shields Deceased) my negro slave named Ebenezer but should the said William Shields die before Marriage or his arriveing at the age of Twenty one years then and in that case I give & bequeath the said negro Ebenezer to the children of my son John O. Glover Item 13th I give and bequeath unto my great grand son John J. Shields (son of my grand son John J. Shields decd) my negro slave Jim but should the said John J. Shields die before Marriage or his arriveing at the age of Twenty one years then in that case I give and bequeath the said negro Jim to the Children of my son John O. Glover — Item 14th I give and bequeath unto my great grand Son Son Benjamin J. Shields (son of my grand son John J. Shields deceased) my female slave named Emily but Should the said Benjamin J. Shields die before Marriage or arriveing at the age of twenty one years then & in that case I give and bequeath unto the said female slave & future increase unto the children of my Son John O. Glover Item 15th I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Benjamin G. Shields (Son of my Son in law Emanuel B. Shields deceased) for and during the time of his natural life & then to the heirs of his body forever Lawrinsky Leighton the following named negro Slaves town Jeff. Antony, alias Antony. Linion Feller. Clary Tobby and Matilda and the future increase of the said female Slaves above mentioned unto the said heirs of the said Benjamin G. Shields but should the said Benj. G. Shields die without leaveing any Child living at the time of his death then and in that case it is my will and desire and I do hereby on the happening of the last mentioned event give and bequeath the above named negroes slaves with their future increase unto the the Children of my son John O. Glover

Item 16th I further will and devise that my land remain unsold in the case of my Executor so long as my son John O. Glover and Elizabeth Glover his wife or either of them shall live as a home and farme for them and children & that upon the death of both the said John O. Glover and Elizabeth his wife my Executor shall proceed by advertisement to sell at public auction all my real estate lying in Marengo County to the highest bidder either for cash or on time with a majority of the Children of my son John O. Glover who may be of at the time may request in writing but should my son John O. Glover think it better for the interest of his children to sell said land at any time during his lifetime and shall signify the same to my Executor he shall proceed to sell the same at private if my son & Executor can agree upon the price & terms but if they cannot agree then my Executor shall proceed to sell the said land at public auction to the highest bidder — for either cash or on time as my said son my direct and the proceeds arising from the sale of the said land whenever sold I give & bequeath unto the children of my son John O. Glover to be equally divided among them as in the manner of decent by the statutes of this State —

Item 17th and in like manner I will and desire that all my stock of cattle hogs sheep horse House hold and Kitchen furniture Waggon Carriage & farming tools with all other the personal property which may belong to me at the time of my death and not mentioned and heretofore disposed of in this will shall remain unsold and upon the said land for the use of the said farm and the family of my said son John O. Glover so long as the said land shall remain unsold unless my said son shall signify in writing to my said Executor that the same or any part thereof ought to be sold for the benefit of the children of the said John O. Glover in which case my Executor shall sell the same at private sale if my said son & Executor agree that the sale would be judicious but if they cannot agree then the sale shall be at auction either for cash or on time as my said son may direct & whenever my said son and Executor shall think it best to exchange any of the personal property under the 17th Item for other property which in their judgment would be better for the said Children my said Executor is hereby empowered to make the exchange and whenever they may agree that any of the said property ought to be sold & other property purchased for the said farm or for the said children my said Executor is hereby empowered to make such sale & such purchase and whenever the whole of said personal property or any part of it is sold & not reinvested by my said executor the same shall be equally divided among the children of my son John O. Glover — Item 18th It is my will and desire that my negro man Armstead not heretofore disposed by this will except in the general terms employed in Item 17th but from the operation of which Item & section it is my wish to except him & desire that my Executor shall keep the said Armstead on my said land and under the immediate guardianship & management of my son John O. Glover until his freedom can be procured by my said son my Executor but if his freedom cannot be obtained in Alabama he permission elsewhere & her permitted to [illegible] him and he is [illegible] the negro [illegible]

of the children of my son John O. Glover so long as my said son shall live and then I give and bequeath other the said man Armstead unto whichever of the said Children of my son John O. Glover the said Armstead shall choose and name to my Executor upon the death of my said son and my Executor upon being notified by Armstead of his choice shall immediately deliver the said Armstead to such child whose title to the same shall be complete upon such delivery which shall be made in writing by my said Executor

Item 19th — It is my will and desire that all cash on hand at the time of my death and all my Blacksmith & other accounts & notes of hand speedily shall be collected & constitute a fund for the payment of all my just debts and if there shall be any remainder it is my will that it shall be paid as funds possible in the way of defraying the expences of the administration on my Estate but if enough cannot be raised for the payment of my just debts from the above sources then I wish a portion of the proceeds of my crop to be applied to the payment of my debts until they are entirely discharged and payed

Item 20th — It is further my will and desire that the negroes herein willed to the remainder unmarried children of my son John O. Glover & others heretofore conveyed by deed of Trust by me to William J. Alstone for certain children of my son John O. Glover with any others they may acquire or any my son John O. Glover may acquire shall and may be kept together and worked and managed or caused to be worked & managed by my said Executor for the benefit of those to whom the said property belongs so long as the said Land may remain unsold and I hereby empower my Executor to pay over annually half the proceeds of the crop raised on the said farm in discharging the honest debts of my son John O. Glover contracted previous to the first day of May 1840 provided it dose not exceed fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars and that the proceeds of my present crop shall be used by my Executor to discharge my honest debts & the honest debts of the said John O. Glover as above specified and after the payment of the debts aforesaid the proceeds arising from the labor of the said negroes & farm annually may be laid out by my Executor with the consent of my said son or his Children if he be dead in the purchase of valuable property which will be productive and such property when purchased shall be subject to all the regulations & restrictions contained in this my will — and I hereby charge my Executor to deliver over to any of the children of my said son John O. Glover who may marry her or his property conveyed to her in this will with such other profits as may have acrued on her share at the time

Item 21st — It is further my will and desire that my Executor shall not be held accountable for any thing more in the management of the negroes & farm of my estate than what he shall actually receive of the proceeds of the farm & labor of hands thereon any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Item 22nd — [illegible] for the performance of carrying this my last will and testament [illegible]

My friend William J. Alston of Marengo county in the State of Alabama the Executor of this my last will and Testament

Item 23rd — In the profits arising from the farming to be carried on by virtue of this my will and in laying out the same as contemplated in Item 20th I wish the division of the profits to be made between the children of the said John O. Glover in proportion to the number and quantity of negroes or lands each one of said children may have on said farm and engaged in farming but in all cases the expences of the farm and the support of the said John O. Glover & family must be paid out of the proceeds of the crops annually In Item 11th the words and her child inter lined before signing = In Item 15th the word unto" erased in Item 16th the words for" and any" interlined in Item 17th the word property" interlined in Item 17th the word as" erased in & the words be paid & if interlined in Item 20th the word property interlined and in Item 21st the words of the negroes & farm interlined before signing this will In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand affix my seal on this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty

Polly Glover (Seal) signed sealed published & delivered in the presence of Jos. B. Holman Milton Ford Abel John

John E. Boddie last Will

Stone Ford

I John E. Boddie being of sound mine & memory but in feble health do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void forever wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows — First I direct that all my debts and furnal expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my Executors Also I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by them judicious neighbours appointed by the Court all my personal and perishable property & after being signed with their names that a copy of the same be recorded and other copies given by them to each of my Executors herein after to be named Second — I direct that all my stock furniture and all other perishable property not necessary in keeping up my plantations as herein after directed shall be sold upon such credits as my Executors may deem most advisable Third — To avoid the mistreatment and injury which negroes often receive by being scattered and hired out I direct that my Executors shall keep together all my negroes & all the property excepting that heretofore directed to be sold and keep up and carry on my two plantations in that manner which may seem to them most advisable & to the best interest of my children leaving it discretionary with them to unite both of plantations under the management of one overseer or keep them separate as they now are and to effectuate this my intention I do hereby vest in my Executors full power & authority to employ overseers to purchase and lay in all the necessary supplies and to reserve a sufficient amount of the monies which may come into their hands to defray the incidental and necessary expenses attendant upon the keeping up my plantations — I wish and direct my property to be kept together and my plantations carried on as above directed until my son Oliver being the oldest child arrives to the age of twenty

One years at which time I direct that all my property both real and personal of every description and kind and all the monies and notes which may be in the hands of my Executors at the time shall be equally divided share & share alike between my four Children Olivia B. Boddie Sydney S.P. Boddie Arabella C.A. Boddie and John E. Boddie the distributive share of my said son Olivia to be paid over and delivered to him & the distributive share of my other three children Sydney S.P. Arbella C.A.E. & John E Boddie to be paid over & delivered to their respective guardians or guardian & by them or them lum to be held & managed as the Law directs until they arrive at the age of twenty one years or Marry to be then paid over & delivered to them as in the case of my said Son Oliver. Fourth. I direct that my Executors shall be the Testamentary guardians of my four children & persons & estate until the final distribution of my Estate at which time they may suggest to the court suitable persons to be appointed as guardians for those younger Children to whom after their appointment and acceptance of the guardianship my Executors must pay over and deliver the respective share of each child as directed in the third and foregoing Clause of this my will — Fifth — As to the rent proceeds of the Crops which may grow upon my plantations I have at discretionary I with my Executors to loan them out upon good & undoubted security — to deposit them in some good & solvent Bank that will pay interest upon its deposits or to use them in that way that may seem to them most advisable & to the best interest of my children — Sixth — I direct that my Children shall be raised & educated agreeable to their circumstances in life Seventh I appoint my esteemed and worthy friends Allen Smith Sydney Smith Edmund Prince & Levi B Lane Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal This the 11th day of August in the year of our God one thousand eight hundred and forty one J. E. Boddie (Seal) Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other and the Testator Sydney Smith. W.B. Battle. John W. Hackworth —

Codicil — Whereas I John E. Boddie having made and duly Executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 11th day of August One Thousand Eight hundred and forty one Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a Codicil to my said will & direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and I do hereby revoke that part of the Fourth Clause of my said will which makes my Executors guardians of my four Children and do will and desire that my Brother in Law Dr. Sydney Smith shall have the tuition & guardianship of them during their minority & in case of his decease or renunciation I will that my Executors shall act as directed in the said Fourth Clause of my said will until the final distribution of my Estate I direct that my Executors shall from time to time pay over to the said Guardian Dr Smith such sums of money as he may deem necessary to defray the expenses of my Children and I desire him to keep separate accounts of the expences of each child that the accounts may be placed to their respective credits upon the final distribution of my Estate — Having as much or more confidence in the healthy location of my present residence than any other place in the neighborhood and believing that the health of my Children would be as well kept by residing at it I am desirous for Dr Smith the Guardian of my Children if he should concur with me in that opinion to take

possession & occupy my residence with the necessary enclosures & outbuildings attached thereto during the minority of my oldest child or during his guardianship — and I do I hereby authorize him to do so provided it meets his approbation and does not interfere with his own interest — I give to my daughter Arabella a trunk my silver pen & gold watch and to my three sons three of my best Trunks In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal to this Codicil written upon a separate sheet of paper this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one J. E. Boddie (Seal) signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other and the Testator Sydney Smith. W. B. Battle. J. W. Hackworth — Second Codicil — Whereas I John E. Boddie having made & duly Executed my last will & testament in writing bearing date the 11th day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty one — Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a second & supplemental Codicil to my said will and direct the same to be annexed thereto & taken as part thereof and I do hereby revoke the seventh Clause of my said will which appoints Allen Smith Sydney Smith Edward Prince and L. B. Lane Executors to my said & I do now appoint my worthy friend the above named Edward Prince sole Executor to Execute & carry out all the provisions of my said will In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal to this my second Codicil this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one J. E. Boddie (Seal) Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of Each other and the Testator Sydney Smith W. B. Battle. J. W. Hackworth —

Orphans Court for the County of Marengo & State of Alabama held at the Court House in Linden on the first Monday and fourth day of October in the year one thousand Eight Hundred & forty one — This day came Edward Prince & moved the Court that the written instrument be admitted as the last will and Testament of John E. Boddie dec. together with the Codicils thereunto annexed and Sydney Smith & John W. Hackworth two of the witnesses to said instrument having been duly sworn made oath & testified that they were present and saw the said John E. Boddie dec. sign seal and publish said instrument as his last will and Testament & that they signed the same in his presence on the day the same bears date and the said deponents further said that they were present and saw both the instruments annexed purporting to be Codicils & marked "Codicil and Codicil" signed sealed & delivered to be a part of the foregoing instrument as the last will & testament & that they signed the same at request in the presence of the said dec the said deponents further said that the said dec was of sane & disposing mind at the date & execution of said & all of said instruments & no person appearing to contest said instrument or object to their being admitted to probate It is therefore ordered that the said instrument purporting to be the last will & testament of John E. Boddie be admitted as such & enter of record It is further ordered that the two instruments annexed to said last will & purporting to be Codicils be admitted as such & entered of record it is also further ordered that Edward Prince named in Codicil B. as Executor of said & last will & testament have letters testamentary granted him upon the Est of said dec upon his complying with the requisitions of the Law [illegible]

J. H. Ray Last Will

I John H. Ray of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that all my debts and funeral expences be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate — I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Frances Ray all my negroes and their future increase — Viz — Mary Jack — Dinah — Lucy — Sam and Mary Jane — and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal and real Estate of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath to my said beloved Wife Frances — then is in the hands and possession of My Brother in Law John A. Smith some negroes which are called my wifes to which I have no legal title nor right to dispose of they never having come into my possession but to prevent any future difficulties that may arise in the event they shall be considered in my possession I now give and bequeath to my said Wife Frances all of said negroes and their increase together with all other property so considered to be in my possession — And I do hereby make and ordain My beloved Wife Frances Ray Executrix and my Esteemed friend and Brother in Law — I — John A. Smith Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight thousand and forty one J. H. Ray Signed Sealed and published & declared by the above named John H. Ray to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and each other Sydney Smith — E. S. Prince — Orphans Court for Marengo County held at Linden on the eighteenth day of October 1841 It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be entered of Record as the last will & Testament of John H. Ray deceased — James A. Abney Judge of Marengo County Court —

Thos G. Caldwell Deceased Last will and testament

In the name of God amen — I Thos G. Caldwell of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama and at this time being in the County of Sumter in the State of North Carolina in a weak and low state of health but at the same time enjoying a perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same do on this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord 1840 make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following Viz. First it is my will and desire to be decently Buried and my funeral expences and just debts to be first paid out of my money and notes and on account of the oppressive times I allow the balance of my notes to be put to Interest in safe hands and my lands which is in Marengo County in the State of Alabama to be by my Executor rented until such times as he can sell it for something near its value then for him to make the sale and the money arising from the sale together with the rest of my Estate to be divided in the following manner First I give and bequeath unto my Brother Anderson Caldwell one thousand dollars all my wearing apparel my Saddle and Saddle Bags — 2d I give and bequeath unto my Brother Anderson's son Thomas five hundred dollars and to the rest of his Children Edward, William, Augustus, Moses and Henry one hundred Dollars each the money I have bequeathed unto his Children is to be placed in the hands of their Father Anderson and by him put to Interest until they Come of age at which time they are to receive the same — also I will and bequeath unto Pinkney my Gold watch — 4th for the sum that Mary Featherstone has rendered to my deceased sister Margaret George Infant — Child I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Featherstone one hundred dollars 5th the balance of my Estate I will and bequeath unto the Children of my deceased sister Margaret George that may be living at the time of the division of my Estate take place to be divided between them share alike as I do not the exact number of Children nor all their names I allow Guardians to be Chosen for the Children and their shares put at Interest in the hands of their Guardians and of the Children wants Schooling to School them out of the same and to give each one their share as they Come of age Sixthly I hereby make and ordain My worthy friend William B. Davidson Executor of this my last will and Testament In Witness Whereof I set my hand and seal the day and year first written Thomas G. Caldwell (Seal) Signed sealed in the presence of Thos. Caldwell Wm. H. Hart Jurat

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State of North Carolina Iredell County I J. L. Alexander Clerk of the Court of pleas & Quarter sessions of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Last will and Testament of Thos. G. Caldwell as filed in my Office and that the above is a true Copy from the Records in my office In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office at Statesville this 2d day of June 1841 J. L. Alexander Clerk — State of North Carolina Iredell County I David B. Gaither presiding Magistrate of the Court of pleas & Quarter session for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that J. L. Alexander whose name appears to the above Certificate as Clerk is the acting Clerk of the Court of pleas & Quarter session for the County aforesaid duly Commissioned & Qualified according to Law and the signature purporting to be his is genuine and entitled to full Credit Given under my hand and private seal there being no public seal attached to my Office this 3d day of June 1841 D. B. Gaither (Seal) presiding Magistrate

Thirdly I Give and bequeath unto the Children of my deceased sister Dianna White three in number Sally, Mary & Pinkney one hundred dollars each to be placed in the hands of their Father Moses A. White and by him put to Interest until they Come of age at which time they are to receive the same — also I will and bequeath unto Pinkney my Gold watch — 4th for the sum that Mary Featherstone has rendered to my deceased sister Margaret George Infant — Child I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Featherstone one hundred dollars 5th the balance of my Estate I will and bequeath unto the Children of my deceased sister Margaret George that may be living at the time of the division of my Estate take place to be divided between them share alike as I do not the exact number of Children nor all their names I allow Guardians to be Chosen for the Children and their shares put at Interest in the hands of their Guardians and of the Children wants Schooling to School them out of the same and to give each one their share as they Come of age Sixthly I hereby make and ordain My worthy friend William B. Davidson Executor of this my Last will and Testament In Witness Whereof I set my hand and seal the day and year first written Thomas G. Caldwell (Seal) Signed sealed in the presence of Thos. Caldwell Wm. H. Hart Jurat

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James B. Kidman Last Will Deceased

I James B. Kidman of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being low in Bodily health but of Sound mind Do Knowing the uncertainty of Life and the certainty of Death do make and constitute this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former wills & Testaments — Article 1st I wish the Estate Kept together for the mutual benefit of all concerned while my Executors herein after named shall be making to pay all my just debts which I think can be done by the sum of the yearly rents

And forty one and my Executors are hereby charged with the absolute necessity of using every degree of economy and suffering no expences to accrue against the Estate that can be avoided — Article 3rd As soon as the above articles can be complied with that is the debts satisfactorily arranged I wish a division made in favour of my wife Elizabeth A Bodman agreable to the following specification 1st As for that portion of my Landed Estate I give and Bequeath to her all my Dower lands which I obtained by my intermarriage with her in Madison and Limestone Counties consisting of the following parcels of land three hundred and twenty acres in Madison and two hundred & fifty acres in Limestone County also my Dower interest in a parcel of Lots in the Town of Huntsville all their appurtenances thereunto belonging also my Dower Interest in the Madison Saw Mills and in addition I give and bequeath to her my pleasure Carriage with the equipments also the Carriage Horses known by name as Jerry Tom & a dun colour'd Mare and fourth of all my negro property that may be living at the time of the division but in the division it is expressly to be understood that in the allotments made after the commissioners are to be confined to the negroes obtained by my intermarriage with her and none other that is the whole of the negroes to be valued and one fourth of the valuation is to be allotted to her as above specified I further give and bequeath to my wife all the Beds and furniture together with all the other articles of house hold & kitchen by her as aforesaid my Estate is also to bear the expenses of removing my wife & her property back to the plantation which I have bequeathed to Madison Alice Article 3rd As soon as a division is made in favour of my wife as above directed the commissioners will proceed to value the whole of my Estate that may be left both real and personal in order to complete the portions I wish my sons James L and Jesse Bradley to have and in allotting out to them they are to be charged with all sums of Money all sums of money given by perquisites and property which I have obtained at prime cost dollars which he holds in copperplate Dan George is only to be charged with the sum of Seven hundred dollars (which he holds in copperplate) Dan George is only to be charged with the sum of Seven hundred dollars (which he holds in copperplate) to my son James Duguid and three thousand nine hundred dollars which I have paid for my son Jesse Bradley since he has been a College These sums of seven thousand and of three thousand five hundred dollars are to be added to the total amount of all my properties of every description that may be left after the allotment is made to my wife and they are to have an Equal portion with any other Children the respective sums above named to constitute a part Article 4th The commissioners are charged with the following express limitations in making the division that is that the present crop of Land on which I reside on contiguous three Quarter Sections is to be kept to be cultivated for the benefit of my youngest Children and that the Ballance that may be necessary to constitute an Equal portion for James Duguid and Jesse Bradley shall be taken from such other property of my Est as they may think most beneficial to the interest & Interest of the whole with this exception that is my negro woman Margaret and her Increase is not to be touched but reserved for the division that I wish ultimately to be made between my youngest Children — Article 5th Letter makeing the division to my wife and the divisions between my sons James Duguid and Jesse Bradley intermediately as well my other young Children collectively Should there be any more provision stock corn fodder or any other article to have more than will be proper and necessary to be kept on the plantation my Executors hereinafter named are authorized to sell the same either for Cash or Credit so as to apply the proceeds to any demands that may require money they rendering an account to the Court for such sales article 6th as my son Jesse Bradley has not completed the study of his profession and will require money he is to draw from the Estate for as much as is necessary but is to account for the same in a division he is further to supply outstanding debts as soon as the returns from Liverpool to arrive on my merchants in Mobile Messrs Leslie &

Sheppard for the purchase of an Eastern bill for whatever amount he may have borrowed in Virginia to enable him to get home which amount he is not to account for as I have already estimated the amount in the sums of Three thousand five hundred Dollars herein before mentioned Article 7th I do hereby appoint my sons James Duguid and Jesse Bradley my Sole & lawful Executors to this my last will & testament I wish my Son Bradley to settle all my business with the Estate of John B Sykes and the heirs & as this will may be troublesome & expensive I wish them paid a fair consideration for his services & his expences aside &c. so soon as either of my younger Children namely Bartlett Osborn Charlotte Julia & Elizabeth George comes of age or marries I wish an Equal division to take place between them but in the division of the negroes I wish Margarette and her increase to be allotted to my Daughter Charlotte Julia but her valuation to be accounted for in her portion but should my Daughter Charlotte Julia die before a division the said negro to be allotted to my son Bartlett Osborn upon the same condition should either of minor Children above named die before a division between them the portion that would have fallen to them the said to be equally divided amongst all my Children then living and lastly I wish my Son James Duguid be appointed Guardian for my Daughter Julia and to take Charge of her and my son Jesse Bradley be appointed Guardian for my son Bartlett Osborn & Daughter Elizabeth George but my wife is to have personal possession of my Daughter Elizabeth George so long as my wife may live but should she die while my daughter is a minor I wish her guardian immediately thereafter to remove her to the South to live with one of my sons I wish all my young Children to be educated as the proceeds of their Estate will allow the Guardian of my Daughter Elizabeth George is charged with the remittance of whatever money may be necessary for the support & education of my Daughter Elizabeth George & to make annual transmittance of the sums & take vouchers for it accordingly In witness whereof I have this day signed my name & affixed my seal to this will on the 13th day of August 1841 Jesse B Bodman [illegible] Interlined in line 12 from top on 4th page Bartlett Osborn also interlined in the 18th line from top same page Charlotte Before signing sealing and delivering to the Judge of the Court & witnesses to Dr McPhail a subscribing witness Hugh McPhail John L Ford John Glover Evan Rutledge

John B Burton's Last Will

I John B Burton of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being at present of sound and disposing mind and memory but in feeble health do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following To wit

It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid my Estate both real and personal I dispose of as follows - 1st In consideration of the love and affection I bear my son John L Burton I freely give and bequeath to him and to his heirs the following named slaves to wit Lucy Jerry and Dick one horse one rifle gun and one Bed and furniture 2d I freely give and bequeath to Edwin A Glover in Trust for my Daughter Willy A Burton and to her Legal heirs one negro Boy named Hector one negro girl named Hilary and one negro Boy named Jerome also an amount in money equal to the value of the above named horse man given to John L Burton also one Bed and furniture to be held by the said Edwin A Glover in Trust as aforesaid for the use benefit proffit and support of my said Daughter Willy A Burton untill she shall attain unto age or Marry upon the happening of which It is my will and desire that the said Trustee convey to her and to the heirs of her body the above recorded property and in the event she shall die without issue then the said property is to go to her surviving Brother & Sister 3d My sole heirs Bequeath to Edwin A Glover in Trust for my Daughter Amanda Amarinda Burton and her heirs one negro woman named Ceremas a girl named Mary Ann a Boy named Robert and a girl named Harriet also an amount in money equal in value to the slaves named above man and one girl and furniture to be [illegible] the said Edwin A Glover in Trust aforesaid for the use benefit proffit

And support of My dear Daughter Amanda Amerinan Burton until She Shall attain Lawful age or marry upon the happening of either of which events it is my will and desire that the said Executor Convey to her and to the heirs of her Body the above described property and in the event She shall die without Issue then the said property is to go to her surviving Brothers and Sisters —

It is my will and desire that the three portions or shares above bequeathed and assigned by me be valued by Two disinterested persons to be selected by my Executor hereinafter named and the shares made Equal according to such valuation out of funds arising from the amount of My Estate It is my will and desire that all my Estate both real and personal not herein or here to fore specifically disposed of be sold by my Executor herein after named either at public or private sale and for cash or upon credit as my said Executor may deem most advantageous and for this purpose I hereby devise bequeath give grant and Convey unto my said Executor hereinafter named all my Estate both real and personal not disposed of as aforesaid and the proceeds thereof after the payment of my just debts are to be used by my said Executor for the use and benefit of my three Children before named and they heirs an equal shares or sums of money and I hereby authorise my said Executor to use the same in Slaves or otherwise employ the same for the benefit of my Children aforesaid as he may deem best conveying such property as may be allotted or set apart for my Two Daughters to them and their heirs in such manner as he may deem best I hereby nominate and appoint Edwin A Glover Executor of this my last will and Testament and Guardian of My Children before named with power and authority to execute the same hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me heretofore made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of October A.D 1835 — John B Burton (Seal)
Signed sealed & delivered by John B Burton as his last will and Testament in presence of the unsigned Witness Benjamin Glover A T Hurst H Glover

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Allen Tuckers Last Will & Testament

I Allen Tucker of Marengo County and State of Alabama being in My proper Mind and in My Senses Do make this my last will and Testament First that after my Death my desire is that my body shall be decently interred and that all my Funeral Expences pass I Give and bequeath to my Son James W Tucker of the County and State aforesaid all my Real Estate lying in Marengo County To Wit the South half of the South East Quarter and the North East Quarter of the South East Quarter all of Section Seventy Six — Township Fourteen and Range three East Containing one Hundred and twenty Acres More or Less I Give and bequeath also to My Grand Daughter Martha Jane Tucker a Daughter of My Son John L Tucker the Following property to wit, one Metal Clock one Small waggon one Feather Bed and Furniture and three hundred Dollars in money, to be Loan to her by James W Tucker out of the Land which I have given to the said James W Tucker and the said James W Tucker has the Privilege of selling the Land whenever he wishes or he can keep the Land provided he pays over three hundred Dollars as above named to Martha Jane Tucker on the first day of January one thousand Eight hundred and Forty three Without any Interest I wish also the other property I have given to her to be delivered to her by James W Tucker on the day and year above mentioned and I do hereby appoint the said James W Tucker her Trustee to act for her and I also appoint my Son James W Tucker the Executor to this my last will & testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 2nd Day of November 1841 Allen Tucker (Seal) mark
Witness A B Hosea Henry [illegible] George Tucker

Jesse Coleman's Last will & Testament

In the name of God Amen — I Jesse Coleman of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and believing in a remission of my sins by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter mentioned and my worldly estate I give and devise as follows viz First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth a Certain negro woman Slave named Sahior also one Certain other negro woman Hannah to have and to hold forever to Herself Her heirs executors or administrators — Also I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel a Certain negro boy slave named Burrell to have and to Hold forever — Also I give and bequeath unto my son Isah a Certain negro boy slave named Dave who the said Isah is to have and to Hold to his own use and as His property for the space of and during the term of Twenty years from this time after which time of time it is my sincere desire and earnest request that the said Dave be set free and that the said Isah be and act as sutch agent for the said Dave Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah a Certain negro girl slave named Easter also a Certain negro girl slave named Amey to have and to Hold the said Easter and Amey to the above use and benefit for ever Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Cathil a Certain negro woman slave named Phebby and her son named George to have and to hold to her use and benefit to her heirs and executors or administrators for ever — Also I give and bequeath unto my son Millicare two negro boys Slaves named Allen and Jobe to have and to Hold for ever — Also I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth during her life time a Certain negro Child slave named Caroline and and at the death of my wife it is my will that the said Child Caroline be set free And finally all the rest and residue and remainder of all my estate and effects real and personal wheresoever and wheresoever not herein before effectually disposed of I will and ordain that the same shall with all convenient speed after my decease be sold and converted into and advanced to the highest dollars for the doing and performing of which Sale by these presents I give to my executors hereinafter mentioned full power and authority to sell convey and deliver the same to the said highest bidders and to make such titles as may be needful or necessary — Then out of the proceeds of the said sales of said effects I wish fifteen hundred dollars to be reserved by the executors to be applied to the use and benefit of the within mentioned Child Caroline left to my wife during the life time and which said fifteen hundred dollars I wish used at the discretion of my executors for the use of the said mulatto Caroline and daughter of Easter — Then further out of the proceeds of the said sales of my effects I wish all my just debts paid and to pay the funeral expenses that may incur in my executors for the decent and Christian like manner in accordance of this my will — Then for this the Residence of the proceeds of the Sales of my Lands and effects I wish equally devided between my wife and my five Children above mentioned And further I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends William J Allen James Gronnin and my son Isah Coleman Executors of this my last will and testament and do give unto them the sum of five dollars for their trouble of executing this my last will and testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Twenty ninth day of July the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine Jesse Coleman (Seal) Signed sealed and declared by the said Testator as and for his last will and testament in presence of us Hilliard Holbrow Thomas M Price James Gronnin State of Alabama Marengo County the within will of Jesse Coleman and Nuncupative proved by the oath of Hilliard Holbrow one of the subscribing witnesses is ordered to be recorded Oct 7th 1835 Angus A Morrison Judge of the County Court

Andrew C Cathey's Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I Andy Cathey of the State of of Alabama and Marengo County now of sound and sane in mind but sick in body do make and publish this my last will and testament working all former will by me made at any time heretofore First I request that all my just debts be paid Second by I divise and request that all my property be equally divided between my beloved wife Elizabeth A Cathey and my two lawful Chiland Rebecca L Cathey and Violet A Cathey Thirdly I desire and request that all of my property be kept together and remain as it now is during the widowhood of my wife Elizabeth A Cathey If she should marry then and then and at that time I desire a division of my property to be made Fourthly I desire and request that when my two lawful Chiland becomes of age then all my property to be appraised and divided in three equal parts as near as practicable by any three good disinterested men who may be willing to do so Fifthly I divise and request that after my property is divided in three equal parts my wife Elizabeth A Cathey shall have her choice of either one of those divisions Sixthly I divise and request that if either or both of my Daughters should marry before they should arrive at twenty one years then they or either of them to have their part of my Estate to their own proper use as much so as if they were twenty one years of age Seventhly I desire & request that all my present growing crop be sold and the proceeds of the same be applied to the payment of my debts and if any debt or debts remain unpaid thereafter such other property as can be most conveniently spared from the plantation to be sold by my Executors and be applied to such further payment as the balance may require Eighthly I desire and request that my children be sent to school untill they are liberally Educated the expences of each one Education to be received into their account on a final division of the property Ninethly I desire and request that my nephew Alexander M Cathey do have a liberal English Education and have my Riffle Gun and two Pistols if he remains with my wife untill he becomes Eighteen years of age and also my Boy Colt Tenthly I divise and request that my Guardian do appropriate and lay out such monies as may be at any time on hand to the purchase of negroes or lands as he may think most advantageous to the Estate Eleventhly I do hereby make and appoint my beloved wife and Joseph M Alexander my Executrix & Executor to this my Last Will and Testament Twelfth I do hereby make and appoint my beloved wife and Joseph M Alexander Guardians for my two Children untill such time as appointed by me for them to have their property arrives Thirteenth I do order and request that at any time my wife may marry the Guardianship for my two Children shall cease and terminate and Joseph M Alexander to be sole Guardian for them thereafter Fourteenth I desire and request that my beloved wife have her Dower right in all my Lands as the Law directs In Testimony of which I have this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord 1841 Signed this my Last will and Testament in the presence of the undersigned witnesses A C Cathey (Seal) attest I M Rawls William W Lee I B Lee (mark)

Orphans Court of March Term 1842 held the 1st monday and 7th day of said month Marengo County This day came Elizabeth A Cathey and Joseph M Alexander and produced to the Court an instrument purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Andy C Cathey and it appearing that all persons interested in the Estate of said Estate are present before the court except Rebecca L Cathey and Violet Ann Cathey heirs of said Decd are minors under the age of

fourteen and William W Lee one of the witnesses to the said instrument after being duly sworn makes oath that he was present and saw said Cathey sign seal and publish said instrument as his last will and testament on the day and year therein mentioned and that he and the other subscribing witnesses signed their names to said instrument as sick in the presence of the said decd and that said decd was of sound mind at the publication of said instrument It is therefore ordered by the Court that said foregoing instrument be received and entered of Record as the Last will and Testament of Andy C Cathey Decd

James A Young Judge Mcc &c

William Greene's Last Will and Testament

I William Green of Marengo County and State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby annulling and working all former Wills First I resign my soul into the hands of God who gave It and my body to my Children and friends to be turned and all funeral Expences paid Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Greene as her full portion of Dower all my Houses and Lands house holds and Kitchen furniture and at her death I give and bequeath all said Lands to my son Jacob and Lodwick also I give and bequeath unto my said wife the following negroes to wit Prince Judd Susan and Almeida for and during her natural life time to be divided as the other negroes hereinafter devised I also give and bequeath to my said wife all my hogs Seven Cows and Calves and two Horses such as she may choose all for and during her natural life time to be divided as the other negroes hereinafter devised 3rd I Will and bequeath unto my son Jacob Green my old woman Sabry and a small Girl (negro slaves) It is my wish and desire that my son Jacob shall allow said negro slaves all they can make after supporting them paying their taxes &c all my other negro slaves I desire to be divided into four equal parts or as near so as possible by persons appointed for that purpose one Lot of which I give and devise to my son Jacob Greene one Lot to Lodwick Greene one Lot to Sarah Kelley one Lot to Rochael Beckalos It is my will that my grand children that is the children and heirs of Wm Greene my son the children & heirs of Elizabeth Butler shall have their full portion of the valuation of my property (except the Lands) to be paid them in money by my Executors hereinafter named which amount of money must be raised out of the other property or to be paid by the several heirs to whom the negroes are devised to my grandson Wm R Green the son and heirs of Jonathan H Green I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred dollars as his full & entire portion of all my Estate My Cattle and Horses & all other property debts due &c together with the negroes bequeathed to my said children I desire to be divided as before mentioned & it is my desire that my children to whom the negroes are devised shall keep them in the family and treat them well I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Jacob and Lodwick Greene my Executors to this my Last will and Testament Given under my hands and seal this the twentieth day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one William Green (mark) (Seal) Signed sealed and published as his Last will and Testament In presence of us Also Robinson William R Bowler and George Barkley

Orphans Court for Marengo County Special Term March 31st 1842

Let the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the last will and Testament of William Green Late of Marengo County Deceased

James A Young Judge M cc

John Gilmores Last Will & Testament

In the name of God amen being in my right minds and memories and election though in my old age I do therefore make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament first of all I desire to give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent christian burial then I will and bequeath to my beloved Children Viz

To my beloved Son James Gilmore the East half of the South East Quarter of Section Eight of Township No 6 of Range Five East of the District of Dempsters (formerly of St Stephens) containing Eighty one Five hundredth acres and a Negro man by the name of Jack and his wife by the name of Becky one Waggon and one yoke of oxen to his part To my beloved Son John Gilmore one Eighth of Lands lying in Clarke County being the East half of the South East Quarter of Section fourteen Township twelve of Range five of the district of Tombeckbe and one Negro woman by the name of Betty and the Blacksmith tools to his part — To my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Baker one negro man by the name of Harry to her part To my beloved Son Thomas Gilmore one Negro Girl by the name of Ellen and one by the name of Phenney to his part To my beloved Daughter Nancy Sandrum one negro woman by the name of Hetty and one Boy by the name of Stephen to her part To my beloved Son William Gilmore one negro Boy by the name of Riley and one Girl by the name of Lucy to his part To my beloved Daughter Anny Hinson one negro woman by the name of Rachanna and one Child by the name of Mary Ann and one by the name of Prince to her and to her heirs to her part the above named Children to have and to hold the property annexed to their Individual names as an Donation and all the rest that may be possessed at my decease to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally devided between the above named heirs and I further desire that my two sons John and James Gilmore act as Executors to this my last will and testament signed by my hand thoroughly rational and in the presence of us

John Gilmore (Seal)

this 29th March 1811 — Test James Williamson Wesley Gilmore Joel Robeson

Orphans Court January Term 1812 Let the will be admitted to record

James H. Young Judge &c

Mary McCrary's Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Mary McCrary of the parish of Edgecombe District of Amy and State of South Carolina aware being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I will and desire that I be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors 2nd I do my dearly beloved daughter Mary Singleton I give the use of all the following real and personal property during her life and from and immediately after her death I give and bequeath all the said real and personal property to be equally divided among her Children surviving at the time of her death their heirs or assigns forever viz the plantation whereupon I now live at present and my Negro Girl named Phillis with all other improvements that may be thereon containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, also four negroes by name Ceba Hannah young Hannah Boy Isaacs and Boy Fortune with all their future issue and increase, also twenty head of Cattle marked with under square in each ear and crop more under the square in the right ear also three feather beds with bedsteads and furniture thereto 3rd I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved friend Anne Everett one negro woman named Hannah which I purchased from Stant Walker with all her future issue and increase to her and her heirs forever 4th I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Polly Williams one negro boy named Jacob on my mares named Lucy and her issue female with all their future increase except the first male issue only thereof to him in fee simple then

I give the said Polly Singleton & the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate not all ready disposed of after payment of my just debts funeral Expenses &c I give and bequeath to be equally devided between my three daughters Mary Singleton Anne Everett and Elizabeth Williams to them and their heirs forever 5th I give and bequeath to my friend Ebenezer Singleton all debts dues or demands he may be owing me at the time of my death And I do make ordain constitute and appoint my son in law Isaac Williams and my friend Thomas Hemingway my sole Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Sixth day of September the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixteen Mary McCrary (Seal) Signed Sealed and declared by the above named Mary McCrary as her last will & testament in the presence of us who by her request subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Edmund Holmes Thomas Hodnett William McWhaff. State of South Carolina Horry district I do certify this to be a true and true copy from the original John Durant Orry (Seal)

John Mutcherson's Last Will and Testament

Georgetown Novbr 20 1811 I hereby declare that in case of my departing from this life World my Negro boy Abram shall be the sole and entire property of my wife Rachael Mutcherson until the Said Grower to dispose of the said negro boy at her pleasure this being my last will and testament Witness Asgailer John Mount

Will of Deborah DeBuitz

State of North Carolina Chatham County In the name of God amen I Deborah DeBuitz of the County and State aforesaid being in sound and perfect mind and memory but impressed with the great uncertainty of time and life do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament Imprimus my will and desire is that my Executors hereinafter named Should as soon after my death as may be procurable pay and satisfy all my just debts with the monies arising from the Sales of Leather and such part of my real Estate as my said Executors may deem most advantageous to my Estate hereinafter named except the real Estate hereinafter specially devised to my daughter Louisa Stein I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph John Laws one small negro boy called Abram my horse Patch and all the Farming utensils now in use on the plantation in Chatham County including two waggon two Carts plough Hoes &c &c and I do furthermore direct that my said Executors hereinafter named Shall pay annually towards the education of my said son until the sum is accomplished two hundred dollars per annum and what ever more may be necessary from the time he enters College must be paid out of the produce of his own property Item I leave to my loved daughter Deborah Jones a negro girl called Hope Item my will and desire is that my Executors hereinafter named Should pay to My friends Robert Palmer and Thomas Worrell or the Survivor of them his heirs Executors administrators or assigns forever two hundred dollars per year until my daughter Louisa attains the age of twenty one years of age & She shall so long live and during her Life Trust for the Sole use and benefit of my said daughter and my wish is that my said daughter Should live with her Sister alternately as may be most agreable Item I give and devise to the said Thomas Worrell and Robert Palmer or the Survivor of them his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns forever in trust for my said daughter Louisa my dwelling house and Lot in Fayetteville with the garden and all the out houses thereto and appertaining and apart from the garden Lot beginning at a stake one with the South alley fence to the center Item all the rest and residue of my real Estate I give and devise to Thomas Worrell and Robert Palmer or the Survivor of them his Executors Administrators or assigns forever to be divided into two equal portions and held in trust for the only proper use and benefit of my two Daughters Mary Deborah and Louisa Jones provided that my daughter Louisa is to bear an equal proportion of fire wood and timber upon Four hundred acres of my Land Situate lying and being in Cumberland County and Provided further that my two daughters Mary Deborah and Louisa are to pay for the use of my three young Children Mary Ramsey Albert

Last Will of B O Matkins

I Brockett O Matkins of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama do Firmly believe and Publish this my last Will and Testament I Hereby nominate and appoint my brother James L Watkins Rev James Beverly Esqr William D Strain William Curtis and Thomas R Curtis Esqrs my true and faithful Executors to carry into effect this my Said Will and in case of the decease removal or inability of either of them to act I desire that the residue of my said Executors shall appoint another in his stead so as to keep up the number of five until my estate is finally settled and disposed of in the manner herein after mentioned It is my wish that the Farm I now possess should be kept up and my Slaves continued thereon and for that purpose I Hereby vest my said Executors with power and authority to employ overseers purchase or dispose of Stock and to make any improvements thereon they may think proper necessary and to do all other things necessary in their opinion to carry on the said Farm In the division of my estate among my three Children as they arrive at age or marry I wish them to receive their due proportion desiring that the same be equally divided among them The portion of property that may accrue to my daughter from my estate I Hereby convey to her and her heirs in perpetuity Should my Executors believe that a division of my land cannot be made among my Children without prejudice to their interests they are hereby authorized to sell the same or any part thereof on such conditions they may think best and distribute the proceeds among them I desire that my said Executors should jointly act as guardians for my Children during their minority and provide for their maintenance and education as they may think best having due regard to their comfort and moral welfare in the different places of residence The debts I owe I wish paid out of the proceeds of the Sale of my Crops and the proceeds arising therefrom Subsequently to the due Charge of my liabilities after doing what may be necessary for the support and education of my Children I desire my executors to invest in the purchase of property or loan out the same on interest whichever in their opinion may be most Conducive to the interest of my Legatees And finally having the fullest confidence in the prudent management and ability of my said executors I Hereby vest them each and each of them with full power and authority to act and perform all such acts as may be necessary to carry out and perfect the various herein contained In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two and of the 66th year of American Independence Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Hugh McPhail Jacob Smith Signed B O Watkins Seal

Hugh McPhail Jacob Smith

W H Curtis State of Alabama Marengo County Orphans Court July 18th 1842

Application having been made to prove the written instrument as the Last Will and Testament of Brockett O Watkins late of Marengo County deceased and the same having been set for probate at a Term of this Court to be holden on the 11th day of July the 4th Continuent to this day now at this day Comes William Curtis Thomas R Curtis James L Watkins and James Beverly four of the persons named as Executors in said instrument and moves the Court that said instrument be admitted to probate and it appearing that said deceased left no children and that the letters James & William D Strain the other persons named as Executors in said instrument have been expected and the aforesaid James L Watkins now here acknowledges service of the letation issued to the heirs of the said deceased who it is proved appear are minors under the age of fourteen years and no objection being made to the hearing said motion Jacob Smith Hugh McPhail and Henry W Curtis the persons whose names appear as witnesses to the said instrument being sworn deposeth and say that they were present on the day on

which the same bears date or a few days thereafter and saw the said Brockett O Watkins sign seal and publish the said instrument as his last Will and Testament and that they signed said instrument as witnesses in his presence and the said deponents further say that they considered said Testator as of sound mind and competent to make a disposition of his effects and that they know of no other Will made by said Testator subsequent to the aforesaid instrument It is therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of record as the Last Will and Testament of Brockett O Watkins deceased and that Letters Testamentary issue to the Executors in said Will named or to such of them as shall give the requisite Bond and take the oaths required by Law Jah Young Judge Marengo Cty

James M Davenports Last Will & Testament

The Last Will and Testament of James M Davenport of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama January the 6th 1842 I James M Davenport of the State and County above mentioned do this my Last Will and Testament Viz 1st Trusting in the mercies and atonement of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for eternal Salvation I leave this World in peace with all mankind 2 To my affectionate wife Mistress Ann Davenport whom I hope to meet in a better World I bequeath and give during her natural life the whole of my Estate real and personal excepting all of my Negro slaves except such bequests as are hereinafter made declaring from it the payment of all my debts which debts I desire to be paid by the products of my plantation or such other property as I may have provided time is permitted to her to pay them in that way by my executors 2d To my nephew Richard Davenport I bequeath such an amount annually to be paid as may be necessary to him to complete his education which I hope to be thorough and complete; which sum is also to be paid out of the annual proceeds of my plantation and to be disposed of by my executors, which education includes also a professional one if deemed advisable by his friends 3d The same amount under like circumstances I bequeath to my nephew James Davenport Son of Charles and Catherine Davenport 4th After the decease of my wife Mistress Ann Davenport I desire my Slaves to be liberated if they prefer it by placing them at the disposal of the American Colonization Society and they are to be furnished with such an amount of money as may be sufficient to support them the first year in Liberia; and to raise this amount of money if it is not on hand one years wait on the plantation I think will make it 5 Such of my Slaves at the death of my wife prefer remaining in this country I enjoin my Executors to give them ample time to choose their own masters to whom they are to be sold — and the fact as well as the choice of going to Liberia to be clearly explained to them together with all the circumstances of their condition there to be fully explained in order that they may judge what choice to make between liberation there and slavery here 6 The Sum resulting from the Sale of my negro slaves they desire to remain there — and all my other property real & personal which may be sold after my wifes decease I wish to be divided into two equal portions and portion to be given to the Protestant Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Negroes objects in the State of Alabama exclusively and the first desire to be the erection of a church edifice in the Town of Demopolis for the Episcopal Church if such an edifice is not built before my wifes decease in that event such an appropriation is unnecessary The other portion I bequeath and give to the heirs lately of my Brothers Henry Charles & Richard & Sallies Celya Harlan & Sarah Ann ransome all resident of Kentucky if Should either of my Brothers or Sisters have no heirs lately there the portion due to such heirs Should be given to them or their Servants as the case may be unless the [illegible] such legatee are of such a

Character as to induce a belief that the portion devised be squandered or that went just such as amount may be given to them as may furnish to appear in the discretion of my Executors; 5th I do hereby appoint my James Hanson of Hunterby and A R Manning I hereby appoint my Executors; 7th I wishes either of my Nephews as above Complete their education before my wifes death and be prepared for practicing a profession: then I desire my wife to aid them in Commencing their career with money if she has it as may be necessary in the discretion of my Executors; 10 thirdly my wife during her life time desire to sell any of the Slaves who may prove disobedient to her or unable an Exchange then it can be done by the consent of the executors of my Will: In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this day and date aforesaid Signed Sealed & Published & Declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Jas M Davenport Seal
Witness W Castle
F S Lyon
Geo A Lyon

Orphans Court } At a Court held at the Court House in the County aforesaid on the 8th day of August 1842 present the Worshipful Thomas Bradley Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court aforesaid

Marengo County } This day came Frances S Lyon and one of the Executors named in the foregoing instrument and made application that the said instrument be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of James M Davenport late of Marengo County deceased; and it appearing that said deceased left a widow Adeline Ann Davenport who has been notified that said instrument would this day be offered for probate and it further appearing that said deceased left no issue of his body, the application was heard & Frances S Lyon and of the subscribing witnesses being duly sworn deposes and says that he was present on the day the said instrument bears date and saw said deceased sign seal and publish the same as his last Will and Testament that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind. that Wm B Castle & Frances S Lyon the other subscribing witnesses were present and signed said instrument in presence of said Testator and in presence of each other; and that to the said deponent knows of no other Will or Wills made by said Testator subsequent to the one now here offered: It is therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of record as the last Will and Testament of James M Davenport deceased. and that the Executors therein named or such of them as may think proper upon entering into Bond and qualifying as the law directs Testamentary power to them. Test Thos Bradley Judge

Robert Napier } In the name of God Amen I Robert Napier of the State of
Last Will & } Alabama and County of Marengo do make ordain and
Testament } Constitute this my last Will and Testament; And 1st I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth in decent burial under the direction of my Executors; 2nd & Touching earthly things of which I am possessed I lend to my wife Catherine Napier the following negroes namely Aaron and his wife Frances Lucy and Annis also my Waggon and Team and all my Stock of every description during her natural life; and after her decease I give and bequeath all the above property loans to my wife to my son Richard G Napier forever; 3rd I also have bequeath all my Lands of which I am now possessed lying and being in Marengo County and State aforesaid. Consisting of three eighths to my son Richard G Napier forever 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Louise ten dollars in addition to what I gave her in North Carolina which I think makes her portion equal to any which I give to any other Child 4th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Whitsell during her widowhood Fanny a negro woman and all her Children and after her marriage or death I desire said negro woman and Children to be equally devided amongst her four Children James Price Richard Cathin

Charlotte Whitsell: 5th I give and bequeath unto my son John W Napier the following negroes namely Jack Lucy Milly and her Children and increase also John Joe and Lucy forever. 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Ellen fifty dollars which makes her portion in my estimation when added to what I gave her in North Carolina equal with any other Children — 7th I appointed my sons Richard G Napier and John W Napier to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have here set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two Robt Napier Seal Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Edwd Baptist Jno Whitfield Henry Brame Ed B Jones

Orphans Court For Marengo County } At this day came Richard G Napier and
Term held the 8th day of August 1842 } moved the Court that the foregoing instrument be admitted to probate as the last Will and Testament of Robert Napier late of Marengo County deceased and Edward Baptist John Whitfield and Ed B Jones three of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument having been sworn by him deposeth and say that they was present and the day the same bears date and saw the Testator Robert Napier sign seal and publish said instrument as his last Will and Testament that they at his request together with Henry Brame the other subscribing witness signed said instrument in his presence as witnesses that said Testator was at the publishing of said instrument of sound and disposing mind that they know of no other Will made by said Testator subsequent to the one now here before the Court; and no objection having been made to the admission of the same to probate It is ordered that said instrument be admitted of record as the last Will and Testament of Robert Napier dcsd. that the Executors therein named or such of them as may think proper upon entering into Bond and qualifying have letters Testamentary issued to them Test Young Pledger

John Colliers } This my last Will & Testament made 3rd day of September 1842
Last Will } I wish my body buried decently & without extravagance I appoint John Blakeney Thomas Abernathy & Thomas Curtis my Executors my crops I wish sold for the payment of my debts should it not be sufficient my Stock for the same purpose the balance of my estate I wish managed to the best advantage for the benefit of my wife & children giving off to each of my Children as they may come of age or marry an equal distributive share of said estate my wife having equally with each of my children acknowledged and subscribed to this third day of September 1842
John Collier Test Wm Irwin John Blakeney

Orphans Court For Marengo County } At this day came John Blakeney and
October 10th 1842 } the Executor named as Executor in the foregoing instrument and moved the Court the said instrument be admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of the personal estate of John Collier late of Marengo County deceased and William D Strain and John Blakeney whose names appear as witnesses to said instrument being first duly sworn make oath that they were present on the day the same bears date and witnessed the signing & publication of the same as the Last Will & Testament of John Collier deceased that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said John Collier and being called on by him for that purpose that the said deceased was of sound & disposing mind and that they know of no other Will subsequent to this and it appearing that all the Executors were duly executed and no objections being made to the probate of said instrument It is therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of record as the Last Will and Testament of said John Collier deceased as to his personal estate and that the Letters testamentary issue to the persons named as executors therein & said

their Lawful and Legal Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns Witness our Hands and Seals and Letters this Oath first Exhibited by Laws Jas. McCaleb Surveyor of Marine Revenue Comd.

Christopher McRae Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Christopher McRae of the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain publish and declare the following to be my Last Will and Testament viz:- 1st It is my will and desire that after my death that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner under the directions of my Executors hereinafter named. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Patsey McRae the Plantation and Lands wherein I now live and the following negro Slaves viz. Moses and his wife Lucy and Children Ivy and Lucy Hall and her Child Peggy Washington Lucy Sam and Sarah during her natural life or widowhood the Clear Profits of the above named Lands and negroes to be her and her heirs forever the increase of the negroes excepted) also the Steam Carriage and Carriage Horses and all other Stock belonging to me at the time of my death with their Gear Cabs and one Pair of all the Horses and both of my Plantations. I also give and bequeath to my wife three hundred Dollars to be raised out of my Estate for the purpose of repairing the dwelling house in which I now live, and also I give and bequeath to my wife all the House Hold and Kitchen Furniture Plantation and Black Smiths Tools on the plantation where I now live and in case of my death during the present year or in whatever year hereafter I may die I give and bequeath unto my wife the whole of the Crop which may be raised on the plantation where I now live in that year on which my decease may take place (except such part as the Overseer may be entitled to receive out of said Crop for his wages) to her and her heirs forever. 3rd I give and bequeath to my dear Grand Son Daniel McRae one negro girl Slave named Lucy to him and his heirs forever.- 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly McRae wife of Hugh Head McRae the following negroes to wit- Charlotte and her Children Rose Matt Sis Charles Stellis and Mary Anne and their increase during her natural life to be held in trust by Abraham Myers and Alexander Little for the sole and separate use and benefit of my said daughter Polly McRae and in case she should die without having those living at the time of her death then the said negroes together with all the rest of the property she may be entitled to under this my will and testament to be held by the said Abraham Myers and Alexander Little in trust for the use of all my Lawful heirs legatees or distributees which shall be living at the death of my said daughter but in case my said daughter Polly McRae shall at or before the division of the rest of my estate amongst the rest of my heirs herein after to be named remember the above named negroes to the Trustees aforesaid to be by them placed with the rest of my Estate and accounted and made a part of such Estate to be divided among them then and in that case my daughter Polly McRae shall have Equally Share and Share alike with the rest of my heirs herein after named. 5th I give and Bequeath unto Abraham Myers and Alexander Little in trust for the use and benefit of her heirs hereinafter named viz:- John G. McLeod Isabella her wife & William Leal Margaret Leal wife of Allen Leal Elizabeth McRae daughter of my grandson Daniel McRae and that the following three persons viz:- Polly Cogsel Caty Boyce and Gilbert McRae shall be entitled to and share among the three which shall be subdivided equally among them and it my will and desire that the residue of my Estate not herein bequeathed both real and personal be and the same is hereby placed in the hands of Abraham Myers and Alexander Little in trust to be equally divided among those persons named in this fifth bequest except that last three named are only to receive one share among the three that is to say Polly Cogsel Caty Boyce and Gilbert McRae are severally to share only one third of a share. It is also my will and desire that if any of the heirs herein named in this fifth bequest

should die without leaving living issue then and in that case the respective wife of the rest of the property they may be entitled to under this my will and testament to be held by said Abraham Myers and Alexander Little in trust for the use and benefit of all my Lawful heirs legatees or distributees which shall be living at the death of such dying and leaving no Lawful issue to hold by said Trustees to be equally among the several legatees or distributees in the proportion and manner above directed.- Lastly I nominate and appoint my friends Abraham Myers and Alexander Little Executors of this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me heretofore declaring this and this only to be and Contain my Last will and Testament this 26 January A.D. 1837 (signed) Christopher his Mark McRae Signed Sealed published and declared to be and Contain the Last will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of us who at and in the presence and at the request of the Testator have witnessed the same January 26th 1837 A. Dellee Farg. A. McRae April Sessions 1837. Then the foregoing will was exhibited in Open Court by Alexander Little one of the Executors therein named and duly proved by the oath of Farg. A. McRae one of the Subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded whereupon Abraham Myers Esqr. came into Court and renounced Probate as Executor to execute the said last will and testament of Christopher McRae and thereupon Alexander Little the other Executor duly qualified and took upon himself the execution of the several trusts therein set forth. From the minutes D. Boggan Clk. State of North Carolina I Augustus D. Boggan Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Anson County Certify that the foregoing Last will and testament is a true Copy and a Correct Transcript from the original and the proof of the same the renunciation of Abraham Myers as Executor and the qualification of Alexander Little as Executor to the said will as is now remaining of record in my Office In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my Seal of Office and subscribed my name this 22nd day of April A.D. 1840. A.D. Boggan Clk

Thomas McGee Last Will and Testament Transcript of

Transcript of the Will of Thomas McGee Decd. In the name of God Amen. Be it known that I Thomas McGee of Lowndes County and State of Mississippi being of sound memory and mind and in good health thanks to God for his mercies. But remembering that I am mortal do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others. I appoint my Brother McDaniel McGee of Sumter County Alabama my friend Thomas G Devitt of this County and my friend Henry L Pierce of Mobile Executors to this my Last Will and Testament. I leave unto my beloved wife Mary G McGee during her lifetime the Lot of ground whereon we now live being Lot No seven according to a survey made by Eqr Willis of that part of the tract lying South of the Lot I lately sold to Doct A.I Rogers with my Store and the Sixteenth Section Joining the same Together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging, my Carriage and Mule Horses and an equal share of my negroes with our Children and also an equal share of the tract of Land I lately purchased of Doct A.I Rogers. It is my will that my plantation tract of Land in Kemper County in this State and the forty acre tract I bought of Doct N.W Topp and my Store in the City of Mobile and my stock in the Commercial Bank of Miss. Columbus Miss. and that part of our Mannow tract not bequeathed be sold in such way as my Executors may think best and the money applied to the payment of my debts and if any shall be left to be laid out for the benefit of my Children at the discretion of my Executors It is my will that all the Land I hold in my name wherein there are Copartners or Joint tenants be sold and conveyed by my Executors at the discretion of my Executors a majority of the said partners and that my Executors have the same powers pursuant to such sale and purchase deeds as I myself as they may think advisable for the benefit of the Children and that the expense of executing this my Copy expense be Charged to my Estate and should the proper

business given to my wife and be sufficient to afford her a Competable living. It is my will that the receive from time to time such sums of money from the proceeds of my Estate as may be sufficient to allow her a Competable support. It is my will that my Children be well Educated and that the remainder of my Estate be equally divided between them at such time after the eldest become of age to require such division as may be necessary. In Testimony Whereof I have set my hand & affix my Seal this thirteenth Day of November 1835 Tho McGee (Seal)

The State of Mississippi, Lauderdale County } Probate Court October Term 1837 personally appeared in open Court Armstrong I Hodges & Absalom Mattox all who being Justly sworn deposeth and saith that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of Thomas McGee from having frequently seen him write and that they believe the foregoing instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said Thomas McGee to be wholly in the hand writing of the said Thomas McGee Dcsd (Except the note or supplement after the signature) said will is therefore ordered to be recorded- Attest R C Hodges Clerk- I Wm P Fuller Clerk of Probates for Lauderdale County do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Will of Thomas McGee Dcsd November 14 1837 Wm P Fuller Clerk

Certificate of the Clerk of Probate Court

The State of Mississippi Lauderdale County I William P Fuller Clerk of Probates for said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the last Will and Testament of Thomas McGee late of our said County of Lauderdale Dcsd as recorded in my Office Book B pages 366 & 67 Given under my hand and Seal of Office at Vicksburg this 2d day of November A D 1841 Wm P Fuller Clerk The State of Mississippi Warren County I Thomas Sampson Judge of Probates for said County, do hereby Certify that Wm P Fuller whose signature appears to the foregoing Certificate is now and was at the date of said Certificate acting Clerk of Probates Court in and for said County of Lauderdale duly Commissioned and sworn and that full faith and credit are due to his Official acts as such and that his Certificate is in due form of Law Given under my hand and Seal this 2d day of November 1841 Thos Sampson Clerk Judge of Probates

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Elizabeth Kinnard Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Kinnard of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo being of sane and perfect Memory and understanding, Now Calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die do make ordain and Constitute this my Last Will and Testament and desire to be received by all as such first & principally I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken my Gods God who gave it desiring and beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it and as touching my worldly Estate when it has pleased God to Bless me in this life. I will and bequeath order as follows, first that all my worldly debts be justly paid. I give to my Daughter Sidney Kavanaugh and to the heirs of her body a Negro boy named Chaney, and whatever may be found of any other property debt due or demands within the State of Alabama be equally divided between the rest of my heirs I also make ordain and appoint My beloved Son-in-Law Armanus Kavanaugh Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine (1839) Signed Elizabeth Kinnard (Seal) Henry Frances Henry - (Seal) Levi Greer. E. M Guinney. John S.

James Armistead Last Will

State of Alabama } Be it known that I James Armistead of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred in such manner as it has pleased God to intrust me with I despise of the same as useless Next To my beloved son William Tyong Armistead son of Dcsd at the time of his marriage or soon thereafter four negroes and goods and effects to about the amount of Nine Thousand Dollars when I entrusted a memorandum of the property which I then had which portion I now desire and bequeath to his lawful heirs forever And To my beloved daughter Mary Ann wife of James Connor I gave at the time of her marriage or soon thereafter seven negroes which I consider to be fair and reasonable divide of the property of which I was then seized which portion I now give devise and bequeath to my aforesaid daughter Mary Ann and her heirs and assigns forever Third I do hereby give devise and dispose of my remaining negroes slaves to my beloved daughter Nancy Pelham now the wife of Hilliard S. Pelham to wit Peter John Lee Joe Bob Myers Frank & Thomas the mulatto Sam Hannah Margaret & Mary also the following described parcel of land viz the west half of the north east Quarter of Section No eleven of township No 16 of Range No 5 East of land subject to sale at Demopolis containing eighty acres more or less to her the said Nancy Pelham and to Hilliard S. Pelham during their lives together or the longer liver of them and after the decease of them the said Hilliard S. Pelham in any wise or upon the Trust Nevertheless for the maintenance and support of his wife and Children but shall it the said bequeath be subject to any of the debts now contracted or that may hereafter be contracted by the said Hilliard S. Pelham but be and remain exclusively to the proper use and behoof of her the said Nancy Pelham and her daughters heirs forever aforesaid and I do further make and ordain my son-in-law Hilliard S. Pelham Executor of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I James Armistead the testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set My hand and affixed my seal this the third day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine A.D. 1839 James Armistead (Seal) Test Sd. M. Mosby E. R. Miller Jamuel T. Winston

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Last Will of Elizabeth Selman Dcsd

Be it known that I Elizabeth Selman of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being mindful of the uncertainty of long life and the Certainty of death and being also somewhat advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make & declare and publish this my Last Will and Testament as follows to wit 1st I desire that my body shall be decently buried by my Executors after my death and decide worldly property as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and bequeath as follows to wit after paying my just debts I give and bequeath unto my Son Peter P. Selman the sum of fifty dollars and one good suit of Broad cloth 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin H. Selman the sum of one hundred dollars and one good suit of Broad Cloth. 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucia Wood wife of James B Wood of Marengo County the sum of five dollars 4th I give and bequeath unto my Son Enoch H. Goode of the County of Wilcox the sum of five dollars 5th I give devise & bequeath unto my sons Thomas M. Selman Edward P. Selman Peter P. Selman and Benjamin H. Selman and their heirs all the Balance residue and remainder of my property and Estate of whatever description it may be both real and personal including my land lying in Marengo County that purchased from my deceased Husbands estate as well as that entered in my own name to be equally divided between them and should any

or either of my above named heirs leaving issue then such issue at mature age or marriage, the Share or portion of such child or children of the deceased shall go to and be enjoyed by the survivors or survivor of the last four above named heirs— and it is further my desire that my negroe boy Henry shall at the division of my Estate be included into the Share or portion of my son Benjamin H. Silsman and given to him. And it is also my desire that my negro woman Andrews Share at the division of my Estate be suffered to choose unto which of my said Testamentary four heirs she will live and that she shall accordingly be included into the Share or portion of that one unto whom she may select to live (the word "property" interlined before signing) Lastly I Nominate and appoint my friends Thomas M. Silsman and Edward Pelsman Executors of this my last will and testament— In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 8th day of September A.D. 1836. Elizabeth Silsman (Seal) Signed Sealed and published in the presence of us Elizabeth Parker Martha Aldam Wm. F. Aldam

John Jordan
Last Will & Testament

I John Jordan of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit—

First. I give and devise unto my son Mathew Jordan. The following Negroes: Isriah valued at Nine hundred dollars; Hester at six hundred dollars; Pompsey at two hundred dollars. Dick at twelve hundred dollars; Jenny at six hundred dollars; Julia at two hundred dollars— Susan at four hundred; Hannah at three hundred dollars— Eliza at two hundred dollars— Martin at two hundred dollars— Charlotty at one hundred and fifty dollars— Cato at seven hundred dollars— Dooley at four hundred dollars— and Phebe at four hundred dollars— to him and his children— He has heretofore received from me Five Thousand dollars— Second— I give unto my daughter Margaret Mitchell and her children, the following Negroes— William valued at two hundred dollars— Phebe provided it is her choice then to live, if not to go and live with whom she may think proper— Charles at Nine hundred dollars— Joshua at seven hundred dollars— Will at four hundred dollars— Emanuel at twelve hundred dollars— Silva at six hundred dollars— Thomas at seven hundred dollars— Emmy at three hundred ~~dollars~~ and fifty dollars— George at three hundred dollars— Grady at three hundred dollars— Charity at two hundred dollars— Little Manuel at one hundred and fifty dollars— and Jane valued at fifty dollars— She has heretofore received from me one thousand dollars— Third— I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Meyer and heirs the following Negroes. Avery valued at Nine hundred dollars— Mary at six hundred dollars— Coleman at five hundred dollars— Prissey at three hundred— Edmund at three hundred dollars— Chaney at two hundred and fifty— Ephraim at two hundred dollars— Lewis at one hundred and fifty dollars— Peter at five hundred dollars— Viney at six hundred Dollars— Viney at two hundred dollars— Jane at one hundred and fifty dollars— Jerry at seven hundred dollars— Polly at six hundred— Alfred at three hundred dollars— Lydia at two hundred and fifty dollars— Paul at two hundred dollars— & Sehawn at one hundred and fifty dollars— She has heretofore received from me two Thousand dollars— Fourth— I give unto my Grandson Thomas A. Kelly the following Negroes Simon valued at Nine hundred dollars— Barnard at three hundred dollars— Bob at three hundred dollars— Becky at four hundred dollars— Clay

at four hundred dollars— Aready at three hundred— Ned at two hundred dollars— Mariah at one hundred and fifty dollars— Lucy at four hundred dollars— Lucy at four hundred dollars— Hetty at two hundred dollars— Lilly Ready at six hundred dollars— Isabella at two hundred dollars— Anthony at one hundred and fifty dollars— and Simon at eight hundred dollars— I consider him as having heretofore received two thousand five hundred dollars. And should he die without a legal issue— The property and its increase to devolve to and be equally divided amongst my four other heirs— Fifth— I give and devise unto my grand daughter Josephine Aldam against Jordan and to her brothers and sister— & the same father and mother should there be any, the following negroes to be equally divided in that case— Isham at eight hundred dollars— Polly Ready at six hundred dollars— Caroline at four hundred dollars— Leathy at two hundred and fifty dollars— Frankie at two hundred dollars— Wenney at one hundred and fifty dollars— Nancy at four hundred dollars— Candice at four hundred dollars— Lucy at six hundred dollars— Lyon at Nine hundred dollars— Edward at four hundred dollars and Violet at fifty dollars— And should the above Josephine Margaret die without a legal issued and having no brothers or sisters as before described, then this property and its increase to devolve to and be equaly divided amongst the rest of my heirs— and in the case of the aforesaid Thomas A. Kelly— and should any of the above devised Negroes not be content to live with the aforesaid Josephine Margaret & Thomas A. Kelly— my desire is that any of the rest of my heirs with whom such Negroes might wish to live, shall purchase the same, paying the price to such negro attached in order to give satisfaction— Sixthly I desire that the rest of my personal property may be sold and my Real Estate sold or rented and payment of all my just debts to be made out of the same— And after the Valuation of the Negroes to each heir given respectively is added to the sum heretofore given to each as before named, then that portion is found to be deficient and to receive out of my real and personal Estate before bequeathed such amount as their lack may be found to require, thus making equality in each ones portion— and should the property hereafter to be sold not be sufficient to effect this, then those receiving the most must surrender to those receiving least, till each ones portion is the same— I desire that my son Mathew Jordan be appointed guardian of Thomas A. Kelly and that Micajah Meyer be guardian for Josephine M. Jordan; and that Mathew Jordan and Charly Mitchell be my Executors— My desire is that the property given to my two grand children shall remain in the State or States where their Guardians may reside— 5 April 1842

Attest: Henry H. Mitchell
J. M. S. Chaney

John Jordan

Last Will of Alex Decastro decd

In the name of God, I Alexander Decastro make this my Last will and Testament. I Give and bequeath unto Wm P. McGrew the following named negroes: Hannah Ned: Fred Banet, Joyce & Isaac to him his heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Decastro the following named negroes, Lucy, George, Silva Dave, Lucy Jr & Rhoda and all my household and Kitchen furniture, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. It is my will and desire that the above named William P. McGrew live with my wife and assist her in the management of her business and for this purpose I give and bequeath to the said William P. McGrew and Elizabeth Decastro jointly the Land which I lately purchased from A B Easley together with all of my Stock of Cattle Hogs & Horses to them their heirs and assigns forever, and after paying all of my just debts all of my Estate not heremb before mentioned to be divided between my wife Elizabeth Decastro and the said William P. McGrew. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the Seventeenth day of August A D 1843

(Signed)
Alex Decastro Seal

Witness Jno B Bruce
Benj A Easley
Robt P McClintan

See probate on Minutes of Orphans Court

Last Will of Lawrence Scully decd

Know all men by these presents that I Lawrence Scully of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo being of feble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my Last will and testament

Article 1st My will is that my friend John Crane take in possession my whole Estate Consisting of Horses, Hogs Cattle growing Crop Lands and negroes together with all other property or dues or interest I may be seized and possessed of and that the said Crane shall pay all my just debts out of the said property or the income thereof

Article 2nd That after paying all my Just debts as before named that the balance of my Estate shall be Equally divided between my brother John Schully and my friend John Crane provided my Brother John be living If he (my said Brother John) be dead then his half to go to my Sister Catherine Schully. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8th day of Sept 1843

In presence of Richd Wooten
Jas W Wooten

(Signed)
L Schully

See probate on Minutes Orphans Court

Last Will of William A Sample decd

I William A Sample of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory desire to make and constitute this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

First I Give and bequeath unto my only son Robert I Sample all of my freehold Estate Consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of Land to him his heirs and assigns forever, also my two negroes Isabell and Emmy, and their increase should there be any together with all my horses & cattle except one Cow which I Give and bequeath

of raising money to discharge my just debts I wish the following negroes to be sold by my Executors, to wit, Jerry & Dorpus. Seventhly & lastly I nominate and appoint my friends Parke Poindexter Benjamin Graves John Lafon & Thomas J Bragg, Executors of my Last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September Anno Domini 1812. Signed, Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator to be Henry Watthall Seal his Last will and testament in our presence who Subscribed our names as witnesses in his presence and at his request. (Signed)
Ezekel Dancean F W Crump

In Chesterfield County Court March the 8th 1818. This Last will and testament of Henry Watthall Senior, deceased was proven by the oath of John P Crump a Subscribing witness thereto and continued for further proof in the said Court April 13th 1818. The said Last will and testament was further and fully proven by the oath of Ezekel Dance also a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded.

Test Parke Poindexter Clk

John A Hogan's Last will & Testament

I John A Hogan of Marengo County State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory and of feeble body, do make ordain constitute appoint and publish this my Last will and Testament Whereas my Estate is much indebted and insolvent. It is my wish and will first that all my debts shall be paid It is my request that provided and on condition that my two brothers Franklin H Hogan and Alexander H Hogan will undertake to settle my Estate and see that my debts are paid off upon the final settlement thereof. Then It is my wish request and will that my said brothers Franklin and Alexander shall have my whole estate both real and personal lands and negroes that shall be left after paying my debts to be equally divided between them provided and on condition that my brother Alexander shall neglect or refuse to undertake to settle my Estate and see my debts paid Then and in that Case it is my request and my will that he shall not have any part or portion of my Estate provided and on condition that my brother Franklin shall neglect or refuse to undertake to settle my Estate and see my debts paid then and in that Case It is my will that he shall not have any part or portion of my Estate left after paying my debts and in case both refuse as aforesaid then and in that Case it is my wish and will that the Sheriff shall administer according to Law and after paying my debts according to Law then it is my request and will that the balance of my estate remaining in his hands shall be pair over to all my brothers and sisters equally except Franklin and Alexander who are not to have any part or portion remaining in the Sheriffs hands for the reason aforesaid provided both Franklin and Alexander undertake to settle my Estate and one should die then the whole management shall devolve upon the survivor and he shall have the whole Estate as aforesaid I hereby make constitute and appoint Franklin and Alexander my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament I mean my brothers Franklin Hogan and Alexander H Hogan are appointed my Executors Given under my hand and seal this 12th of April 1841. Signed Sealed and

John A Hogan Seal

published in presence of
William Adams
Jacob Lindsay and
W W Dunkins

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Samuel B Dickson's Last Will

The Last Will and Testament of Saml B Dickson Item first It is my will and request that my body be decently entered

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Item 2d It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid

3d I Will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca G Norwood one hundred and twenty acres of land lying along the eastern boundary line in Horse Creek Swamp

Item 4th I Will and bequeath after my wife takes her dower of land that my son Samuel M B Dickson and my Grand son Samuel Christmas have the balance of my land to be equally divided between them

Item 5th I will and bequeath to my son Samuel M B Dickson a certain negro man named Dias over and above his share of my personal property

Item 6th I will and bequeath to John Green and James A Cockrell each one dollar one bit and three and a half Cents

Item 7th It is my will and desire that the balance of my slave property be equally divided between my wife my sons Thos G Dickson Samuel M B Dickson my daughter Harriett G Parham Rebecca G Norwood and Emily Abedience Greene and Adela A Cockrell and Ann Elza Cockrell (Wife Adela A Cockrell and Ann Elza Cockrell to be Considered as one heir and I hereby appoint my son Thos G Dickson and my friends Jacob B Williams and Josiah Rogers the Special Guardians of Emily Abedience Greene and my two Grand daughters above named The property I give to my Grand daughter I give for Special benefit and support and not to pay the debt or debts which was or may be contracted by their husbands before or after marriage provided they should marry and if they should die without a living heir of their body it is my will that their property shall return and be equally divided between my five Children

Item 8th It is my will that the portion of my personal property which my wife draws as a dower shall be hers during her natural life or widowhood in either event Then to be equally devided among my five children hereinfore named

Item 9th It is my will and desire that so much of my stock as will be necessary for the use of the family that may remain on the premises shall be kept for that purpose

Item 10th It is my will and desire that the debt due me from Benjamin Pinson shall go to my son Thos G Dickson over and above his equal share

Item 11th Knowing that my son Samuel M B Dickson is incapable of making Contracts for himself I hereby appoint my son Thos G Dickson and my friends Jacob B Williams and Josiah Rogers his Special Guardians and to make any Contract or contracts he may make binding any of the property which I have given him or in fulfilment any Contract which he shall make shall bind any of the property I have given him unless the Contract is made by the Consent of his Guardians

Item 12th It is my will and request that none of the property I give to my daughter Emily Abedience Green shall ever go into the hands of John Greene and that the Guardians I have appointed will take Charge of the property and keep it hires out and pay over to her the money for which it may be for her for the support of her and Children by Green as it was expressly given for that purpose and no other

Item 13th It is my will and desire that should my daughter Harriett G Parham die without a living heir of her body that the property which I have given her return and be equally devided among my other four children named in this instrument

Item 14th It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property not named in this instrument shall be equally devided amongst my five Children

I do hereby Nominate and appoint my son Thos G Dickson and my trusty Friends Jacob B Williams and Josiah Rogers my Executors to Carry this my last will and Testament into effect

Given under my hand and Seal this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty three 1843.

Signed as its Testator at the Request of Saml B Dickson and in the presence of each other the day and year above written

Saml B Dickson (Seal)

Test Thomas Roberts (Witness)

To Lucy Ann Trim all of my Stock of hogs and all the rest of my personal property And I desire moreover that Robert may take Care of his mother to support and sustain her Comfortably and decently so long as she may live and after her death my desire is that the two negroes and their increased if any be sold and all the rest of the property here given to them and an Equal division to be made among all of my heirs Should Robert deem it expedient he may sell off any property except the negroes at any time I appoint my Son Robert T Sample Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand and affix my Seal this 8th day of May 1843

Signed Wm A Sample (Seal)

Attest John W Smith
W S Walker
Martha Trim

For probate See Minutes Orphans Court

Last Will of Boaz Whitfield dec'd

In the name of God Amen

I Boaz Whitfield Physician and planter of Marengo County and State of Alabama mindful of the uncertainty of life and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and establish this my Last Will and testament revoking and annulling every one previously made.

First after my debts are paid and I will my Mulatto boy to my brother Isaac Whitfield of the whole blood to be treated in such form and manner as he may think proper. Secondly I direct that all my just debts be promptly paid according to contract by my Executor hereinafter named Thirdly I bequeath to my half Sister Miss Rachael Bryan widow of John T Bryan of Monroe County Mississippi ten Dollars To my half Sister Lucy Woolen of Lowndes County Alabama ten Dollars To my half Sister Sarah Hatch deceased ten Dollars To the Heirs of my half Sister Sarah Hatch deceased ten Dollars To my half brother William Whitfield of Lowndes County Mississippi ten dollars To my half brother Redham Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars To my half Sister Rebekah Whitfield wife of Hatch Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars To my half brother Major Edward Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars to the heirs of half Sister Penelope Croom dec'd wife of the late Peter Abraham Croom ten dollars to my half Sister Mary Bryan ten dollars and to my half Brother Nathan B Bush of Marengo County ten dollars Fourthly I bequeath to my half Sister on the part of my father Miss Sidney Whitfield wife of Leonard Tell an Whitfield of Marengo County two Thousand dollars to be paid in four annual installments with interest at six per cent To have and to hold the legacy to her sole and Separate use Apart from and independent of her husband provided she should be living at my death and my said half Sister should not be living at my death Then I bequeath the said two Thousand dollars to my brother Isaac Whitfield above named. Fifthly To my half Brother Doctor Lewis B Bush of Marengo County I give and bequeath all the money that he may owe me at my death and also I give to him my negro man Abraham. Sixthly I devise and bequeath to my Brother of the whole blood Isaac Whitfield of Marengo County all my property not before disposed of both real personal or mixed either in this State of or elsewhere held in my own right or with others intending to include all that I possess or may hereafter acquire. To have and to hold the property aforesaid. If the said Isaac Whitfield my beloved brother should be living at my death but if my said brother should depart this life before I do then and in that case I devise and bequeath all the property enumerated for him

Last Will of Alex Decatur dec'd

In the name of God. I Alexander Decatur make this my Last Will and Testament. I give and bequeath unto Wm P. McGrew the following named negroes: Hannah Ned. Fed Bant. Joyce & Isaac to him his heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Decatur the following named negroes Lucy. Geo. Selvia Dave. Lucy Jr & Rhoda and all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. It is my will and desire that the above named William P. McGrew live with my wife and assist her in the management of her business and for this purpose I give and bequeath to the said William P. McGrew and Elizabeth Decatur jointly the land which I lately purchased from A.B. Lasby together with all of my Stock of Cattle Hogs & Horses to them their heirs and assigns forever, and after paying all of my just debts all of my Estate not heretofore mentioned to be devided between my wife Elizabeth (Decatur) and the said William P. McGrew. In witness whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this the seventeenth day of August A.D. 1843

(Signed) Alex Decatur Dec'd

Witness Geo W Bruce
Byron A Lasby
Robt V. McClendon

See probate on Minutes of Orphans Court

Last Will of Lawrence Scully dec'd

Know all men by these presents that I Lawrence Scully of the State of Alabama and County of Maurigo being of feble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my Last will and testament

Article 1st My will is that my friend John Crane take in possession my whole Estate Consisting of Horses, Hogs Cattle, growing Crop Lands and negroes together with all other property or dues or interest I may be seized and possessed of and that the said Crane shall pay all my just debts out of the said property or the income thereof

Article 2nd That after paying all my just debts as before named that the balance of my Estate shall be Equally devided between my brother John Scully and my friend John Crane provided my Brother John be living If he my said Brother John be dead then his half to go to My Sister Catherine Scully In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 8th day of Sept 1843

In presence of Rich'd Woolen
Sol W Woolen

(Signed) L Scully

See probate on Minutes Orphans Court

Last Will of William A Sample dec'd

I William A Sample of the State of Alabama and County of Maurigo being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory desire to make and constitute this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following viz

First I Give and bequeath unto my only Son Robert T Sample all of my freehold Estate Consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of land to him his heirs and assigns forever. also my two negroes Isabell and Tenny and their increase should there be any together with all my horses & cattle except one Cow which I Give and bequeath to Lavy Ann Trim all of my stock of hogs and all the rest of my personal property. And I desire moreover that Robert may take Care of his mother to support and sustain her Comfortably and decently so long as she may live and after her death my desire is that the two negroes and their increase if any be sold and all the rest of the property here given to him, and an Equal division to be made among all of my heirs should Robert deem it expedient he may set off any property except the negroes at any time. I appoint my Son Robert T Sample Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my Seal this 8th day of Sept 1843

Attest John W Smith
W S Walker
Martha Trim

Signed Wm A Sample Dec'd

See probate See Minutes Orphans Court

Last Will of Boaz Whitfield dec'd

In the Name of God Amen

I Boaz Whitfield Physician and planter of Maurigo County and State of Alabama mindful of the uncertainty of life and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and establish this my Last Will and Testament revoking and annulling every one previously made.

First after my decease body and Soul shall have ascended to God who gave it I will my Mortal body to my brother Hanes Whitfield of the whole blood to be buried in such form and manner as he may think proper. Secondly I direct that all my just debts be promptly paid according to contract by my Executor hereinafter named Thirdly I bequeath to my half Sister Mrs Rachael Bynum widow of John T Bryan of Wayne County North Carolina ten Dollars To my half Sister Lucy Woolen of Lenoir County N.C. ten Dollars To the Heirs of my half Sister Sarah Hallett deceased ten Dollars To my half Brother William Whitfield of Laurens County Mississippi ten dollars To my half brother Nadham Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars, To my half Sister Hannah Whitfield wife of Haleh Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars To my half brother major Edward Whitfield of Monroe County Mississippi ten dollars to the heirs of half Sister Penelope Croom dec'd wife of the late Cedar Abraham Croom ten dollars, to my half Sister Mary Bryan ten dollars and to my half Brother Nathan B Bush of Maurigo County ten dollars Fourthly I bequeath to my half Sister on the part of my father Miss Betsey Whitfield wife of Ormond A Allan Whitfield of Maurigo County two thousand dollars to be paid in four annual installments with interest at six per cent. To have and to hold the legacy to her sole and separate use apart from and independent of her husband provided she should be living at my death. And if my said half Sister should not be living at my death. Then I bequeath the said Two thousand dollars to my brother Hanes Whitfield above named. Fifthly. To my half Brother Doctor Lewis B Bush of Maurigo County I give and bequeath all the money that he may owe me at my death, and also I give to him my negro man Abraham. Sixthly I devise and bequeath to my Brother of the whole blood Hanes Whitfield of Maurigo County all my property not before disposed of both real personal or mixed either in this State of or elsewhere held in my own right or with others intending to include all that I possess or may hereafter acquire. To have and to hold the property aforesaid. If the said Hanes Whitfield my beloved brother should be living at my death, but if my said brother should depart this life before I do then and in that case I devise and bequeath all the property enumerated for him

as above mentioned to the children and heirs of my said brother Gains Whitfield
Seventhly. In order to carry out my said Last Will and testament I constitute and
appoint my beloved brother Gains Whitfield, my sole Executor having the
most entire Confidence in him. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal, this the (31st of January 1841) thirty first of January
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty three

In presence of James Martin
R V Montague
R Lu Fearn
Jonah C Nott
Andw P Calhoun
L Mauldin

(Signed)
Boaz Whitfield (Seal)

for probate See Minutes Orphans Court—

Last Will and Testament of Henry Walthall Senior of Chesterfield County Va

I Henry Walthall Senior, of Chesterfield County do make and publish this Instrument of writing as and for my Last Will and Testament viz. First, I lend unto my wife Elizabeth C Walthall during her natural life, my land and plantation thereunto belonging, Stock of horses, mules, Cattle, sheep, and hogs, house hold & Kitchen furniture of every kind whatsoever, also the Crops of every description whether in the house or in the field growing at the time of my death. I also lend to my said wife the following negroes, towit, old Jack, Jim, Joan, Daphne Charlotte, and little Jack, during her natural life, and after her decease It is my will and desire that the said negroes that, and all the perishable property above loaned to my said wife shall be equally divided between the following of my children, towit, Elizabeth H Walthall, Thomas B Walthall, Henry C Walthall, Frances G Walthall, Peggy J Walthall, William C Walthall, Ludwell W Walthall, and the Infant daughter now at its mothers breast without a name to them their heirs and assigns forever. Secondly, It is my will and desire that after the death of my said wife the land and plantation above loaned to her during her life shall descend and be vested in my said son Ludwell W Walthall his heirs and assigns, but in case of the death of the said Ludwell before he arrives at the age of twenty one years I give the same to my next youngest son that may be then living, to him his heirs or assigns forever. Thirdly, It is my will and desire that the rest and residue of my Estate not herein before disposed of be kept together by my Executors herein after named, and the profits thereof be applied to the support and Education of my Children before named, and It is further my will and desire that as my said Children respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years or my daughters many that my Executors (Choosing three discreet and reputable neighbours for that purpose) assign to each of my said Children their equal proportions at the times and periods aforesaid but it is my wish that my said daughters aforesaid have a negro Girl each under the age of fifteen years over and above what is given to my sons to be chosen by themselves out of my negroes belonging to that portion of my estate I give the same to them their heirs forever. Fourthly, To my daughter Clarissa B Batte I have given what I conceive to be an equal portion of my Estate at the time of her marriage. Fifthly, I Give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth F Price the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars with which I wish my Executors to purchase a negro girl for the benefit of the son Elizabeth F Price. Sixthly, Should it be necessary to sell any part of my Estate for the purpose of raising money to discharge my just debts I wish the following negroes to be sold by my Executors, towit, Jimmy & Dorpar. Seventhly & lastly, I nominate and appoint my friends Parke Poindexter Benjamin Graves John Lafon & Thomas J Bragg, Executors of my Last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September Anno Domini 1812. Signed, Signed Sealed published and declared by the testator to be his Last will and testament in our presence who Subscribed our names as witnesses in his presence and at his request. (Signed)
Ezekel Dancean F W Crump

Henry Walthall (Seal)

In Chesterfield County Court March the 8th 1818. This Last will and testament of Henry Walthall Senior, deceased was proven by the oath of John P Crump a Subscribing witness thereto and continued for further proof in the said Court April 13th 1818. The said Last will and testament was further and fully proven by the oath of Ezekel Dance also a subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded.

Test Parke Poindexter Clk

John A Hogan's Last will & Testament

I John A Hogan of Marengo County State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory, and of feeble body, do make ordain Constitute appoint and publish this my Last will and Testament Whereas my Estate is much indebted and insolvent It is my wish and will first that all my debts shall be paid It is my request that provided and on condition that my two brothers Franklin H Hogan and Alexander W Hogan will undertake to settle my Estate and see that my debts are paid off, upon the final settlement thereof. Then It is my wish request and will that my said brothers Franklin and Alexander shall have my whole estate both real and personal lands and negroes that shall be left after paying my debts to be equally divided between them provided and on condition that my brother Alexander shall neglect or refuse to undertake to settle my Estate and see my debts paid Then and in that Case it is my request and my will that he shall not have any part or portion of my Estate, provided and on condition that my brother Franklin shall neglect or refuse to undertake to settle my Estate and see my debts paid then and in that Case It is my will that he shall not have any part or portion of my Estate left after paying my debts and in case both refuse as aforesaid then and in that Case it is my wish and will that the Sheriff shall administer according to Law and after paying my debts according to Law then it is my request and will that the balance of my estate remaining in his hands shall be paid over to all my brothers and sisters equally except Franklin and Alexander who are not to have any part or portion remaining in the Sheriffs hands for the reason aforesaid provided both Franklin and Alexander undertake to settle my Estate and one should die then the whole management shall devolve upon the survivor and he shall have the whole Estate as aforesaid I hereby make Constitute and appoint Franklin and Alexander my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament I mean my brothers Franklin Hogan and Alexander W Hogan are appointed my Executors Given under my hand and seal this 12th of April 1841. Signed Sealed and

published in presence of
William Adams
Jacob Lindsay and
W W Dunkins

John A Hogan (Seal)

for probate See Minutes Orphans Court.

Samuel B Dickson's Last Will

The Last Will and Testament of Saml B Dickson Item first It is my will and request that my body be decently interred—

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

3rd I Will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca G Norwood one hundred and twenty Acres of Land lying along side my Eastern boundary line in Horse Creek Swamp.

Item 4th I Will and bequeath after my wife takes her dower of land that my Son Samuel L W Dickson and my Grand Son Samuel Abednego shall have the balance of my Land to be equally divided between them.

Item 5th I Will and bequeath to my Son Samuel L W Dickson a certain negro man named Dias over and above his Share of my personal property.

Item 6th I Will and bequeath to John Green and James A Cockrell each one dollar one bit and three and a half Cents.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that the balance of my Slave property be equally divided between my wife my Sons Thos J Dickson Samuel L W Dickson my daughters Harriett G Parham Rebecca G Norwood and Emily Obedience Greene and Adila A Cockrell and Ann Eliza Cockrell (Dy) Adila A Cockrell and Ann Eliza Cockrell to be Considered as one heir and I hereby appoint my Son Thos J Dickson and my friends Jacob W Williams and Josiah Rogers the Special Guardians of Emily Obedience Greene and my two Grand daughters above named. The property I give to my Grand Daughters I give for Special benefit and support and not to pay the debt or debts which was or may be Contracted by their Husbands before or after marriage provided they should marry and if they should die without a living heir of their body it is my will that their property shall return and be equally divided between my five Children.

Item 8th It is my will that the portion of my personal property which my wife dowers on a division shall be hers during her natural life or widowhood in either event Fee to be equally devided among my five Children hereinbefore named.

Item 9th It is my will and desire that so much of my Stock as will be necessary for the use of the family that may remain on the premises shall be kept for that purpose.

Item 10th It is my will and desire that the debt due me from Benjamin Pierson shall go to my Son Thos J Dickson over and above his equal Share.

Item 11th Knowing that my Son Samuel L W Dickson is incapable of making Contracts for himself I hereby appoint my Son Thos J Dickson and my friends Jacob W Williams and Josiah Rogers his Special Guardians and to make any Contract soever which he may make binding any of the property which I have given him or in any manner during that no Contract which he shall make shall bind any of the property I have given him unless the Contract is made by the Consent of his Guardians.

Item 11th It is my will and request that none of the property I give to my daughter Emily Obedience Greene shall ever go into the hands of her husband John Greene and that the Executors I have appointed will take Charge of the property and keep it hired out and pay over to her the money for which it may for her for the support of her and Children by Green as it was expressly given for that purpose and no other.

Item 12th It is my will and desire that Should my daughter Harriett G Parham die without a living heir of her body that the property which I have given her return and be equally devided among my other four Children named in this instrument.

Item 13th It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property not named in this instrument Shall be equally devided amongst my five Children.

Item 14th I do hereby Nominate and appoint my Son Thos J Dickson and my worthy friends Jacob W Williams and Josiah Rogers my Executors to Carry this my Last will and Testament into effect.

Given under my hand and Seal this 16th day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty three. 1843.

Signed sealed and delivered at the request of Saml W Dickson and in the presence of each other the day and year above written. Saml W Dickson (Seal)

Test: Wm Rabb, Thomas Roberson, Memphis

John G Buntan Last Will & Testament

I John G Buntan of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of present in full health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

1st I give and bequeath to my Sister Amanda Buntan and to the heirs of her body my negro Slaves Charles and little Lucy and in the event without issue then and in that event it is my will and desire that said Slaves shall go to my Sister Willey H Buntan and to her heirs and in the event that the said Willey H Buntan shall survive the said Amanda and die without issue of her body then I give and bequeath said Slaves to Edwin A Glover and in the event of his death without Child or Children then I give and bequeath said Slaves to Jarrot H Glover and the heirs of Allen F Glover dec'd.

2nd I give and bequeath to my Sister Willey H Buntan and to the Heirs of her body, my negro Slaves Als Lucy and Dave and in the event of her death without issue then and in that event it is my will and desire that said Slaves shall go to my Sister Amanda Buntan and to her heirs and in the event that the said Amanda Buntan shall survive the said Willey H and die without issue of her body then I give and bequeath said Slaves to Edwin A Glover and in the event of his death without Child or Children then I give and bequeath said Slaves to Jarrot H Glover and to the Heirs of Allen F Glover dec'd all the rest and residue of my Estate after the payment of my just debts I give and bequeath to my said two Sisters above named I hereby appoint Edwin A Glover Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and desire that he will retain possession of said property herein bequeathed and disposed of until my said Sisters shall marry or until they shall have attained sufficient age to take charge of the same In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th September 1843

John G Buntan (Seal)

Witness: John F Glover, William Spriggle

(For probate &c see minutes appeals Court)

John F Barnes Last Will and Testament

In the name of God amen I John F Barnes of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make ordain and declare this instrument to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First I desire all my just debts to be paid.

2nd I give and bequeath all my property both real and personal of every kind character and description to be equally devided in manner and form following viz

I give and bequeath one half of all my estate both real and personal to my two Children Thomas James Barnes and Martha Lucinda Barnes to them and their heirs forever. I give the other half of all my Estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Ann Rebecca and her two Children Hezekiah Nettles Barnes and Joseph Dopey Barnes and to the Child of which she is now pregnant and Slaves. It is my will and desire that this bequest to my wife Ann Rebecca be taken by her in lieu and place of her right of dower to any portion of my estate and in lieu of all other right. I desire that all my property of every kind shall be kept together the land to be cultivated by my negroes and the proceeds of the Crops and sales made to be employed in the support of my wife and my Children and that this shall be the Case untill my son Thomas James Barnes shall Came to the age of twenty one years or marry in either of which events it is my desire that then my son Thomas James Barnes shall Come and have one third of his portion of the above described estate. It is my will that the remainder of my estate be kept together as aforesaid untill my daughter Martha Lucinda shall marry or Come to the age of twenty one years when I desire her part of the Estate above described be allotted to her. Should the Child of which my wife is now pregnant be not born alive then the share it would be entitled to is to go to my wife and her two Children Hezekiah & Joseph. I give my negro woman Celia to my beloved wife and said negro woman as aforesaid is not included in the devises hereinbefore made to my wife and my Children. I give whatever amount may accrue from the Cultivation of my land and management of my Estate after my death over and above sufficient to support my family to be divided in the manner hereinbefore directed in the general devise of

of my Estate should either of my aforesaid Children die without leaving lawful heirs and before marriage or the age of twenty one years then It is my desire that the portion of which Child shall be equally divided amongst my other and surviving Children I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Isaac L Barnes and my friend Ishua Bates as Executors of this my Last Will and Testament I hereby revoke all other wills. Signed Sealed and published this twentieth day of January 1844.

In presence of J. W. Barney
J. M. Kelly
Benj Gills

John L Barnes (Seal)

For Probate see Minutes Orphans Court

Robert S Cox Last Will & Testament

In the name of Almighty God Amen I Robert S Cox of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being fully impressed with the great uncertainty of human assistance do make publish and declare this to be my Last will and Testament. Viz.

Item first It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall as soon after my death as practicable pay and discharge all of my Just debts.

Item second I will and bequeath all of the rest of my property after the payment of my debts Thus And half to the heirs of my brother Joseph and the remaining half to be equally divided between the Children of Doctor William L McCaa and the Children of Doctor James R Jones.

Lastly I do hereby appoint my brother Joseph H Cox and Doctor James R Jones Executors to this my Will with full power to do all things requisite to carry the same into effect 16th September 1843

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of Chr B Jones
C B Adams
J H Capers

R S Cox (Seal)

For probate see minutes Orphans Court

Zachers Green Last will and Testament

The State of Alabama Marengo County know all men by these presents that I Zachers Green of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and Memory and some what advanced in years do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and Testament as follows to wit I wish my body decently intered by my Executor hereinafter named - and I will and devise all the property with which it has pleased God to bless me in this life in manner and form following that is to say 1st After the payment of my Just debts and the Expenses attendant on the administration of my Estate I will bequeath and deliver unto my wife the following named negro slaves to wit Joshua. Nancy. Jane her child To have and to hold the same unto her heirs and assigns forever 2nd I will bequeath & devise unto my daughter Sarah R.G. Grigsby wife of Samuel M Grigsby of Sumter County in the State of Alabama for and during the term of her natural life & after her death to the heirs of her body to be equally divided among them the following named negro slaves to wit Jack & Frank - To have and to hold unto the said Sarah R.G. Grigsby and to the heirs of her body 3rd I will bequeath and devise unto my Niece Sarah G. Moore of Marengo County in the State of Alabama a certain negro slave named Milly aged about thirty eight years one horse and one bed & furniture - To have and to hold unto the said Sarah G. Moore and her heirs and assigns forever 4th I will bequeath and devise unto my daughter Sarah R.G. Grigsby and wife of Samuel M. Grigsby of Sumter County in the State of Alabama all my real Estate in the State of Alabama and

elsewhere reserving however to my wife her Dower out of the same to have and to hold the said real Estate unto my Daughter Sarah R.G. Grigsby & her heirs forever Lastly I will bequeath & devise all the remainder and residue of my Estate to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth Green & my Daughter Sarah R.G. Grigsby my wife half to have and to hold unto her, her heirs and assigns forever and my Daughter half to have and to hold unto her and the heirs of her body forever - I nominate and appoint my Son in Law Samuel M. Grigsby of Sumter County in said State of Alabama Executor of this my last will & testament In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this 26th day of August 1843 Zachers Green (Seal) signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of Samuel S. Webb, Jas. H. Bibb - Wm. J. Alston

Probate Orphans Court for Marengo County December Term AD 1844 - This day came on for probate an Instrument purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Zachers Green deceased and It appearing that the next of Kin said deceased are Samuel M Grigsby and Sarah R his wife and Elizabeth Green widow of said deceased and the said Samuel M Grigsby now here proffering said instrument and Samuel S Webb and James H. Bibb two of the subscribing witnesses being first duly sworn upon oath Severally say that they saw the said Zachers Green sign said Instrument on the day the same bears date and that they at the request of said Zachers signed the same as witnesses together with Wm J Alston the other subscribing witness in the presence of said Zachers who then and there published the same as his last will and Testament and that said testator was of sane and disposing mind at the Executors of said instrument - It is therefore ordered that said Instrument be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said Testator and that letters of Testamentary issue to Samuel M. Grigsby the person therein named as executor on his entering into Bond in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars James A Young Judge Marengo County Court

K Raby Last will & Testament

Marengo County Alabama July 5th 1844 - In the name of Almighty God Amen I Kinchen Rabia being about to depart this life but being of sound mind make this my last will and Testament after discharging all of my Just debts I give and bequeath all of my Estate both real and personal to my wife Elizabeth Rabia during her life and at her death to be equally divided between my Children

John Henson Last will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I John Henson of Marengo County State of Alabama do make and acknowledge this my last will and Testament being made in a sound state of mind the suffering with bodily affliction Viz. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nelly Henson all my Estate both real and personal after the payment of my Just debts to have and to hold the same during her natural life at the death of the said Nelly Henson it is my will that my Estate both real and personal be divided equally that is share and share alike with my Children now living I farther will that my son William Henson act as my lawful Executor to carry this my last will into effect In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of August 1844 John his x mark Henson

Witness
W. L. McCaa
E. W. Quinney
E. F. Smith

Martha Stroudrick
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I Martha Stroudrick of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being in an infirm State of health and sensible tho of my liableness to sudden death at the same time being in my own apprehensions of sound mind do judge it best to make and accordingly do hereby make this my last will and testament I give devise and dispose of my estate both real and personal in the following manner - I give and devise all my lands tenements and hereditaments whereon situated to my Son Samuel Stroudrick and my grand son William C. Ashe and the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor forever to have and to hold the same to the uses and upon the trusts following that is to say the said Samuel Stroudrick and the said William C Ashe hereinafter named as Trustees shall permit my Daughter Elizabeth Jane Ashe wife of Wm P Ashe of the County of Tuscaloosa in said State to have the possession use and Control of said Lands tenements and hereditaments and to receive the rents issues and profits thereof for and during the term of her natural life for her own sole and Separate use and benefit exclusively and Independently of her said husband and not subject in any wise to his interference Control engagements or debts - And upon further trust that the said Elizabeth Jane shall have power at any time during her life Notwithstanding her Coverture by last will and Testament in Writing or a Codicil or Codicils thereto to dispose of said Lands tenements and hereditaments in any manner that may seem proper to her and the said Trustees shall by apt and proper instruments assign and set over the lands hereinbefore devised, and all their estate and interest therein, to such persons and for such uses and purposes as the said Elizabeth Jane shall by such will or Codicil direct or appoint and in default of such appointments or direction under and Virtue of such will or Codicil being made then the said Trustees shall in like manner assign and set over the said lands and their estate and interest therein to such Children of the said Elizabeth Jane as shall be living at her death forever as Tenants in Common including under the denomination of Children the respective descendants of any of the Children of the said Elizabeth Jane who may have deceased during her lifetime who shall be entitled respectively to the same share as his her or their ancestor being of such children would have been if then living - And upon further Trust that if at the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth Jane any part of the proceeds of the rents issues and profits of said lands Should be remaining in the hands of the said Trustees they shall distribute the same among her Children in their respective uses as tenants in Common in the mode before pointed out for the division of the lands and in case of the death of my said Daughter without having made a will in relation thereto Whereas heretofore to wit on the first day of September Instant I Executed a Deed of Gift of certain Slaves therein named and described to and in favor of Betsey Stroudrick the wife of my son William F. Stroudrick and for her sole and Separate use and benefit also in which Decatur C Anderson and John T Lomax are appointed trustees and whereas also on the 13th day of September Instant I executed Several other deeds of Gift to wit one to and in favor of my daughter Elizabeth Jane Ashe wife of Wm P Ashe of certain negro Slaves therein Mentioned for her own Separate use and benefit one to and in favor of my Daughter Martha L Young wife of Elisha Young of a certain Negro Slave therein named and for her Separate use and benefit one to and in favor of Isabella Harris my granddaughter and wife of Frederick W Harris of a certain female Slave therein named also for her own Separate use and benefit in each of which said deeds Samuel Stroudrick and William C Ashe are appointed as trustees and each refusing is attested by Lat N. Lane and O. H. Prince also one other to and in favor of Julia Tutwiler my Grand Daughter and wife of Henry Tutwiler of a certain female Slave therein mentioned and which is attested by James A Lane and O H Prince Now if from a want of formal delivery, of the property described in each of said deeds and intended to be Conveyed according to the true Intent, or from any other Cause Whatever, said deeds Should not be deemed valid in Law I hereby Ratify and Confirm said deeds, and all the provisions Contained in each of them and do adopt the same as parts of this my Last Will and Testament as fully and Completely as if the words and figures were therein over fore repeated - I hereby Constitute and appoint Samuel Stroudrick and William C Ashe and the Survivor of them, executors and executor of this my last will and testament In Testimony Whereof I hereto put my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my Last will and Testament this 4th day of September A.D. 1844 Signed Sealed published and declared M. Stroudrick (Seal) Signed Sealed published and declared by the said testatrix in our presence who at her request have Signed our names in her presence and in the presence of each other. The interlineations & erasures made before Signing and Sealing - O.C. Anderson. James A. Lane. O.H. Prince

probate

Orphans Court for Marengo County November 27th A.D. 1844 - This day came Samuel Stroudrick and William C Ashe and filed in Court an Instrument purporting to be the last will of Martha Stroudrick late of said County deceased and it being made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that there is no objections to the probate thereof on the part of the next kin and Decatur C Anderson and Oliver H Prince two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto duly sworn upon their Oath Say that they were present on the day the same bears date and saw the said Martha Stroudrick Sign and publish the same as her last will and that they together with James A. Lane the other Subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testatrix deponents further say that said testatrix was of Sane and disposing mind & memory at the time of Signing said Instrument - It is therefore ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to the said Samuel Stroudrick & William C Ashe the Executors therein named upon their Entering into Bond in the sum of one thousand dollars

James A Hungerford Judge Marengo County Court

Nathaniel B Bush
Last will & Testament

In the Name of God Amen I Nathaniel B Bush of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo being weak and sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make Constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give unto my Daughter Holland A Bush the following negroes Elijah Lucy, Stephen, Molly, Hannah, Susan and Matilda to her and her heirs and assigns forever I also give unto her the following property, My bald horse Sarah Riddle and Martingales one Mahogany bureau one Mahogany low table one Mahogany Candle Stand two Large brass Candlesticks four large waiters two pair Snuffers and Snuff dish two face China pitchers an China Sugar dish one Wardrobe one writing Desk one Mahogany tumble and Washing table and tea Spoons Sugar tongs and two Salt spoons with the initial of My and her Brothers names on them one Silver watch, Key Portrait one feather bed bedstead with furniture Complete and stand of white Curtains a half dozen jelly Stool Chairs, one large and one small Mahogany Rocking Chair, one set large new Knives and forks and one set of Smaller to her and her heirs forever. Secondly I give unto My daughter Mary L Bush the following negroes John, Polly, Samuel, Betsey, Lucy, Martha, George, Sarah and Prince Female one horse Called Charles, Saddle bridle and Martingales one bed bedstead and Furniture Complete, one stand Calico Curtains one set Delaver tea Spoons with the initials of My Father and Mother to her and her heirs forever Thirdly I give unto My Daughter Rutledge R Bush the following negroes

Foster, Abby, Sim, Ann, Ruffin, Milly, Lidia, Gurney, Green, Bond, Polly, Caine and Lewis also one bed bed stead and Furniture Complete to her & their heirs forever — I desire that my Executor hereinafter named sell my negro woman Martha Rachael (her daughter) and increase if any in any way he may think proper and apply the Money arising from such sale to the payment of a note against me payable to Mor Cone with Joseph Borden an Joel R. Lucas securities — I moreover desire that my executor have full authority to dispose of my Lands in the State of Alabama either by private sale upon such time and terms as he may think on Continue the Cultivation of the land during the time he may have the negroes in his possession as he may think most Conducive to the Interest of my Children. If he should Cultivate the Land My desire is that the proceeds thereof be equally divided amongst my three Children & I further desire whenever he shall sell my lands that one half of the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my two elder daughters Hoteland A. and Mary L. Bush and the other half be given to my other daughter Penelope R. Bush — I while my negroes are in his possession any of them Should by bad Conduct render themselves unprofitable property he may dispose of them to the benefit of the heir to whom they belong — Should my Executor not think proper to Continue my land in Cultivation and not find it necessary to sell my negro woman Martha Rachel (her daughter) and increase to accomplish the payment of the debt above named I desire that they be given to my daughter Mary L. Bush and that he pay the said debt out of the means any part of my Estate I give unto my brother L. B. Bush all my interest in an undivided tract of Land Lying in the State of Georgia bequeathed me by my Father also my interest in a tract of Land in the State of Tennessee which I inherited from my brother William L. Bush also a certain Lot or parcel of Land in the Town of Trenton in Jones County North Carolina bequeathed me by my Father to him and his heirs forever — I desire that my daughter Penelope R. Bush have such an Education as a reasonable expenditure of her Means will afford — Should any of my Children become of age or marry while a crop is on the Land I desire that the negroes to such heir be continued on the farm till the Crop is Gathered provided My Executor shall think proper to do so — All my wearing apparel, trunks and books I give to my nephew Lewis Bush — My will is that my Executor sell all my property not herein devised whenever he thinks necessary pay all my debts and equally divide the residue of the proceeds amongst my three Children — And Lastly I nominate and appoint My trusty friend Sr. Alexander Sledge Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and Condemning this to be the same In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 21st day of June 1849 N. B. Bush (Seal) Attest Moses Westbrook James A. Bryan Solomon Lowery

Probate

Orphans Court Marengo County October Term A.D. 1849
This day Came Alexander Sledge and moved the Court that the Instrument heretofore pronounced as the last will and

Testament of Nathan B. Bush late of Marengo County deceased be admitted to probate as such, and likewise Came Levin B Lane Guardian ad litem for Holland Ann and Mary Bush Two of the minor heirs of said deceased and Thomas Riggins Guardian ad litem for Penelope R. Bush and then being on assistance to the probate thereof James A. Bryan and Solomon Lowery two of the Subscribing witnesses being first duly Sworn severally depose that they were present on the day the same bears date, and saw the said Nathan B. Bush deceased Sign and heard him publish the same as his last will and Testament that they together with John W. Smith and Moses Westbrook the Subscribing witness Signed their names in the presence of said Testator and at his request and that said Testator was at the Execution thereof of Sane and disposing mind & it is therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of record as the Last will and testament of said Nathan B. Bush dec'd and that letters testamentary issue to Alexander Sledge the Executor therein named upon his entering into Bond for the sum of thirty thousand dollars James A. Young Judge Marengo County Court

James L. Harding

I James L. Harding of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama Last Will & Testament &c. do hereby Make My last Will and testament in Manner and form following, that is to say 1st I desire the payment of all my Just and funeral expenses out of What Money I may have on hand and the debts due and to become due and of That Shall not be sufficient then I desire and it is my Will that my executors hereinafter named Shall proceed to Sell at their discretion of time and place So much of my personal estate as Shall be Sufficient to the purpose herein desired. And Should there be a balance over after paying my Just debts and funeral expenses as desired Such balance to remain in the hands of my executors to be disposed of as hereinafter directed. Secondly I give and bequeath to my two nieces Catherine Ann and Mary Ann Harding daughters of David Harding Two Hundred acres of land lying and being Situate in the County of Perry State of Ala adjoining the lands of William Powell and Peter Jones to have and to hold the Same in fee Simple Title together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging also I give unto my said two nieces each Twenty Dollars — Thirdly It is my will that my negro property be disposed of in the following manner (that is to say) I will my Man John and Olga his wife and their three Children Linus, Milland and Franklin and a negro Girl named Judy part into one Lot and the same I give and bequeath unto my Sister Rebecca M. Williams and her Children forever and Undivided Ann and Comfort being the remainder of my negro property — I give unto my Sister Frances M. Harrison and her Children Both Lots to be valued by disinterested persons and Should one lot be valued for More than the other then the amount over & Valuation to be equally divided between My two Sisters aforesaid Thirdly I will all my lands (being Situate in the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama) to be disposed of in the Manner following (viz) first to be valued by three good and disinterested Citizens to be selected by my executors and when Such Valuation Shall have been made I will the refusal of its occupancy in fee Simple unto to have and to hold or dispose of to S. G. Harrison my Brother in Law in right of his wife and Children by his paying to my Sister Rebecca M. Williams or her legal Representative one half of the aforesaid valuation money of Such land and So likewise if the said S. G. Harrison as aforesaid does not choose or desire to accept the refusal herein willed and granted then and in that case It is willed and granted unto my Sister Rebecca M. Williams or her legal Representatives the same right to occupy said land in fee Simple right and perfect title to have or dispose of for her benefit as is given to the said S. G. Harrison upon condition that she or her legal Representatives pay unto the said S. G. Harrison aforesaid in right of his wife and Children the just half of the valuation of said lands and in Case neither party herein named desire to occupy as above stated according to

terms herein Expressed and desired then I desire the land to be put up to the highest bidder at a time and place discretionary with my executors for one third part of the purchase money down and the remaining two thirds in one and two years with interest from date the purchaser giving good notes and Security and they payments as they become due and paid to be equally divided between my two Sisters Rebecca W. Williams and Frances W. Frierson

Fifthly I will and desire that all my perishable property of every description whatever Consisting of Horses and Mules Cattle and Hogs House hold & Kitchen furniture farming utensils Corn & fodder Cotton and any other character of furniture or produce which of right belongs to me shall be sold on a credit of six or twelve Months discretionary with the executor taking notes and Security for the purchase Money and out of the proceeds of such Sales (when the same have been Collected) and the amount which may have been over out of Monies raised for the purpose expressed and desired in the first Section of this Instrument after defraying the immediate expenses of my Funeral and paying all my Just debts. I appropriate the sum of five Hundred Dollars to Construct over my grave a decent Tomb of Marble Stone and my Friend S. G. Frierson is desired to perform this duty and any amount which may be over and remaining after he shall Complete what is here requested I give and grant unto him as pay for his services in this behalf in devising and Superintending the same and the amount over said appropriation. I give and Grant to my two Sisters Rebecca W Williams and Frances W. Frierson to be equally divided between them And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my friends S. G. Frierson and Thomas D. Pitts executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others or former wills or Testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof wherof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of April 1844 J. L. Harding (Seal) Signed Sealed published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named James L Harding in the presence of us. Wm

Codicil

T Moore, Jas. M Moles, Lewis C. Tutt State of Alabama Marengo County being absent to leave home and case of accident I leave the amongst my papers as a proof of my wish with regard to the future disposition of my Boy Moses and the child with which Judy is now pregnant if it should live that is to say I hereby wish and direct that they both be emancipated and set free from Slavery at the age of Seventy years and that in the division of my property whoever gets the mother Judy shall take the two children and keep them for their Services untill they arrive at the age above named Signed this 26th day of April A.D. 1844 J. L. Harding Test D Harding

Probate

This I ~~want~~ ~~was~~ wish Samuel G. Frierson to attend to J. L. Harding Orphans Court Marengo County This day Came on for probate the instrument filed by Samuel G. Frierson as the last will of James L Harding late of Marengo County deceased with a codicil thereto and William T. Moore and James M. Moles two of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first Sworn upon oath say that said Instrument was signed and published by said deceased on the 26th day of April A.D. 1844 as his last will and Testament and that they signed their names together with Lewis C. Tutt in his presence and at his request and they further say that said deceased was of sane & deposing mind and deponent further state that said Harding whose name appears as witness to the accompanying

Codicil is a citizen of the province of Texas & is not within the Jurisdiction of the United States & that the Signature of the said James L. Harding to said Codicil is his genuine signature and that they are acquainted with his hand writing It is therefore ordered that the aforesaid instrument purporting to be the last will of said Harding be admitted to record as his last will and Testament and that the instrument thereto annexed be Entered of record as a Codicil thereto & that letters testamentary thereon issue to Saml. G Frierson & Thomas D Pitts the executors therein named upon them Entering into Bond in the sum of fifteen thousand Dollars as required. James A Young Judge &c

William Curtis
Last will

Know all men that I [illegible] Curtis of the State of Alabama Marengo County do hereby make this [illegible] last will and testament it is my will that my blowed wife hand as her portion [illegible] my lands the Quarter [illegible] of my land whereon I now live together with forty [illegible] lying on the East side of the above [illegible] being the East half of the South west Quarter and the west half of the South west Quarter Section Seven Township 17 Range three East. [illegible] South [illegible] Quarters of the South East Quarter Section Seven Township 17 Range three East - Containing two hundred acres more or less. It is also my will that my [illegible] Isaac is to have the Quarter Section of land that I bought [illegible] Walton being the South West Quarter of Section [illegible] township 17 Range 3 East and this shall be his portion of my real Estate and that he Isaac Curtis is entitled to one half the Gin House [illegible] on the land which is willed to my wife - And it is my will that my wife have an equal portion of all my negroes and the liberty of Selecting as she may prefer sharing equally with each Child --

and that the remaining negroes be equally allotted between my children taking into account the negroes or money which has been already given to my Sons Isaac and Edward and I do further will that my youngest Son William shall have five hundred dollars in addition to his equal share of my Estate - And that my wife shall have my Carriage and two horses, and that the Household furniture shall be my wife and is hereby left to her disposal It is also my will that all the property hereby willed to my wife shall at her decease revert back to my children to be equally divided between them or their legal representatives - And it is my will that whenever my farthers Estate shall be divided and my share distributed to my heirs that my wife shall have an equal share with my children or their representatives & at her decease to revert back to my legall heirs and that the growing Crop shall be gathered & sold and the proceeds enter into my Estate and be a part thereof to be equally divided among my children my wife having an equal portion thereof It is my desire that my Son Isaac Curtis and Edward Curtis act as Executors of this my last will and testament. In ~~testament~~ witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 22nd day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty four ——

Joseph Bevell — I Joseph Bevell of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama
Last will & Testament — being Convinced of the Certainty of death and the uncertainty
of ~~death~~ Life — do hereby make this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following (Viz) I first wish all my just debts paid out
of my Estate. It is my wish that E. O. Johnson of Prairie Bluff shall
be paid a debt of borrowed money first out of my Growing Crop
I give and bequeath to my wife America the following named Articles
as one years Support Viz One Hundred & fifty Bushels of Corn Sea
hundred pound pork 1 Bbl flour 50 lbs Sugar & 30 pounds Coffee I
give and bequeath unto my son William the sum of five dollars
I further give and bequeath to my other three Children (Viz)
Mary Eliza Varner [illegible] Bevel and Frances Catherine Frances
Bevel the remainder of my [illegible] to be Equally divided between them
as soon after my death as [illegible] — As my land would be of little
benefit to my Children [illegible] my will and desire — that it shall be sold
as soon after my death as Circumstances will admit — I do hereby Constitute
Dr S. J. Harris Executor of this my last will and Testament this the 10th
day of August 1843 Joseph Bevel — In presence of W. H.
Black Thomas Black Ebon Cram

Leroy W. Kings — I Leroy W. King of the County of Marengo and State
Last Will & Testament — of Alabama do Make publish and declare my last Will
and Testament in Manner and form following (to wit)
First — It is my will and desire that my just debts be paid and I hereby
direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay and discharge the Same —
Secondly — I bequeath my watch to my brother John T. King
Thirdly — I bequeath my double barrelled gun to my brother Willis P. King —
Fourthly — I will and bequeath to my farther William King negro Slaves
Handy his wife Rose and their four Children Isabel Abram Daniel
and an infant the name of which is not now recollected Together with the future
increase of the females of said Slaves — to the said William King and
to his heirs and assigns forever Fifthly the remainder of my Estate
real personal and mixed and all debts due me Choses in action
I hereby give devise and bequeath to my wife Mary King and my daughter
Elizabeth in equal Shares and I hereby authorize and empower
my Executor hereinafter named to keep up and Continue my plantation
and to Cultivate the Same for the benefit of my wife and child
until the Latter attains lawfull age or shall marry provided my
said Executor shall Consider it to be the Interest of my said
Wife and Child so to do — But in the Event he shall Consider
it to be the Interest of both to discontinue the Cultivation for the
joint account of my wife & child of my said plantation he
is hereby authorized to do so and to Cause my estate to be equally
divided between them Sixthly I hereby appoint my Father ~~Sole~~
~~Executor~~ of William King Sole Executor of this my last will
and Testament and Guardian of my infant Daughter Elizabeth
with power in the said William King to appoint a Successor as
Guardian as aforesaid by last Will and Testament and
I request that my daughter be liberally Educated In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
to this Instrument as my last will and Testament (hereby revoking
all others) on this the second day of November 1844 Leroy W. King

Witnesses — F. S. Lyon, William Robinson George G. Lyon
Codicil — I Leroy W. King do hereby make and publish this as an addition or Codicil
to my last will and Testament herein before made and published
that is to say It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize my Executor
herein before appointed that at any time hereafter he may deem
it Expedient and to the Interest of my wife and infant Child
to sell and dispose of any of my lands tenements Town lots or real Estate
of any kind or description he is hereby authorized to do either at public
or private sale and upon such time as he may think expedient and
to make and Convey the title to the same — and it is my further
desire that my said Executor should purchase another tract of land
with the proceeds of the sale of my real Estate and employ any funds
arising from my plantation to in addition to Complete the payment for
the same or to make such other disposition of the funds arising from
the sale aforesaid as my said Executor may think expedient and to
the interest of my wife and infant Child In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this Codicil
to my last will and Testament this fifth day of November A.D. 1844
Leroy W. King (Seal) — Witnesses D. C. Moore, B. N. Glover, W. C. Ashe

Mrs Mary King assent to L. W. Kings will — To the Honorable James A. Young Judge of the Orphans Court in & for the
County of Marengo and State of Alabama — The undersigned widow
of Leroy W. King late of Marengo County deceased hereby requests that
the paper now in the hands of William King the father of the deceased
purporting to be the last will and testament of the deceased may be
admitted to probate and the undersigned hereby waives all right
to notice or Citation to appear & object to said will if she have
any objection to make and hereby expresses her assent to the provisions
of said will and expresses her desire that the same may
be admitted to probate and the Executor therein named duly
Qualified — this 20th November 1844 Mary B. King —

Probate — Orphans Court for Marengo County November Term — November 25th 1844
This day Came William King and produced for probate and instrument purporting to
be the last will and testament of Leroy W. King late of said County deceased
with a Codicil thereto annexed and Mary B. King wife of said deceased having
filed in writing a waiver of notice of the probate of said will together with
her assent to the same and Elizabeth King only Child of said deceased
being made appear to the Satisfaction to be an infant of Tender years and notice
to her being waived by the aforesaid William King and William H. Lyon
her next friends — William Robinson and Francis S. Lyon two of the
Subscribing witnesses to said last will being first duly sworn depose and
say that they were present on the day said instrument bears date and
saw the same sign and acknowledged by the said Leroy W. King and by
him published as his last will and testament that they together with George
G. Lyon the other subscribing witness at the request of said testator
signed the same as witness in his presence Deponents further say that said
testator was of sane and disposing mind and memory at the time of Signing said
instrument and David C. Moore and Benjamin N. Glover two of the subscribing witnesses
to the instrument annexed to the will aforesaid being likewise duly sworn say that they were
present on the day the same bears date and saw the same sign and publish as a codicil to the
will aforesaid by said Leroy W. King and that they together with the other subscribing witness
signed the same in his presence and at his request and they further say that said Leroy
W. King was at the time of signing said instrument of sane and disposing
mind and memory — It then is therefore ordered by the Court that said

Witnesses – F S Lyon, William Robinson George G Lyon

Codicil

I Leroy W King do hereby make and publish this as an addition or Codicil to my last will and Testament herein before made and published that is to say It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize my Executor herein before appointed that at any time hereafter he may dust deem it Expedient and to the Interest of my wife and infant Child to sell and dispose of any of my lands tenements Town lots or real Estate of any kind or description he is hereby authorized to do either at public or private sale and upon such time as he may think Expedient and to make and Convey the title to the same – and it is my further desire that my said Executor should purchase another tract of land with the proceeds of the sale of my real Estate and employ any funds arising from my plantation to in addition to complete the payment for the same or to make such other disposition of the funds arising from the sale aforesaid as my said Executor may think Expedient and to the interest of my wife and infant Child In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this Codicil to my last will and Testament this fifth day of November A.D. 1844.

Leroy W King (Seal) – Witnesses D.C. Moore, B.N. Glover, W.C. Ashe

Mrs Mary King assent to L.W. Kings will

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of the Orphans Court in & for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama – The undersigned widow of Leroy W King late of Marengo County deceased hereby requests that the paper now in the hands of William King the father of the deceased purporting to be the last will and testament of the deceased may be admitted to probate and the undersigned hereby waives all right to notice or Citation to appear & object to said will if she have any objection to make and hereby expresses her assent to the provisions of said will and expresses her desire that the same may be admitted to probate and the Executor therein named duly Qualified – this 20th November 1844 Mary B King

Probate

Orphans Court for Marengo County November Term – November 25th 1844

This day Came William King and produced for probate and instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Leroy W King late of said County deceased with a Codicil thereto annexed and Mary B King wife of said deceased having filed in writing a waiver of Notice of the probate of said will together with her assent to the same and Elizabeth King only Child of said deceased being made appear to the satisfaction to be an infant of Tender years and notice to her being waived by the aforesaid William King and William H Lyon her next friends – William Robinson and Francis S Lyon two of the Subscribing Witnesses to said last will being first duly sworn depose and say that they were present on the day said instrument bears date and saw the same sign and acknowledged by the said Leroy W King and by him published as his last will and testament that they together with George G Lyon the other subscribing witness at the request of said testator signed the same as witness in his presence Deponents further say that said testator was of sane and disposing mind and memory at the time of Signing said instrument and David C. Moore and Benjamin N Glover two of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument annexed to the will aforesaid being likewise duly sworn say that they were present on the day the same bears date and saw the same sign and publish as a codicil to the will aforesaid by said Leroy W King and that they together with the other subscribing witness signed the same in his presence and at his request and they further say that said Leroy W King was at the time of signing said instrument of sane and disposing mind and memory – It is therefore ordered by the Court that said

instrument be entered of record as the last will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Leroy W King deceased and that letters testamentary issue to William King the Executor therein named – James A Young Judge Marengo County Court –

James Jackson and Last will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I James Jackson and in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory do this day make this my last will and testament in manner following Items I loan unto my beloved wife Sarah Jackson during her lifetime all my lands to wit the South East qr of the South west Quarter also the South East Quarter of the North west Quarter also the North west Quarter of the South East Quarter also the North half of the North East quarter all in Section No thirty four in Township thirteen in Range four East all containing one hundred and forty acres more or less also all of my plantation tools and house hold and Kitchen furniture and all of my stock of horses hogs & Cattle only which will be hereafter mentioned also I loan unto my beloved wife Sarah Jackson during her Lifetime one Negro Girl named Liger with her increase and after the death of my beloved wife Sarah Jackson is is my wish for my son Andrew to have the said Negro girl Liger and her increase also of all the lands that I loan unto my beloved wife with the Exception of forty acres which will be hereafter mentioned also I give unto my son Andrew Jackson one horse and saddle to be worth one hundred and ten Doll and on chase bed and furniture all all the hogs and Cattle marked with an under square and under bit in Each year two ploughs and two sets of gear and one yoke of oxen and ox Cart and all the crop that should be on hand at the death of his mother provided I should not be alivening when the crop should be agrowing or gathered and the fifth part of a Spinning machine and it is my wish that the South East Quarter of the North west quarter of Land should after the death of my wife Sarah Jackson should be sold by my Executor hereafter mentioned at public sale and the proceeds to be equally devided among Gary Jackson Allen Jackson James Jackson Dr Alexandre Jackson Andrew Jackson all of which are my sons and also my daughters Nancy Turner Rebecca Manes and Sarah Jackson and the Children of parthama Small is to draw their Mothers share of the property which is to be equally devided among all my Children also the stock of horses Cattle and hogs with their increase and the household and Kitchen furniture is also to be devided Equally between the above named Children at the death of their Mother with the Exception of what has been particularly described to my son Andrew Jackson it is also my wish that what will be coming to Nancy Turner and Rebecca Manes for my Executor to keep it in his hands so as to pay it to them in three annual payments to keep support their families I do hereby appointed my son Andrew Jackson sole Executor of this my last will and testament

instrument be entered of record as the last will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Leroy M King deceased and that Letters testamentary issue to William King the Executor therein named — James A Young Judge Marengo County Court —

James Jackson Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I James Jackson of in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being aware in body & in perfect in mind and memory do this day make this my Last will and testament in manner following Items I loan unto my beloved wife Sarah Jackson during her lifetime all my lands to wit the South East qr of the South West Quarter also the South East Quarter of the North west Quarter also the North west Quarter of the South East Quarter also the North half of the North East quarter all in Section No Twenty four in Township Thirteen in Range four East all containing one hundred and forty acres more or less also all of my plantation tools and house hold and kitchen furniture and all of my Stock of horses hogs & Cattle only which will be hereafter Mentioned also I loan unto my beloved wife Sarah Jackson during her Lifetime one Negro Girl named Liza with her increase and after the death of my beloved wife Sarah Jackson is is my wish for my son Andrew to have the said Negro girl Liza and her increase also of all the lands that I loan unto my beloved wife with the Exception of forty acres which will be hereafter Mentioned also I give unto my son Andrew Jackson one horse and Saddle to be worth one hundred and ten Doll and one chase Bed and furniture all all the hogs and Cattle Marked with an under Square and under bit in Each ear two ploughs and two sets of gear and one yoke of oxen and ox Cart also all the crop that should be on hand at the death of his Mother provided I should not be alive at the time the crop should be a growing or gathered and the little part of a Spinning machine and it is my wish that the South East Quarter of the North west quarter of Land should after the death of my wife Sarah Jackson she said be sold by my Executor hereafter Mentioned at public Sale and the proceeds to be equally divided among Gany Jackson Allen Jackson James Jackson Green Andrew Jackson Andrew Jackson all of which are my sons and also my daughters Nancy Turner Rebecca Manes and Sarah Jackson and the Children of Parthania Small is to draw their Mothers Share of the property which is to be equally divided among all my Children also the Stock of Horses Cattle and hogs with their increase and the household and Kitchen furniture is also to be divided Equally between the above named Children at the death of their Mother with the Exception of what has been particularly described to my son Andrew Jackson it is also my wish that what will be coming to Nancy Turner and Rebecca Manes for my Executor to keep it in his hands so as to pay it to them in their annual payments to help support their families I do hereby appoint my son Andrew Jackson Sole Executor of this my last will and testament

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of April one thousand Eight hundred and forty Two James A Jackson Signed sealed and delivered published and declared by the said testator as for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto test Phelps Agee William McGaw Jeremiah Pritchett — Orphans Court for Marengo County Oct Term 1842 This day came Andrew Jackson and moved the Court that the instrument heretofore filed by him as the last will of James Jackson dec'd be admitted to probate as such and it appearing to the Court that the Citations heretofore issued have been executed upon the next of kin to said deceased and there being no objection to the probate of said instrument William McGaw and Jeremiah Pritchett two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn severally depose that they were present on the day said instrument bears date and saw said James Jackson sign and publish the same as his last will and testament that they together with Phelps Agee subscribed thereto as witnesses in the presence of said testator and at his request and that said testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time of the publication of said world. It therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of record as the last will and testament of said James Jackson dec'd and that Letters testamentary issue to the said Andrew Jackson who is therein named Executor upon his giving bond as required by law in the sum of three Thousand dollars James A Young Judge &c

John Remnard Last Will & Testament

The State of Alabama Marengo County I John Remnard being of sound Mind and disposing memory do hereby make and constitute this my last will and Testament — 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret all of my effects during her natural life — 2nd I also bequeath to my daughter Rachael all of my Family and improvements also a negro girl named Jenny 3rd I also bequeath to my Grand Child Lucy named E. Prentice one negro man named Tony [illegible] John Remnard [illegible] Sworn and subscribed and delivered in the presence of Augustus 24th 1844 H. H. Coffeehill George Cato J. E. Morris

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27th day of April one thousand Eight hundred and forty Sames his x Jackson Signed sealed and delivered published and declared mark by the said testator as for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request in his presence have subscribed our named as witnesses thereto test Philip Agee William

Probate — McGaw Jeremiah Pritchet — Orphans Court for Marengo County Oct Term AD 1844 This day came Andrew Jackson and moved the Court that the instrument heretofore filed by him as the last will of James Jackson sen^r be admitted to probate as such and it appearing to the Court that the citation heretofore issued have been executed upon the next of Kin to said deceased and there being no objection to the probate of said Instrument William McGaw and Jeremiah Pritchet two of the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn severally depose that they were present on the day said Instrument bears date and saw said James Jackson sen^r sign and publish the same as his last will and testament that they together with Philip Agee subscribed thereto as witnesses in the presence of said testator and at his request and that said testator was of sound and deposing mind at the time of the publication of said will. It therefore ordered that said Instrument be entered of record as the last will and testament of said James Jackson sen^r and that letters testamentary issue to the said Andrew Jackson who is therein named as Executor upon his giving bond as required by law in the sum of three thousand dollars James A Young Judge &c

John Kennard Last Will & Testament — The state of Alabama Marengo County I John Kennard being of sound mind and deposing memory do hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament — 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret all of my effects during her natural life — 2nd I also bequeath to my daughter Rachael all of my lands and improvements also a negro Girl named Jenny 3rd I also bequeath to my Grand child Lawrence E. Prentice one negro man named Tony (signed) John Kennard (seal) Assigned sealed and delivered in the presence of August 24th 1844 W. H. Campbell George Cato J. E. Norris

Cader Holt Last Will and Testament — The state of Alabama Marengo County I Cader Holt of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound and deposing mind and memory and menaful of the shortness and certainty of this natural life and of the certainty of death do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following — My soul I commend to God who gave it in the good hope through the grace of Eternal life through Jesus Christ my Lord and my body I resign to the Earth to be decently interred by my Executors hereinafter named in the family burying ground on the plantation where I now live and my worldly Estate I give devise bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit

First — I reserve forever for the use of myself my Children and their descendants one acre of Land as a burying ground to include the Grave Yard on the tract of Land whereon I now ~~live~~ reside (2nd) I will direct and devise that all my just debts and funeral Expenses shall be paid by my Executors as Early as practicable after my decease —

Secondly

Thirdly — I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Samuel Holt his hins and assigns one tract or settlement of Land lying in the County of Marengo aforesaid Consisting of the following described lots or parcels, to wit, the west half of the South East Quarter and the East half of the South East Quarter of Section thirty three (33) in Township fifteen of Range four East Containing one hundred and sixty acres more or Less to have and to hold forever — And also I Give and bequeath unto my said son Samuel Holt his hins Executors administrators &c the following named negro slaves to wit Allen, Sam, Minerva and her child Zilpha, Mary Sylvey and her child Candice and the future increase of said female slaves To have and to hold forever —

Fourthly — I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Thomas Holt his hins, Executors, administrators and assigns the following described tracts and parcels of Land situate in the County of Marengo aforesaid and the following named negroes and slaves, to wit, the South East Quarter of Section nine and the west half of the South west Quarter of Section Ten in Township fifteen of Range four East and also the East half of the North East Quarter of Section Ten in the same Township and Range Containing in all three hundred and twenty acres more or Less and the negroes and slaves as follows to wit, Jack (known as Jack Hays) Hard a boy, Zilpha the Elder, Susan, Jack the Black Smith and Jenny his wife and her child Jack together with the future increase of the females thereof to have and to hold forever,

Fifthly — I Give and bequeath to my beloved son Hugh C Holt his hins Executors administrators and assigns the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Marengo aforesaid and the following named negroes and slaves: The South East Quarter, and the East half of the South west Quarter and the west half of the north East Quarter of Section ten in Township fifteen of Range four East Containing in all three hundred and twenty acres more or Less. And the negroes

Cader Holt
Last Will and
Testament

The State of Alabama Marengo County, I Cader Holt of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound and deposing mind and memory and mindful of the shortness and certainty of this natural life and of the certainty of death do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following — My soul I Commend to God who gave it in the good hope through the grace of Eternal life through Jesus Christ my Lord and my body I reign to the Earth to be decently interred by my Executors hereinafter named, in the family burying ground on the plantation where I now live and my worldly Estate I give devise bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit

First — I reserve forever for the use of myself my Children and their descendants. one acre of Land as a burying ground to include the Grave Yard on the tract of Land whereon I now ~~live~~ reside (Crossed) I will direct and devise that all my

Secondly — Just debts and funeral Expenses shall be paid by my Executors as Early as practicable after my decease —

Thirdly — I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Samuel Holt his hins and assigns one tract or Settlement of Land lying in the County of Marengo aforesaid Consisting of the following described lots or parcels, to wit, the west half of the South East Quarter and the East half of the South East Quarter of Section thirty three (33) in Township fifteen of Range four East Containing one hundred and sixty acres more or Less to have and to hold forever — And also I Give and bequeath unto my said son Samuel Holt his hins Executors administrators &c the following named negro Slaves to wit Allen, Sam, Minerva and her child Zilpha, Mary Sylvey and her child Candice and the future increase of said female Slaves To have and to hold forever —

Fourthly — I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Thomas Holt his hins Executors, administrators and assigns the following described tracts and parcels of Land Situate in the County of Marengo aforesaid. and the following named negroes and Slaves, to wit, the South East Quarter of Section nine. and the west half of the South west Quarter of Section Ten in Township fifteen of Range four East. and also the East half of the North East Quarter of Section Ten in the same Township and Range Containing in all three hundred and twenty acres more or Less. and the negroes and Slaves. as follows to wit. Jack (Known as Jack Hays) Hard a boy. Zilpha the Elder, Susan. Jack the Black Smith and Jimmy his wife and her child Jack together with the future increase of the females thereof to have and to hold forever,

Fifthly — I Give and bequeath to my beloved son Hugh C Holt his hins Executors administrators and assigns the following described tracts and parcels of land Situate in the County of Marengo aforesaid and the following named negroes and Slaves: The South East Quarter, and the East half of the South west Quarter and the west half of the north East Quarter of Section ten in Township fifteen of Range four East Containing in all three hundred and twenty acres more or Less. And the Negroes

and Slaves as follows, to wit, Lewis. Lizza. Charity. Martha. William and Lizar together with the future increase of the females thereof To have and to hold forever ~~[illegible]~~

Sixthly — I give and devise unto my beloved Daughter Juda Watson the following described tract of land lying in the County of Marengo aforesaid and State aforesaid, to wit, the East half of the North East Quarter of Section four in Township ~~fifteen~~ fourteen of Range four East Containing Eighty acres more or Less To have and to hold forever. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Juda Watson her hins Executors &c the following named negroes and Slaves to wit: Boson. Jim known as Jim Farmer, Eesther and Henry, with the future increase of Eesther To have and to hold forever

Seventhly — I Give devise and bequeath unto my two sons Thomas Holt and Hugh C Holt and to the Survivor of them his hins Executors administrators and assigns the following described tract or parcel of Land Lying in the County of Marengo and State aforesaid to wit the west half of the North East Quarter of Section Seven in Township thirteen of Range three East Containing Eighty acres more or Less. and also the following named negroes and Slaves, to wit, Hard a man. Luckey. George, Stephen and Zilpha a Girl and daughter of Luckey. together with the future increase of the females thereof to have and to hold forever. In trust nevertheless; that they shall give permit Let or suffer my beloved daughter Hannah Glass wife of Willis Glass of said County of Marengo, to, have, occupy, possess and enjoy to her sole and separate use. Support and maintainance, the said Land and negroes with the future increase of the females thereof for and during the period of her natural life, either in possession or by receiving the profits and income of the same. as they my two sons. or their Survivor. his Executors or administrators shall believe and deem to be most Conducive to the present and future benefit and advantage of my said Daughter Hannah Glass, whose receipt for the same shall be a sufficient discharge notwithstanding the Coverture — and upon the death of my said Daughter Hannah. then upon this further trust. that my said two sons, or their Survivor. his Executors or administrators shall give, permit, let suffer or allow the Children of my said Daughter Hannah to have occupy possess and enjoy to their joint use support and maintainance the said Land and negroes and future increase of the females thereof Either in possession or by the profits of the same, as they shall deem and believe most Conducive to said Children's benefit and advantage until such time as any one of said children shall marry or attain unto the age of twenty one years and then upon this further trust. that my said two sons. or their Survivor. his Executors or administrators shall cause said land and said negroes with their said increase. to be valued by three discreet men. and to be Equally divided between the Children of my said Daughter Hannah and thereupon shall make Execute and deliver unto the said Children good and sufficient Deeds or Bills of Sale and Conveyances in fee simple of their several shares and proportions of said Lands and negroes

and their future increase. But in the event that the said Land and negroes and said future increase cannot be equall and fairly divided between them they (the Trustees) shall sell, or cause to be sold so much thereof as shall be enable them to make a fair Equal and beneficial division of the same between said Children and make Execute and deliver to the purchasers good and sufficient titles and Conveyances for such of the property as may be sold and shall then distribute and deliver over to each one of said Children his or her share and proportion of said Land and negroes and said increase, with the requisite and sufficient Evidence of title to the same

Eighthly I Give devise and bequeath unto my two Sons Thomas Holt and and Hugh C. Holt and to the survivor of them his heirs Executors administrators and assigns the following described tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Marengo aforesaid to wit. The South west Quarter and the North west Quarter (or otherwise to say the west half) of the South East Quarter of Section thirty six in Township Fourteen of Range two East. Containing eighty acres more or Less. and also the following Negroes, to wit. Clara and her child Clara Jim a boy Ned and Peter a man. together with the future of the female slaves to have and to hold forever. In Trust Nevertheless that they shall give permit Let suffer or allow my beloved Daughter Sarah Glass wife of Zachariah Glass of Marengo County aforesaid to have occupy and enjoy to her own sole and separate use. Support and Maintainance the said tract of Land and appurtenances and the said Negroes and Slaves and future increase aforesaid for and during the term of her natural life either in the possession or by receiving the profits and income thereof as they my said two sons or their survivor his Executors or administrators shall deem and believe most conducive to the present and future benefit and advantage of my said Daughter Sarah Glass. whose receipt to them for the same shall be a sufficient discharge notwithstanding the Coverture, And upon the death of my said Daughter Sarah then upon this further trust, that they my said two sons. their survivor. his Executors or administrators shall give permit let suffer. or allow the children of my said Daughter Sarah to have. occupy popess and enjoy the said land and said negroes and future increase aforesaid either in the popession or by receiving the profits of the same. according as they the said Trustees shall believe most conducive to their interest. until such time as any one of the children of my said Daughter shall marry or attain to the age of twenty one years and then upon this further trust that my said two sons or their survivor his Executors or administrators shall cause the said land and the said negroes with the future increase aforesaid to be valued by three discreet men and to be Equally divided between the children of my said Daughter Sarah and thereupon to make Execute and deliver unto the said children good and sufficient Deeds or Bills of Sale and Conveyances of their several shares and and proportion of said Land and Negroes with said future increase of the females thereof

But in the event that said Land and negroes and said future increase cannot be Equally and fairly divided between them then they said Trustees shall sell or cause to be sold so much thereof as shall enable them to make a fair equal and beneficial division of the same between said Children and shall make Execute and deliver to the purchasers good and sufficient titles. and Conveyances of such of the property as may be sold. and they shall distribute and deliver over to each one of said Children his or her share and proportion of said Land and negroes and said future increase, with the requisite and sufficient evidence of title to the same

Ninthly I give grant devise and bequeath unto my two sons Thomas Holt and Hugh C. Holt, and to the survivor of them his heirs Executors administrators and assigns the following described tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Marengo aforesaid to wit the East half of the North west Quarter of Section Ten in Township fifteen of Range Four East Containing eighty acres more or Less and also the following named negroes and slaves to wit Simon, Joe, Maria, Ary and her Girl child Caroline and her other child Minerva together with the future increase of the females thereof to have and to hold forever. In trust Nevertheless, that they shall give permit Let suffer or allow my loved Grand Children William Barnwell. Sarah Ann Barnwell. Mary Frances Barnwell, Samuel Holt Barnwell and Elizabeth Catharine Barnwell the children of my deceased daughter Catharine Barnwell have occupy, popess and enjoy the said Land and Negroes and future increase of the females untill such time as any one of my said Grand Children shall Marry or attain unto the age of twenty one years. and then upon this further trust that they the said trustees shall procure the said property Land negroes &c with its increase to be valued by John D Cutten. Adolphus S Cade and William J. Atston or in case of the failure or refusal of any of them to act, by one or more discreet persons to be chosen by said Trustees to supply their places and to be divided by them into five Equal shares or Lots and shall cause the same when so valued and divided to be ballotted for and drawn by said Grand children and that my said said two sons, their survivor or his Executors or assigns. shall then make Execute, and deliver unto the Grand Children their married, or of the age of twenty one years, and to the others as they marry or attain the age of twenty one years to each a good and sufficient title and Conveyance in fee simple of his or her respective share and allotment of said property so to be divided and drawn as aforesaid. Conveying to my said Grand Sons their several proportions to them their heirs Executors &c forever and Conveying to my said Grand Daughters their said several proportions and allotments. Severally to their own sole and separate use enjoyment. Support and Maintainance during the period of their natural lives and to their respective children after their death forever

Tenthly — Inso as much as I gave my two sons Thomas Holt and Hugh C Holt more than Equal proportion with my other Children. It is therefore my will and desire and request that my said sons Thomas and Hugh C Constitute and pay each one thousand Dollars to be divided and paid over by them as follows one fifth part to each of my other Children Samuel Holt, Juda Watson, Hannah Clap and Sarah Clap and the other one fifth to my Grand Children the Barnwells and the three Last mentioned paid to be Controled by and Subject to the foregoing provisions of this my Last will in relation to my said Children Hannah and Sarah and my Grand Children the Barnwells

Eleventhly — It is my will and I hereby direct and request that all my Estate Real and personal not herein before disposed of shall be sold at public Outcry after reasonable notice first given and the proceeds thereof be Equally divided between my sons Samuel Holt Thomas Holt and Hugh C Holt, and my Daughters Juda Watson, Hannah Clap and Sarah Clap and my Grand Children the five Barnwells. Except that my five Grand Children the Barnwells together are to have no more than one share, or the proportion of one of my Children and that share as well as the shares of my Daughters Hannah Clap and Sarah Clap are to remain in the hands of my two sons Thomas Holt and Hugh C. Holt and to be Subject and Governed by all the provisions directions limitations and restrictions as are herein before provided for and applied to the Land and Negroes given and intended for their Sole and Separate use and benefit and in all things to be Managed and Conducted according to said provisions

Twelfthly — I nominate and appoint my sons Thomas Holt and H C Holt to be Executors of this my Last will and Testament

Thirteenthly — To prevent any difficulty hereafter. I now declare that I have heretofore given to my Grand son Cader Clap son of Willis Clap and Hannah Clap his wife a certain Negro Boy named Bob which Said Bob, Cately, Patsy and Cooper to him his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever The interlineations which appears in the foregoing will are all made read and understood previous to the Signing and Executing Said Will which are as follows to wit In the third Item "Cately three years" after "Cletton" and "her Child Zelpha" after "Nancy" and and "Candice" after "Child". In the fourth Item "and her child Jack" after "Jimmy" In the Eighth Item "and her Child Clara" after "Clara" and in the ninth Item "and her other Child Maria" after Caroline" — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 29th of April AD 1845 (Signed) Cader Holt (Seal) Signed Sealed and published in presence of us Thomas Ringgold. J. M. Bonamarte. J. L. Whitfield — The State of Alabama Marengo County I Cader Holt of said County and State being of Sound disposing Mind and Memory for good and sufficient reason me thereunto moving. do hereby

Codicil

alter amend and change this my foregoing last will and Testament in this single Item and particular only, to wit the legacy bequeathed to my Grand Child Caroline mentioned in the ninth Item or bequest in my foregoing Last will and Testament by me Given and bequeathed unto my two sons Thomas Holt and Hugh C Holt in trust for my Grand Children the Barnwell Children therein named I now take from said Legacy given as aforesaid to said Grand Children the Barnwells and the said negro Girl Caroline together with her increase. I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Thomas F Watson to have and to hold forever and have exhibited unto him the said Girl Caroline In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of June AD 1845 Signed Cader Holt (Seal) Sealed pursuance of us. J. M. Bonamarte. C. C. Eggleston Ala. — P. D. Hudson — Orphans Court Marengo County September Term AD 1845 — This day came on for probate the Instrument writing for this by Thomas Holt as the last Will and Testament of Cader Holt deceased. with the Codicil annexed thereto and Thomas Ringgold James M Bonamarte and John L Whitfield the subscribing witnesses to the instrument purporting to be the Last Will as aforesaid being duly Sworn severally depose that they were present on the day the same bears date to wit the 29th of April AD 1845 and saw the testator Cader Holt Sign and publish said instrument as his Last Will and Testament that at his request they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other and they further say that the said Holt was of Sane and disposing mind & memory at the time of the Execution of said Instrument — and James M Bonamarte C. C. Eggleston and P. D. Hudson the Subscribing witnesses to the Instrument aforesaid purporting to be a Codicil to said Last will being Sworn severally depose that they were present on the day the same bears date and saw the said Testator Sign and publish the same as a Codicil as aforesaid. and that they at the request and in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other Signed the same as witnesses and they further say that said Holt was at that time of Sound and disposing mind — It is therefore ordered adjudged ordered and decreed that said instrument be entered of Record as the Last will and testament of Cader Holt and that Letters testamentary issue to Thomas Holt & Hugh C Holt upon their entering into bond in the sum of thirty thousand Dollars —

Probate —

John J Young Judge
of Marengo County
Court

R. W. Harper
Last Will and Testament

I Richard W Harper of the State of Mississippi and Madison County and now at the residence of Robert B Jones of Maungo County Ala now in a Low State of health but in a sound State of mind do as my Last act and will Give and bequeath to my Sister Eliza wife of Robert B Jones all my effects that I brought with me to Alabama Consisting of a horse and Buggy Trunk Clothing &c and to my two sons being in Madison County Miss Maria Bailey and Martha Singleton all my Musical Instruments after my debts are paid that were left due me in Miss to be divided Equally between them my Books and Medicines I Give to James Priestly Given under my hand and Seal this 29th January 1845 (Signed) R W Harper

Probate

In presence of John Bastian Thos Eadens

State of Alabama
Maungo County Orphans Court July 1st 1845 This day came Robert B Jones and moved the Court that the Instrument heretofore propounded as the last will and Testament of Richard W Harper Late of the State of Miss deceased be admitted to probate and it appearing that all the next of kin of said deceased except Eliza wife of said Robert B Jones are non residents of the State of Alabama and it being also satisfactorily shown that Thomas Eadens one of the Subscribing witnesses cannot not be Served with a Subpoena and that his place of residence is wholly unknown John Bastian the other Subscribing witness was duly Sworn in open Court and says that said instrument was signed by said Harper in his presence and in the presence of the other Subscribing witness and published and declared to be his last will and testament and the said deponent and the said Thomas Eadens at the request of said Testator signed the same as witnesses in his presence deponent further says that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time of the Execution of said instrument It is therefore ordered that said instrument be entered of Record as the last will & Testament of said deceased & that Letters of administration with the will annexed issue thereon to the said Robert B Jones upon his Entering into bond in the sum of five thousand Dollars

Jas K Young Judge &c

P C Carter
Last Will and Testament

I Pennel C Carter a citizen of Maungo County do hereby make this my last will and Testament &c. My will that all my property to be kept together among my wifes widowhood but if she marry it is my will that my Property be divided between my two Children Equally. I recommend my wife whom she leaves there Neighborhood to take care of Polly Caroline & Jim Small Negroes the According hands to remain on the premises this year James Perkins to employ an overseer to attend to the plantation and to be Paid out of my part of the crop the negroes to be found in meat as usual Witness my hand and Seal this 30th day of March 1845 P C Carter Attest Edmd J Rice Jimmy P C Rice James Martin

Decent of the Negroes

August 6th 45 Judge Young

Sir Enclosed I send you the Last Will of my late husband Samuel C Carter dec'd and I now make known to you that I dissent from this will and claim the portion which the Law allows me which is one

third there being only two Children I also make known to you that I relinquish all right to administer on the Estate and desire that R A Harris be appointed and that Letters of administration issue to that effect I also advise that Col James Perkins & M M Fletcher and Mr Isaac Blackaby be appointed to take and inventory and appraise the property of the Estate be divided and I remain my portion very Respectfully Nancy Carter

For probate see minutes of the orphans Court

Jesse Greer
Last Will & Testament

The State of Alabama
Maungo County

Know all men by these presents that I Jesse Greer of the State of Alabama and County of Maungo aforesaid Planter being in sound and disposing mind do make and publish this my Last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same in manner and form as follows First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally Greer during her natural life the plantation on which I now live containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less together with all the improvements thereon also as much of the stock of Horses Cattle and Hogs as she may wish to retain during her life except such as may be hereinafter bequeathed I also will and direct that all the negro property which I may die possessed of consisting of the following named Negroes Namely Ned a negro man Eliza a woman Lucy a woman Jack a boy Nancy Selah Hannah George Caroline Frances Branson Mary Jane John Henry Alfred together with their increase shall continue and remain in the possession of my said wife Subject to her use and occupation during her natural life or so many of them as she may think proper to retain and at her death all the property to be devided as follows First I will and direct that at the death of myself and beloved wife I bequeath to my daughter Rosanna Greer the plantation on which I now live containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less together with all the improvements thereon (the same as herein before willed to my wife during her natural life) and I further will and bequeath unto Rosanna Greer the following negroes Namely Ned his wife and all their family together with their future increase (with the exception only of the girl Frances) and the girl Selah which I also bequeath to my daughter Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my sons Levi Greer and to Alexander and Rosanna James Greer Children of my Son Isaac Greer the following Negroes Namely Celey Jack Nancy Caroline Alfred and Frances in number Seven item increase or decrease if any should be and to be valued and divided as follows two thirds of which said negroes to Levi and one third each to the above named My Grand Children Alexander and Rosanna Greer I further will and direct that the tract of Land which I possess lying in

Marengo County Containing one hundred and Sixty acres being the same quantity bestow that my son William C Eure Owned in his lifetime to be divided equally that is to say one half of said track of Land I give to my Son Levi Eure and the other half to my grand Children above named Almarian & Rosamah Eure — I do further will and direct that all the personal property remaining in the possession of my wife Sarah Eure at her death which she may have returned together with the increase thereof shall be equally devided between my two Children Rosamah Eure and Levi Eure I do hereby appoint my Son Isaac Eure and my daughter Rosannah Eure My Executors to Carry into effect this my Last will and Testament — In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this the 31st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four (Signed) Jesse his mark Eure —

Signed and Sealed in presence of us Jno Patterson John H. Johnson —

Probate

State of Alabama Marengo County Orphans Court Sept Term A.D. 1845 — This day came in for probate the Instrument heretofore filed as the Last will of Jesse Eure deceased Late of said County and John Patterson and John H. Johnson the subscribing Witnesses having been duly sworn touching the execution and publishing of the same by the said Eure and at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed the same as witness and that the said testator was at the time to wit the 31st day of July 1845 of Sound and disposing mind. It is ordered that said Instrument be entered of Record as the last will and testament of said deceased and that Letters testamentary issue thereon to Isaac & Rosannah Eure the persons therein named as Executors upon their entering into bond in the sum of Dollars

Widows assent to the Will

I assent to a division of the Estate of Jesse Eure and waive the right of Keeping it together as stated in his Last Will in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal August 29th 1845 (Signed) Sarah her mark Eure (Seal) Witness J.H. Johnson, R.J. Eure —

Sarah Davidson Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Davidson of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make and publish this my Last will and testament — First I will that my Executor hereinafter named pay and discharge all My just debts & funeral Expenses — Secondly I Give to my two Sons Thomas M Call and Charles M Call all my Lands deeded to me in the State of Tennessee by My Father Thomas I Armstrong Sr and I do hereby Empower them to Sell and dispose of the same the proceeds to be equally devided between my two sons aforesaid named and my two daughters Sarah Jane McCall and Caroline Davidson Male and female alike — Thirdly I Give and bequeath

unto my daughter Caroline Davidson one hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid out of my Estate Fourthly all the balance of my Estate of Every Kind and description I Give to my two Daughters Sarah Jane McCall and Caroline Davidson to be Equally devided between them and Subject to the Conditions as mentioned below — I will that my Executor Exchange my negro Man Edmund if in his Judgment it should Turn best for a negro Woman or Sell and Convey my said negro Mond and purchase a woman which negro Woman is to be placed with my daughter Caroline to aid in Supporting and Educating her until the said Caroline shall attain the age of Eighteen years then the said negro Woman and her increase to be Equally the property of my two Daughters and in the event of the death of either of my said Daughters to be the property of the Survivor. I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint William C Eure Executor of this my Last will and testament and authorize my said Executor to use any portion of my Estate at his discretion in the Support and Education of my said Daughters Sarah and Caroline — I appoint my said William C Eure Guardian of my Daughter Sarah McCall I hereby appoint Albert Moore Guardian of my Daughter Caroline Davidson and if he the said Albert Moore accepts the Guardianship of my said Daughter I hereby authorize my Executor to pay over to the said Albert Moore whatever Amount may be coming from my Estate to my said Daughter Caroline and authorize the said Albert Moore to use the same at his discretion in the Support Education and Maintainance of my said Daughter — My Executor is at liberty to Sell Exchange or Keep my said negro man Edmund as he may think best and most for the Interest of my said Children Sarah & Caroline — If the said Albert Moore refuses to take the Guardianship and Control of my said daughter Caroline my will and wish is that my Executor William C Eure be her Guardian and use what she have for her support and Education as in his discretion may seem best In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July A.D. 1845 (Signed) Sarah Davidson (Seal) Witness Ord Spruce H.H. Cox, Martha Jane Talisferro

Probate

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Nelson Browning & Testament — Last will

In the name of God Amen I Nelson Browning being of sound mind and memory do make this my Last will and Testament To wit, (First) I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust. (Second) I will and bequeath to my well beloved Mother Susan Browning and my Brothers William G Browning and Joseph L Browning all of my property Equally to be divided between them to wit, my negro property and all my interest in real Estate all my personal property after my just debts are paid of the same and I further wish my Mother Susan Browning to administer upon my Estate As witness whereunto I have affixed my hand and Seal this the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty five (Signed) Nelson Browning (Seal) Teste James Goodwyn. Lewis Simmons. Henry Woolf —

For Probate See minutes &c

John B Hogan Last Will & Testament

In the name of God amen I John B Hogan of the city and County of Mobile and State of Alabama being of sound mind but sorely afflicted in body and being advised that my time is at hand when we must all sooner or later yield unto God what is Gods alone. I made this will as my Last act and Deed this 3rd day of May 1844 As my worldly gear is much embarrassed I shall leave all my property I may own and hold to be adjusted by the Laws of Alabama But I do hereby Constitute my beloved wife Mariah S Hogan to be my sole Executor to see to and manage my Estate with the assistance of my old friends George A Stewart. S. G. Fisher and Joseph Seawell Esqr each of whom has occasionally aided me in arranging my business. Item 1st To my beloved wife Mariah S Hogan I will and bequeath all my household furniture of every description including as well what is in Mobile as what is at the plantation in Marengo and I Constitute her the sole Guardian and protector of my unmarried Children relying on their affection for her as a mother to induce them to render to her that respect and obedience which is due from Children to a parent. Item Second To my ~~unmarried~~ unmarried Children John B. Sarah V and Lucy Bearing I will and bequeath all the residue of my Estate which shall remain after the payment of my just debts to be equally divided between them having already given to my married Children their full share of my Estate and my beloved wife being excluded by her own request from any portion Item third — To my son John B Hogan in addition to his full share of my Estate I will and bequeath my gold Watch all my guns sword &c and as I have directed him to the service of his Country It is my wish that he should remain in his present Situation provided he is satisfied. In witness whereof I have subscribed my name this third day of May 1844 (Signed)

In presence of R. H. Clarke
David Compton & Henry A Sample

John B Hogan

For Probate See minutes of the orphans Court —

Warren I Bradford Last will and Testament

The State of Alabama — I Warren I Bradford of the County of Marengo and State aforesaid being at this time feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind. do make ordain and declare this as my Last Will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. It is my wish and express desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed, as early as practicable. after which I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal whereoever situated unto my beloved wife Joanna to her and her heirs and assigns absolutely and forever. and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend William Robinson of the County and State aforesaid my Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14 day of November Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and forty five (Signed) W. I Bradford (Seal) Executed in our presence and in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other. Witnesses I R Capers. C. W. Locke R L Capers —

For Probate See minutes of the orphans Court —

Samuel Curtis Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Curtis of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory but weak and sick in body Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my Last will and Testament — My Soul I remain to God who gave it and my body to the Earth whence it came to be decently interred and as to such worldly Estate as it has placed God to Bestow upon me I give and bequeath as follows to wit, First I desire that all debts and demands of whatsoever kind or description due or owing to me at the time of my death may be speedily collected and out of the proceeds arising therefrom that whatever I may owe at the time of my death and the expenses necessarily incurred in the Burial of my body may be propptly and punctually paid with as little Cost and expense as the Circumstances well admit of — Second I desire that whatever and all I may ever have give to any of my Children as they arrive at their majority or were married so far as it is now in being or the proceeds thereof may be brought in and united to the full bulk of my Estate both real and personal and then that the whole including my real Estate wherever it may be situated and all my personal property. Choses in Action and money on hand may be divided into thirteen equal portions or as nearly equal as the situation and description of the property will admit of and that when this is done that my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth may have one part so as to include the dwelling house in which I now reside and that my Children Sarah Curtis. Daniel Curtis, Susannah Curtis, William Curtis Obedience Lewis John Curtis. Thomas K Curtis. Elizabeth Skinner and Dolly Watkins may each have and take one part and that the legal heirs of my deceased son Samuel Curtis may take one part

and the legal heirs of my deceased Son Nathaniel Curtis may take one part, the remaining thirteenth part I do hereby give & bequeath unto Brackett C Watkins in Trust and upon this especial Condition: that he permit my daughter Nancy Boatright to take and retain possession of the same and that all the rents issues and profits Arising therefrom be appropriated to her Sole and separate use so that her husband Hiram Boatright shall never have any Control or Managment thereof — Thirdly — I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son Thomas R Curtis and my Son in Law Brackett C Watkins the Executors of this my last will and Testament and desire that they proceed as speedily as they can after my death to Carry into effect the foregoing provisions. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and Affixed my Seal on this the 29th day of October A.D. 1837 (Signed) Samuel Curtis (Seal) Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of. C W Grayson. James Grayson. B.P. Whitlow —

Probate — Orphans Court Marengo County Feby 16th 1846 — This day Came on for probate the Instrument heretofore filed by Thomas R Curtis bearing date the 29th day of October A.D. 1837, as the last will and testament of Samuel Curtis late of Marengo County deceased. And now this day Comes the said Thomas R Curtis and also Came Nathaniel Curtis Daniel Curtis, Edward Curtis and Isaac Curtis heirs of said deceased. The said Thomas R Curtis filed a written Acknowledgement of notice of the time of probate by Joshua and Obedience Lewis, and Elijah and Sarah Curtis and it appearing that John Curtis and the heirs of Samuel Curtis just dec'd. Son of said Testator are residing in the State of Tennessee and the heirs of Nathaniel Curtis deceased another Son of said Testator are residing in the the State of Louisiana and that Process Cannot be Served upon them & it further appearing that the widow of said Testator and the other heirs residing in this County of Marengo Should have been duely notified of the time of Probate of said Instrument by the Sheriff of said County. And the same having been Continued to this day Benajah B Whitlow and James Grayson two of the Subscribing witnesses to said Instrument being duely Sworn testify, and say that they Signed said Instrument as witnesses at the instance of said Testator in his presence and saw the said Testator Sign and heard him publish the same as his last will and Testament. on the day the same bears date. that Young W Grayson the other subscribing Witness also Signed his name as a witness at the request of said Testator & in his presence. and they further say that said Testator was at the time of same and disposing mind & memory — It is therefore ordered and decreed that said Instrument be Entered of Record as the last will and Testament of said Samuel Curtis late deceased and that letters testamentary thereon issue to the said Thomas R Curtis the Executor therein appointed and that said Executor enter into Bond in the Sum of fifty thousand Dollars

(Signed) Saml Young Judge
Marengo C.C.

Young W Grayson's Last Will & Testament } To the Honorable the Judge of the Orphans Court of Marengo County. The undersigned respectfully Shews unto your Honor that Young W Grayson late of Marengo County departed this life on the 16th day of March A.D. 1846 leaving a widow Emeline Grayson and the following named Children to wit James aged about 17 years Horatio about 15 years Rebecca about 13 years, Charles about 11 Years, Elizabeth about 9 Years, Sarah about 7 years, Martha aged about four years and Alexander aged about two Years, He further Shows that Said deceased Made his last will and Testament before his death in the following words to wit! "State of Alabama Marengo County March 12 1846, In the name of God Amen, Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and whereas I am weak of body but sound in mind do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, I desire that after the payment of all my just debts that my property real and personal may be Kept together Subject to the Control of my Executors for the use and benefit of my heirs until my eldest Son Shall have attained the age of twenty one and then I wish my property Equally Divided between my heirs according to Law reserving to my beloved wife Emeline the right to Select such negroes as she may desire to the amount of her interest in the Estate, I do also make and appoint my much beloved wife Emeline and also Ralph Grayson Executors to this my last will and Testament (Signed) Young W Grayson, Signed in the presence of Oliver S Grayson William McCarty, Sal W Grayson" He further Shows to your honor that he is one of the Executors in said will named and appointed And prays your Honor to Cite the persons above mentioned to appear before your Honor at Such time as Shall Seem meet unto your Honor to Show Cause why said instrument Should not be admitted to probate, if any they have, and to make Such other orders in the premises as Shall Shall Seem meet and Proper, (Signed) Ralph Grayson

Order — Let Citations issue to the persons named as heirs & distributees & subpoenas to the witnesses & the 1 Monday in April Set for hearing & probate of said Instrument —

Will — State of Alabama Marengo County. March the 12th 1846. In the name of God Amen, Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and whereas I am weak of body but sound in mind do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. I devise that after the payment of All my debts that my property both real and personal may be Kept together Subject to the Control of my Executors for the use and benefit of my heirs until my eldest Son James W Grayson Shall have attained the age of twenty one and then I wish my property equally divided between my heirs according to Law reserving to my much beloved wife Emeline the right to Select Such negroes as she may desire to the amount of her interest in the Estate I also make and appoint my much beloved wife Emeline and also Ralph Grayson, Executors to this my last will and testament (Signed) Y W Grayson (Seal) Signed in the presence of Oliver S Grayson, William McCarty, Sal W Grayson

Probate — Orphans Court Marengo County. April Term A.D. 1846. This day came Ralph Grayson & moved the Court that the instrument heretofore produced & proponed by him as the last Will & Testament of Young W Grayson late of Marengo County deceased be admitted to Probate & it appearing that William Byrd Esqr who is an appointed Guardian ad litem for the minor heirs of said deceased neither denies nor admits the same to be the will of said Young W Grayson & Oliver S Grayson, William McCarty and Samuel W Grayson the subscribing Witnesses to said instrument being Sworn depose that the same was published by said Testator as his last will and testament and that they signed it in his presence as witnesses and his request that said Testator was at the time of same and disposing mind when this taking this instrument to be his last will and testament. It is therefore ordered that the same be recorded as the last will and testament of Young W Grayson and that letters testamentary issue thereon, (Signed) Saml Young Judge

Edward Cully — Be it known to all men that I Edward Cully
Last Will & Testament — of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being low
in health but of sound mind, do this day in the fear of God make this as my last
will & Testament (to wit) The note and Due of Trust that I Hold against Elizabeth
Alvis shall be delivered over to him on condition that he shall pay one half of all
my debts and also one half of my burial expenses. The balance of my property
consisting of the following described tract of Land (viz) being in the County Lauderdale
and State of Mississippi as follows the West ½ of S W ¼ & S ¼ of W ½ of N W ¼
of Section 8 in Township No 8 North of Range No 16 E Containing 120 & 2/100
acres more or less. Also one Note on E Ellis for one hundred Dollars for
Cash loaned due one day after date & dated the 28th April 1845. Also one
note on William Rivers for Twenty nine Dollars due the 20th of October 1846.
The above described Land and notes I do Will & bequeath unto Catharine
Grauer the Wife of John Grauer and to her use and benefit while living
and to the use & benefit of the hire of her body at her death on the
Condition that she pay or Cause to be paid the one half of my
debts and burial Expenses — Also I do hereby authorize & require my
friend John Grauer to Collect & receipt to any and all persons that are now
in my debt for the use and benefit of his wife Catharine & her family. In
Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this the 22nd
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred
and forty Six (Signed) Edward his mark Cully (Seal) Witness Thomas A Sharpe

Probate — State of Alabama — Orphans Court At a term held the 29th December AD 1846
Marengo County — This day Came John Grauer and moved the Court that
the Instrument heretofore propounded by him as the last Will and Testament of
Edward Cully late of the County aforesaid be admitted to probate — and Joseph
Philips being duly sworn Says that that the said Cully left no relations or
hires in the State of Alabama that the said Cully had a half brother & sister
but their places of Residence are unknown and that the said Cully
had not heard from them for Several years previous to his death. and
Thomas A Sharpe the Subscribing Witness being duly Sworn Says that he
wrote said instrument at the Request of said Cully and according to his
directions and the Same was then signed & published by said Testator
in his presence & that he subscribed the same as a witness at the Request
& in the presence of said Testator — and that the testator though ill in health
was of Sane & Comprehending Mind & Memory — Barbara & Malinda Grauer being then
duly Sworn State that they were present at the Execution of said Instrument and
heard the said Testator declare the Same to be his will. It is therefore ordered that
said instrument be received & Recorded as the last will and Testament of
Edward Cully deceased, of the personal Estate of which he did possess
and letters of Administration with the Will annexed issue to John Grauer
on his entering into bond in the Sum of one thousand dollars (Signed)
Jas A Young Judge Mo Co Ct

Last Will and Testament of Jordan Anderson decd — In the name of God Amen; I Jordan Anderson of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being in ill health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, make and publish this my last Will and Testament. And first, I Commend my soul to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried by my Executor hereinafter named, and as to my worldly Estate both real and personal I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit.
1st My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found Convenient.
2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy one hundred and Sixty acres of land embracing my dwelling House and the household furniture thereof and my negro man Peter, and an equal interest with my Children in all my Stock of horses Cows and hogs —
3rd I ~~have~~ give devise and bequeath to my Children the rest and residue of my Estate real and personal to be equally divided to and among them —
4th I desire the furniture bought by me for the use and keeping of the Linden Hotel to be sold by my Executor hereinafter named in such manner as he may deem most advantageous to the interest of my Estate —
Lastly, I do nominate and appoint William King to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament —
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal and publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament in the presence of the Witnesses named below this the 5 day of May in the year 1848 —
(Signed) J Anderson (Seal)
Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Jordan Anderson as and for his last Will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto (Signed) Jas R Jones, B Adams, Wm H Mounger, D H Smith —

Last Will and Testament of Malcom B Watson decd — In the name of Almighty God Amen; I Macom B Watson of the State of Alabama Marengo County, being of sound and disposing mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last Will and Testament. Item 1st I wish my body to be decently buried. Item Second, I give and bequeath to my nephew James Albert Moore after my death my negro woman Hannah also my negro woman Betsey and her child Jane, and the future increase of them all if ever any there be, I also give unto him my said nephew James Albert Moore all of my lands horses and property of every description that I may die ceased or possessed of, for him to have and to hold in fee simple free from the claim or claims of all and every person. I hereby nominate and appoint William Langford my only Executor to take charge of my Estate at my death and manage it for my said nephew James Albert Moore, after my death. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my Seal this 25th day of February 1837
Witness (Signed) Malcom B Watson (Seal)
Richard Jones
Samuel W Taylor

Last Will and Testament of Stephen H Doss dec'd

In the name of God Amen; I Stephen H Doss of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made, and first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it: and my body to the earth to be interred in such manner as my representatives may direct, And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows, First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as practicable and after the payment of which I give devise and dispose of my Estate both real and personal in the following manner, I give to my beloved wife and to the heirs of her body by me begotton the following real Estate towit, The west half of the North East quarter of Section Eight in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands offered for Sale at St Stephens Alabama lying and being in Marengo County in the State of Alabama, Containing Seventy nine acres and Eighty three and three quarter hundredths of an acre I also give unto my said wife Mary Elizabeth Doss and the heirs of her body by me begotton my negro man Church as a servant for life, I also give unto my said wife Rebecha a negro woman as a Slave for life and unto her heirs by me begotton forever, I also give to her one bed and furniture two Cows and Calves, one mare and Colt. I also give unto my said wife and to her heirs by me begotton a negro boy about two years of age name Sebrom, and I also give unto her Ama a negro Girl and unto her heirs by me lawfully begotton, I give unto my daughter Mary Selestine Doss the following real Estate towit, the west half of the South west quarter of Section Eight in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands offered for Sale at St Stepens Alabama. Containing Seventy nine acres and Eighty three and three quarter hundredths of an acre, and also the South East quarter of the North west quarter of section Eight in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Alabama, Containing thirty nine and ninety two hundredths of an acre, and the East half of the South west quarter of Section Eight in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Alabama Containing Seventy nine acres and Eighty four hundredths of an acre, I give unto my said daughter Mary Selestine Doss the following negro Slaves. Whisler a negro man, Genny a negro girl Charles a negro boy, Simon a negro boy, adaline a negro girl about two years old, Prince a negro boy, to have and to hold unto her my said daughter Mary Selestine and unto her heirs and assigns forever, I also give unto my said daughter two beds and furniture, ten head of cattle, one Grey Mair two Mules, one mettle Clock, I give unto my Son Stephen Joseph Doss the following real Estate towit the North East quarter of the North west quarter of Section Eight in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Alabama, Containing thirty nine acres and ninety one hundredths of an acre and also the East half of the

North East quarter of Section Seven in Township fourteen of Range two East in the district of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Containing Seventy two acres and thirty Eight one hundredths of an acre more or less; I also give my said Son Stephen Joseph Doss and unto his heirs and assigns a negro boy named Guilford about six years of age, harriet a negro Girl aged Six years, Jessy a negro boy aged nine years, Rial a negro Child aged one year, Sealy a negro Girl & [illegible] a negro boy aged about five years, two Mules, twelve head of Cattle, two beds and furniture I give unto my Son William Doss, the following real Estate towit the South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Twenty Seven in Township fourteen of Range one East in the District of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Alabama, Containing thirty six acres and forty four hundredths of an acre, to have and to hold unto him my said Son William Doss and unto his heirs and assigns forever, I give unto my daughter Minerva wife of William Carter the following described real Estate towit, the North East quarter of the North west quarter of Section Seven in Township fourteen of Range two East in the District of lands Subject to Sale at Demopolis Alabama, Containing forty acres and twenty one hundredths of an acre, to have and to hold unto her my said daughter, and unto her heirs and assigns forever, In testimony whereof I Stephen H Doss have to this my well set my hand and affixed my seal this the 11th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty Six The word Twenty interlined & the words one & Two altered before signing (Signed) Stephen H Doss (Seal). Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other, Benjamin A Easley, B W Terry, James W Murphy —

Last Will and Testament of Samuel Norwood dec'd

I Samuel Norwood of the County of Marengo State of Alabama by the Grace of God being of sound and disposing mind and ~~memory~~ considering the frailty of human Nature do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament done with my own hands Revoking all others — Article 1st — after all my just dits is paid and in paying of them, I want and Command that the property of every name nature and character shall be kept together and worked for the support of the family and Education of my Children until the first of January Eighteen hundred and fifty Six (Such part of property real or persons that the Executor and Executrix herein after mentioned may think best for the interest of the Estate to sell, I hereby clothe them with full power to do so) and then to be equally divided between my wife and Children, giving my wife five hundred Dollars and household furniture besides, The Division is to embrace every species of property — Article 2nd after the property is divided as above I Command that a Guardian shall be appointed for such of the Children as is not of age or married for their better interest and safety of their property — Art 3rd The old woman Hannah (Servant) at my death I command that she shall be kept for and clothed by the Estate until her death & not to be put to hard work or drugry but free to do what she can or will, Art 4th and lastly I do hereby appoint and Constitute my friend Richard G Napier and my wife Ann Norwood Executor & Executrix of this my last Will and Testament for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the same — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this May 25th 1849, word in Twelfth line five altered to six (Signed) Samuel Norwood (Seal) Signed Sealed and published and declared by Samuel Norwood and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his special request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses — S C Martin, W C Strain, J M Martin

Last Will and Testament of Sarah Rembert decd

I Sarah Rembert of the Town of Dayton Marengo County Alabama do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereof revoking and making void all former Wills by me made at any time. First I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground at the Baptist Church in Dayton and that my funeral correspond with my Estate with which God has pleased to intrust me and which said Estate I direct and desire to be disposed of as follows viz. First I direct and desire that all my negroes shall be kept together until my debts are paid, which I desire to be paid out of the first money realized from any part of my Estate, Also I do direct that my house and lot in the Town of Dayton together with the household furniture (except two beds) to be given to my grand daughter Sarah Allen — The said two beds I give and bequeath to my two grand Children Caroline and Edward Beard. Also I direct that all my real Estate adjoining the plantation of William I Powell be given, and I do hereby give and bequeath the same to Dit Canty, one of my Grand Sons. I also give and bequeath a certain negro boy named Was to my daughter Mary M Springfield, provided however that the said Was shall be living at the time when all my debts shall be paid and the division as I direct shall take place, But in the event of the death of said Was before the debts are paid and before the said division takes place I desire that all the negroes of my Estate to be kept together until the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars shall be raised from their labor, and which said four hundred and fifty Dollars I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary M Springfield in lieu of the said boy was. I then further desire that the balance of my negroes be divided into to equal ~~parts~~ lots in value, and one of the said Sots I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Fairis and her four Children by Mr Giggin, and to be divided as follows viz one fifth part to be given to my daughter Jane Fairis, one half of the remainder of this said Sot I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Giggin. The balance of the said Sot to be equally divided between the other three Children of my daughter Jane Fairis. The other or second Sot I give and bequeath as follows viz First one half of the said Sot to Caroline and Edward Beard Children of my daughter Caroline Beard, The other half of said Sot of negroes I give and bequeath in equal portions to my Grand Children James H Beard, Thomas I Beard, Mary Jane Beard, Sarah Gale Beard, Amanda Malvina Beard — I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed Son in Law Amos Springfield my authorized and lawful Executor to attend to and carry out fully my wishes in this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 19 day of April (A D 1848.) one thousand Eight hundred and forty Eight — (Signed) Sarah Rembert (Seal) Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us mark whose names are hereunto subscribed. M E Matthews, T G Fleming —

Last Will and Testament of John R Lunsford decd

In the name of God Amen, I John R Lunsford being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life do this the 18 day of November in the year of our Lord 1847 make this my last will and testament, I loan unto my wife Emaline P. all of my earthly possessions my negroes money and bonds to do what she thinks proper with during her life. This I again repeat. I John R Lunsford loan unto my wife Emaline P. my negroes money bonds and all other property that I have in possession. Should my wife at her

death leave hirs of her body after her death I give and bequeath unto the hirs of my wife's body all of the said property I have loaned my wife above mentioned. But should my wife Emaline P leave no hirs or hirs of her body at her death, I John R Lunsford leave unto the hirs of Elizabeth Barner the wife of William F Barner, The hirs of the said Elizabeth Barner I give and bequeath unto them all of the property after the death of Emaline P, This property I will to the hirs of of Elizabeth Barner I leave to be equally divided between them after the death of my wife Emaline P should she leave no hirs of her body, In the presence of Almighty God this the 18th of November 1847 I make this my last Will and Testament (Signed) John R Lunsford (Seal) Witnesses E A Lewis Gardner Leabetter Jacob L Thrift —

Last Will and Testament of William T Huckabee decd

I William T Huckabee of the County Marengo and State of Alabama do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby Revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made, And as to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of it as follows I give and bequeath to my beloved Husband George F Huckabee all the property both personal or real that was given or secured to me in a certain instrument of writing or Marriage Contract signed by myself and my husband in the Town of Winsor and the State of North Carolina on the fifteenth day of January one thousand Eight hundred and forty Six — I further give and bequeath to beloved husband George F Huckabee the whole of the remainder of my Estate both personal and real, that I have or may hereafter be entitled to by law or Equity, my will further is that should I depart this life leaving one or more Children, and my said husband should marry again after my decease, my will and desire is that my Children should have all the property will or intended to be conveyed in the above will, I do hereby make ordain Robert D Huckabee, Executor of this my last will and, In Witness whereof I William T Huckabee have set my hand and seal this the 31st day of October 1846, The words leaving more was interlined before assigned as also the word should (Signed) William T Huckabee (Seal) Witness C C Huckabee, Gray Huckabee

Last Will and Testament of Ruth Pennington decd

The last will and Testament of Ruth Pennington Being in good health and sound and being about to travel to Louisiana thinks it proper to do what I have intended to do even if I was to stay here, viz to make this instrument, Item 1st It is my will and desire that my body be decently interred — Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Item 3rd I will and bequeath to Robertus P Dixon Son of Watson S & Jamisha Dixon the following slave property (viz) Warren, Viney and Samuel — Item 4th I will and bequeath to Jemisha Dixon wife of Watson S Dixon the following slave property (viz) Pheby, Hall, Ned, James & Maria together with all their increase also all the balance of my personal property, Item 5th I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend Watson S Dixon my Executor to carry this my last Will and testament into effect. Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of December 1844 (Signed) Ruth Pennington (Seal)

Signed as Witness at the request of Ruth Pennington and in the presence of each other on the day & year above written — Thos T Dickson, R G Norwood, James A Gamble

Last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Curtis decd

In the name of God amen, I Nathaniel Curtis of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind do make this my last Will and Testament, after all my just debts have been paid I give and bequeath to my wife Susan Curtis for her sole use and benefit the following described property to wit a negro man named Gabe and his wife Rose and her three Children Maria, Felix, Mary Ann, — and a negro man named George also an old negro woman named Rachel, & also the Carriage & horses. and I desire my Executors Henry H Curtis & Lucian Curtis to whom I give discretionary power to sell my land or any other property they may think necessary, and that my wife Susan Curtis receive a Childs part of any proceeds arising from such sales after the sale of the land and such of the stock furniture & as they may think advisable, I desire that the balance of my negroes (after my wife has recd those allotted to her) and all other property to be divided among my Children, And I further desire that the negroes I'm bequeathed to my wife Susan Curtis may be equally divided among my Children at her death In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 12th of July AD 1848, (Signed) Nathaniel his Mark Curtis (Seal)
Witness Thos R Curtis, A M Garber, T J McCormick —

Last Will and Testament of John Robinson decd Copy

State of South Carolina. In the name of God Amen I John Robinson of Charleston merchant, being in health of body, and of a sound & disposing mind and memory praised be the giver of all good Gifts, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while the faculties with which God has blessed me are neither impaired by disease nor oppressed by the near approach of Mortality, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following viz First. I commit my soul into the hands of my creator in humble reliance on his mercy and my body to the Earth to be interred in my family burial ground in the Church Yard of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston and as to my worldly Estate and effects I give and dispose of them as follows — First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named — Item To my loving wife Susan Robinson I give all my household goods & furniture & my carriage and horses to her own use & behoof forever, also I give her my Coachman Nat and house Servant Richard for and during her natural life and at her death the said Servants Nat and Richard shall be considered a part of the family servants belonging to my wife and Children. and shall be disposed of and allotted to my said Children as I may direct in a statement I may hereafter make, and I also give and grant to my said wife an annuity of two thousand Dollars per annum to be paid to her as long as she may live by quarterly payments, and unless the same is seen to her, to her full satisfaction by my Executors or my Children I then direct a sufficient sum from the assets of my Estate to be invested for that purpose in stocks of this State or of the United States; but in case there should not be a sufficient residue after the payment of my debts, to provide for the said annuity without trenching on the property specifically devised & bequeathed, then I charge the said annuity on my mount Hope plantation and the negroes thereon in Marengo County Alabama, and upon my undivided moiety of the plantation in Orangeburg District lately purchased of Nash Roach & the negroes thereon. The foregoing provisions made for my dear wife are in satisfaction of Dower or third which she may have in my Estate — Item, To my Grand daughter Sarah Lane Nelson, I give the sum of five thousand Dollars and direct the same to be settled to her use during her life, and after her decease to the use of such person or persons as she may by her last will and testament may appoint and in failure of such appointment then to her Children living at the time of her death and to the issue of such Children as may have died in her lifetime, the issue of a deceased Child if any to take by representation the share which such Child would have taken if living — Item To my son William Robinson and his heirs I give my plantation in Marengo County Alabama called Lee, containing about six hundred acres the same which he has now possession of, also the following negroes or such of them as are now alive. and the issue of the said negroes since their purchase from D G Joye of Charleston So Ca. and also the future issue of the said negroes. that is to say, Mary, Charlotte, Clary, Whitney, Grace, William, Thomas, Maria, Rose, Fearman, Elsey, February, Flora, Sarah, Charles, Adam, Binah, Israel, Comfort, Ned, Elsey, Jenney, and Child, Hagar, Patsey, Sarah, Dick and Ned, twenty Eight in all with their issue, and the said William Robinson shall account to my Estate for the sum of twenty thousand Dollars, and upon his so doing, it is my will that my said son William shall be released from all amounts or sums of money that I have otherwise advanced to him from time to time, and it my will that the aforesaid plantation & negroes & the release aforesaid shall be taken & deemed as a full satisfaction of all demands of the said William Robinson against me from the beginning of our accou

to the date of this will: for his personal services in the management of my Estates in Alabama and for any other matter or cause whatever — Item, I give to my Son Stephen D Robinson the Sum of one thousand Dollars in Trust for the use & behoof of my Grand Son John Robinson Son of the said Stephen to be paid to the said Stephen D when with all the interest that may have accrued thereon when the said John shall have attained the age of twenty one years and in case the said John should die before attaining the age of twenty one years then the said Sum with the interest thereon to be paid over to the right heirs of the said John living at the time of his death — Item, I direct that my plantation "Mount Hope" in Alabama and the Negroes thereon be continued under the Management of my Son William Robinson for the Space of three years after my decease, or until the the harvesting of the third crop thereafter and as a Compensation for his superintendance of the same he shall be allowed out of the Sales of the Crops five per cent on the Gross Sales of the same — I Also direct that my Orangeburgh plantation which is jointly owned by myself and my Son Murray Robinson and the Negroes placed thereon by me numbering in all at this time thirty six together with the Negroes owned by him be continued under the management of my said Son Murray for three years after my decease or until the harvesting of the third Crop after my decease and I direct the crops which may be made on the Mount Hope plantation and my share of the Orangeburgh plantation to be applied in aid of my other real and personal Estate not otherwise appropriated to the payment of my debts & legacies, all the net revenue and remainder of my Estate after the payment of my debts and Legacies I give and devise to be distributed in eight equal Shares, that is to my Son William Robinson one Share — To Stephen Thomas Robinson one Share — To James Kirk Robinson one Share — To Samuel Robinson one Share — To Murray Robinson one Share — To my daughter Ann F Caldwell one Share — To my daughter Susan Lee Robinson one share, and to my Grand Sons John Robinson Bruist and Edward I Bruist Sons of my deceased daughter Margaret one Share, and in order to ascertain their respective Shares I direct as Soon as practicable after the third Crop after my decease shall have been gathered and sold or stored, my Mount Hope plantation containing about three thousand acres in Marengo County Alabama and my Negroes thereon being about one hundred and fifty in number all the Stock utensils & provisions shall be appraised by five disinterested planters of Marengo County Alabama and the plantation on Orangeburgh District which was purchased by me from Mark Roach and all the negroes thereon belonging to me now thirty six in Number & the plantation Stock provisions & plantation utensils shall be appraised by five disinterested planters of Orangeburgh District All the Sums which I have advanced to my Children and for which they shall account to my Estate are as follows. that is to Say

To My Son William Robinson twenty thousand Dollars $ 20.000
To my Son Stephen Thomas Twelve thousand Six hundred & twenty Dollars 12.620
To my Son James Kirk Six thousand Dollars 6.000
To my Son Samuel fifteen thousand Dollars
I have given to & paid for him a much larger amount but it is my desire and will that he shall only account for 15.000
my Estate for the Sum up to this date
To my Son Murray Robinson Twelve thousand four hundred Dollars this Sum including his one half of the Orangeburg Plantation

Stock & Provisions bought of Mark Roach $ 12.400
To my daughter Ann F Caldwell Six thousand Seven hundred & Eleven Dollars 6.711
To my daughter Susan Lee Six thousand Seven hundred and twenty five Dollars 6.725
To my Grand Sons John Robinson Bruist and Edward I Bruist Seven thousand five hundred and twenty five Dollars the particulars of which are as follows viz: This Sum given to the Rev Edward I Bruist & invested in Stocks & Negroes in the Names of George Bruist & James M Caldwell as Trustees (See the Deed of Trust) $ 5.625
a lot of land given to & sold by the Rev E I Bruist — 1.000
This Sum paid by me for a negro boy sent to the Bruist at Greenville 900 — 7525
$ 86.981

Should any further advancements be made by me to any of my Children the Same shall be added to the amounts herein Specified. The advancement to my Son William put down at twenty thousand Dollars is for the Lee plantation & negroes Specified and this my will said which is to be So Considered in appraising his Share of my Estate and the balance which appears against my Son Samuel Robinson in account in account shall not be Set down as an advancement but is hereby freely forgiven and released and the Sum of fifteen thousand Dollars put down to the Said Son Samuel in the amount of advancements to my said Son Samuel is the amount for which he must account with my Executors and no more up to this date, — And I give to my Sons William Robinson, Stephen Thomas Robinson and James Kirk Robinson my plantation "Mount Hope" in Alabama and the Negroes Stock provisions and utensils belonging to the Same and all my Estate therein to them and their heirs forever to be taken by them forward towards their Several portions being Severally one eighth of my Estate at the appraised value Subject to an account with the other five Shares for equality of partition. But Should my said Sons William, Stephen Thomas and James Kirk prefer that the said plantation Negroes provision Stock and utensils Should be Sold, my Executors are hereby empowered and directed to Sell the Same and distribute the proceeds as herein before directed directed. But the said William, Stephen Thomas and James Kirk Robinson before the appraisement takes place must determine whether they will take the said plantation Negroes provisions Stock and utensils on their own account or whether they will prefer the Same to be Sold — And I give to my Son Murray Robinson I give all my Estate in the Orangeburgh plantation hereinbefore mentioned with the Negroes Now thereon belonging to me, and my half interest in the provisions Stock and utensils on said plantation at the appraised value for and towards his equal eighth part of my Estate Subject to the same account for equality of partition, and in the amount one half of the plantation provisions Stock & utensils thereon are to be taken as his and the Same to be considered as an advancement to him in my lifetime of five thousand Seven hundred Dollars which Sum is included in the amount of advancement Set down against him in the list herein before Specified and the other Moiety of the plantation & one half of the provisions Stock & utensils and all the Negroes belonging to me on the said plantation are to be Set down to him as heretofore Stated at the appraised value —

Item, I give to my Son Samuel Robinson two negro men now in his possession Named Charles and Alfred, and I give to his Children and not to be Subject to or liable for his debts three Negroes to wit Maria and her two Children Rebecca and Mary with the future increase of the females which three negroes are now in the possession of Mrs Doctor Isaac Johnson, and it is my will that the portions of my daughters Ann F Caldwell and Susan Lee Shall be vested in Trustees to be accounted for by my Executors, and

I give to the Trustee or Trustees of my said daughter Ann so to be appointed her Share or one eighth part of the residue of my Estate to be ascertained as hereinbefore directed in Trust nevertheless for her sole and separate use during her life and after her death to her Children then living, and to the issue of such of her Children as may have died in her lifetime, if such issue be then living, the issue of a deceased Child to take by representation the Share which such child would have taken if then living, and in default of such issue then for the use and behoof of the surviving brother and sisters of my said daughter Ann provided nevertheless it shall be lawful for my said daughter Ann by any writing in the nature of her last will and testament notwithstanding her Coverture and whether sole or covert to appoint one moiety of the portion hereby bequeathed to her to such person or persons and to and for such use and uses as she may deem fit, — And I give to the Trustee or Trustees of my daughter Susan Lee to be appointed by me Executors as hereinbefore directed her portion or one eighth part of my residuary Estate to be ascertained as hereinbefore directed in Trust for her sole and separate use during her life and after her decease to her Children then living and to the issue of such of her Children as may have died in her lifetime if such issue be then living the issue of a deceased Child to take by representation the Share which such child would have taken if then living and in default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the surviving brother and sisters of my said daughter Susan, Provided nevertheless that my said daughter Susan shall have the same power of appointment by her last Will and testament in that portion of my Estate to which she may be entitled as I have hereinbefore given to my daughter Ann F Caldwell over that portion of my Estate to which she my said daughter Ann may be entitled — And I give the Share of my Grand Sons John Robinson Buist and Edward T Buist the same being one eighth part of the residue of my Estate to be ascertained as hereinbefore directed, to my Sons Stephen Thomas Robinson and James K Robinson in trust to invest the same in such way as they may deem most advisable for the use of my said Grandsons and to apply the interest or income thereof or so much thereof as may be necessary for their Education and maintainance during their minority, and if either of them should die before attaining the age of twenty one years without leaving issue then I give the whole to the survivor, but if both of them should die under the age of twenty one years without leaving issue then in trust for my Children then living and their issue the issue of a deceased Child to take by representation the Share which such Child if living would have taken — Item, I authorize and empower my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named to sell all or any part of my Estate not hereby specifically devised or bequeathed at such times and on such terms as they may deem fit either at public or private sale and to apply the proceeds or purchase money in aid of the fund for the payment of debts and legacies and in raising or equalizing the portion of the distribution among my Children, — Item I authorize and empower my partners in business James Kirk Robinson & and James M Caldwell to renew in the partnership name the note or notes to which the said partnership of Robinson & Caldwell are parties, at the time of my death either as drawers or endorsers as they in their discretion may deem fit

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until the debts and liabilities of the partnership of Robinson & Caldwell shall be paid, but the said firm is to be dissolve by my decease except for winding up and liquidating the affairs of the said Concern as speedily as possible —

Lastly I appoint my loving wife Susan Robinson Executrix and my Sons William Robinson, Stephen Thomas Robinson and James Kirk Robinson Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty five (Signed) John Robinson — Signed published and declared by the said John Robinson the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence & at his request have hereunto subscribed our names, the words "be living" having been first ruled out in the seventh line from the bottom of page 2nd and the words "after of the residue" being first interlined on the Eighth page between the 18th & 19th line, (Signed) Maylard D Strobel, Samuel D Strobel George P Kittleband — Proved before Mr T Mendenhall Esquire Ordinary for Charleston District on the 22nd May AD 1849 — And on 1st June 1849 Mrs Susan Robinson, William Robinson, Stephen Thomas Robinson & James Kirk Robinson qualified as Executrix and Executors thereof —

Codicil

This is a codicil to be added to the last Will and Testament of me John Robinson which is dated seventh day of June one thousand Eight hundred and forty five, Whereas since the date of my said Will I have given to my Grand daughter Sarah Robinson Nelson a colored woman named Tenor with her four Children Lewis, Thomas, Alexander and William and the said negroes have been valued at the sum of ($1475) one thousand four hundred and seventy five Dollars I therefore direct my Executrix and Executors to deduct the said sum of fourteen hundred and seventy five Dollars from the legacy of ($5000, five thousand dollars left to my said Grand daughter in my will, and the said Tenah and her four Children aforesaid with the future issue of the females are hereby given to my said Grand daughter to be held by her during her life, and after her death to be divided among her Children share and share alike the Child or Children of a deceased Child taking the Share to which such deceased Child would have been entitled — I also give devise and bequeath to my Son Samuel all that Lot of Land situate on Elizabeth Street Charleston Neck bounding on the west on said Street (50) fifty feet on the North on the land of James K Robinson (229) two hundred and twenty feet, on the East on the land supposed to belong to Mrs Johnson (50) fifty feet and on the South on a lot of land hereinafter devised by me to Trustees for my daughter Susan & measuring in the same (229) two hundred and twenty three feet, to be held by my said Son Samuel during his life for his sole use and benefit and not to be subject to his debts and at his death to his Children share & share alike I do hereby direct my Executrix and Executors that should I not erect during my life a dwelling house and out buildings on the said Lot they shall do so at as early a period as practicable after my death, the said building not to cost over $2500, two thousand five hundred Dollars which said sum or as much as the said buildings shall cost together with the value of the lot to wit $1250 — twelve hundred and fifty Dollars shall be charged against & deducted from that portion of my Estate which may be coming to my said Son Samuel ~~Robinson~~ Item, I give devise and bequeath to my Sons Stephen Thomas Jamesk and Murray a certain Lot of land pointing to the west in Elizabeth Street Charleston Neck measuring (50) fifty feet on the same bounded to the South on lands of Shoobred & measuring (229) two hundred and twenty three feet on same, on the East of land supposed to belong

to Mrs Johnson and Measuring (50) fifty feet on the Same, and on the north on a Lot of land heremb before devised to my Son Samuel, To be held by the Said Stephen T. Jamesk, and Murray in Trust for the use of my daughter Susan wife of A McLee, but Subject to the Same uses & trusts as the other portion of my Estate which may be coming to my Said daughter on the Division of my Estate which Said uses and Trusts have been particularly set forth in my will of which this is a Codicil — And I do hereby direct my Executrix and Executors that Should I not during my life erect a dwelling house & out buildings on the Said Lot they Shall do So at as early a period as practicable after my death the Said buildings not to cost over $2500. two thousand five hundred Dollars which Said Sum or as much as the Said buildings Shall cost together with the value of the Lot to wit $1250 twelve hundred and fifty dollars Shall be charged against & deducted from that portion of my Estate which may be coming to my Said daughter Susan or to the Trustees for her use under my will. And Should I erect the buildings before mentioned during my life the Cost of Such buildings and of the Lots in which they are placed Shall be charged against and deducted from those portions of my Estate respectively which may be coming to my Son Samuel and to my daughter Susan and her Children or the Trustees for their use under my will —
In Witness of this presents writing I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament & which I direct to be added thereto and to be taken as part thereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twenty Eighth day of May one thousand Eight hundred and forty Six (Signed) John Robinson (L.S.) Signed Sealed published and declared by the aforesaid John Robinson as and for a Codicil to his last Will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof in presence of us whose names are hereunto Subscribed as Witnesses at the request and in the presence of the Said John Robinson and in the presence of each other, (Signed) M D Strobel, Saml D Stoney, Charles Brenan —
Proved before M T Mendenhall Esqr Ordinary for Charleston District 22. May 1849.

Codicil 2nd — This is a Second Codicil to the will of John Robinson dated the Seventh day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty five, the first Codicil being dated the 28th day of May 1846 —
Whereas on the fifth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty Seven I Sold to my Son Murray Robinson residing in Orange District all my lands whereon the Said Murray Robinson resides together with all my negroes on Said plantation Say forty two in all which Said plantation together with all my interest in the provisions Stock of all kinds and plantation utensils with the present Crop of Cotton timber &c &c &c which will more fully appear by a title deed to the Said lands & bill of sale of the negroes &c &c &c Executed and delivered to the Said Murray Robinson on the fifth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty Seven. the total value of the Said property Say lands negroes &c &c &c together with the Sum of Six thousand nine hundred dollars with the interest on ten thousand Dollars Since I originally purchased the Said property will amount to thirty two thousand Dollars, of this Sum I have taken his bond for ten thousand Dollars with interest payable annually the balance Say twenty two thousand Dollars. I gave to him & his heirs forever as will

appear by the title deeds to the lands & bill of sale for the negroes &c nevertheless at my death he the Said Murray Robinson is to deduct the Said Sum of twenty two thousand dollars from his portion of my Estate Should his portion to a greater Sum than twenty two thousand Dollars and Should his bond of ten thousand dollars together with the interest not be paid during my lifetime the Same to be paid to my heirs Exors or admrs or placed in the hands of my wife Susan Robinson & Should the interest be paid punctually it may be considered as a portion of her income as provided for in my will & remain unpaid until her death that is the principal of said bond but in default of payment of the interest the principal to be collected & I do hereby revoke & annul all that portion of my will which relates to my Son Murray Robinson. the Same as if it had not been mentioned in the Said Will, And I do hereby and I do hereby add this my Second Codicil in its place to be considered as my will So far as relates to my Said Son Murray Robinson — And whereas Since the date of my will and that of my first Codicil I have purchased of Mrs R H Miller a house on Sullivans Island for a Summer residence, commonly called Mills house, I do hereby give and bequeath the Said house and all the furniture that may be in it to my wife Susan Robinson during her natural life and after her death the Same to revert back as a portion of my Estate to be Sold and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst my Lyal heirs — And whereas I may from time to time make advances to my Grand Sons John Robinson Buist and Ed S Buist or direct Such advances to be made by Robinsons & Calawell or others during my lifetime for their Support and Education, any and all Such advances Sums as may be paid during my lifetime I hereby direct that the Same Shall be deducted from their portion of my Estate. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand this ninth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty Seven (Signed) John Robinson —
Witness. In the 11 line on the Second page the word "Second" Stricken out and the word "first" intertined before Signed. (Signed) Saml D Stoney John B Milliken, Charles Brenan, —
Proved before M T Mendenhall Esquire Ordinary for Charleston District 22nd May A D 1849 —

3rd Codicil — This is a third Codicil to the last Will and testament of John Robinson made and Executed by him on the Seventh day of June in the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty five — In my last Will as above Stated I give and bequeath to my wife during her life the Sum of two thousand Dollars annually, I do hereby increase that Sum to twenty four hundred Dollars pr. ann. to be paid to her monthly that is to Say two hundred Dollars each and every month during her life. In the first Codicil to my will I give to my Son Samuel a certain lot of land bounding west by Elizabeth Street to be built on for his use, I do hereby revoke and annul Said legacy & in place thereof have lately purchased a certain farm on Charleston Neck from Theo Gaillard a description of which will more fully appear by a reference to the title. This farm with all the farming utensils wagons Carts &c with all the provisions on it at the time of my death together with a negro man named Giles lately purchased & also Such other negroes that I may hereafter purchase and place on Said farm the amount of the purchase of said farm utensils negroes &c &c with other expenses for the Same will appear in the Books of Robinsons & Calawell, the Said amount with a bond and mortgage to Joseph Sawton of fifteen hundred Dollars given by Theodore Gaillard to Said Sawton to be paid out of my Estate and charged to my account being part of the purchase of said farm

the whole amount of the Cost of the Same negroes so &c to be charged by my Exors to my Son Samuel in his portion of my Estate & added to the Amounts heretofore made as mentioned in my will. In the first Codicil to my will I give to my daughter Susan Lee a Certain Lot of Land in Elizabeth Street Charleston Neck. Conditioned by a reference to the Same that my Executors Should build a house on the Same. I do hereby revoke and annul the Same & in place thereof I do hereby direct my Executors at as early a period as practicable after my death. Should I not do so during my Lifetime, to purchase a house & lot in Such a Situation as she may wish the purchase to be considered in Trust. the Same as stated in her Share of my Estate. & quitable to my will. the purchase of said house and Lot not to exceed four thousand Dollars the Cost of Said house and Lot to be added to Such advancement as Specified in my will & the whole amount deducted from her portion of my Estate.

I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John Robinson Caldwell Son of my daughter Ann F. Caldwell and to my Grand Son Lewis Robinson Son of my Son Murray Robinson each five hundred Dollars.

In the year Eighteen hundred & five I purchased of Lucas Laval then Sheriff of Charleston District a certain family of negroes. Seven in number which will appear by a bill of Sale herewith in the name of Stephen Thomas in Trust for his daughter Susan Robinson & Children and since then they have increased greatly, and as the I have no legal right to dispose of said negroes by will it is my will and desire that they Should be allotted to my Children as I do hereby direct after the death of my wife who is to have the use of them during her life, and I do hereby direct my Executor that Should any one of my heirs or their Guardian attempt to disturb or invalidate this my wish & disposition of said negroes they Shall forfeit and be Charged out of their portion of my Estate three times the value of their portion of said negroes. The said negroes have been in part disposed of as follows viz -

I have given to my Son James K. one girl named Dorcas $ 400.00

To my Son Samuel I give a girl named Sarah then valued at $600 with the future Service to be held by him during the Lifetime of Dolly Thomas 600.00

I give to my Son William R. Chase a Yellow man Valued at Six hundred Dollars 600.00

The above named negroes with their present and future increase are to be held and retained by my Sons Samuel and William at the valuation placed on them, and the said amounts to be accounted for in the final division of said family of negroes - Stephen Thomas Trustee for my wife and Children during his lifetime Sold a girl named Delia & invested the amount in twenty Shares in the Planters & Mechanics Bank, these twenty Shares are to be considered as a part of the said family - The said negroes Shall be Separated & entitled Lots as follows. Rachel and her Sons Joe & Robert one Lot. Peggy & twenty Shares in Planters & Mechanics Bank one Lot. Cretia & her husband Richard one Lot. Richard is not one of the family but I place him with his wife as such - Elsey with her four Children & future issue one Lot. Patty and her daughter Sarah each Such Child or Children to be Sold or taken by any one of my Children at a valuation. the four Lots above named to be Valued and drawn for by my Sons Samuel Robinson Stephen T Robinson and my daughters Ann F Caldwell & Susan Lee and taken by them at said Valuation which together with those held by Samuel Robinson, William Robinson & James K. Robinson at the valuations I have put on them with the proceeds of Patty & Sarah and the twenty Shares in the Planters and Mechanics Bank in the Lot with Peggy Shall all be added together & divided into nine equal parts to each of my heirs an equal Share and to account with each other the over portions they may have received, that is William, Stephen T, Daniel, Ann F Caldwell, Susan Lee, Murray, Samuel my Grand daughter Sarah R Nelson and my grand Sons John Robinson Caldwell & Lewis R Caldwell Sons of my daughter Margaret. (Signed) John Robinson -

Signed and published in the presence of us as the third Codicil to the Will of the Said John Robinson on the 30th day of January 1849, contained in five pages & signed in the margin of each page (Signed) Charles Brunn, Wm Strobel, John Y Stock -

Proved before me T Mendenhall Esquire Ordinary for Charleston District 22nd day of May A.D 1849 -

And on 1 June 1849, Mrs Susan Robinson, William Robinson, Stephen Thomas Robinson, and James Kirk Robinson, qualified as Executors & Executrix thereof -

State of South Carolina, Charleston District. In the Office & Court of Ordinary, I Mr T Mendenhall Esquire, Ordinary for said District do hereby certify that the foregoing Eighteen pages annexed contain true copies of the last Will and Testament & three Codicils thereto of John Robinson Esqr late of Charleston Merchant deceased & the originals whereof duly proven according to law on the twenty second day of May Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and forty nine, whereon Mrs Susan Robinson, William Robinson Stephen Thomas Robinson and James Kirk Robinson qualified on the first day of June instant as Executors & Executrix thereof, is deposited in this office for Record herein by act of Assembly in Such case made & provided - I further Certify that I am the Sole Judge of said Court of Ordinary & Keeper of all the Records thereof & that this attestation is in due form of law - Witness my hand and the Seal of the said Court at Charleston this fourth day of June Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and forty nine and the Seventy third year of American Independence (Signed) M T Mendenhall O.C.D.

The State of South Carolina

By His Excellency Whitemarsh B Seabrook Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State aforesaid - To All to whom these presents Shall come - Know Ye, That M T Mendenhall Esqr whose official Signature and Seal appear to the Certificate on the annexed Copy Will of John Robinson deceased is the Ordinary of Charleston District duly made & the Court of Ordinary for said District, State aforesaid, Therefore all due faith Credit and Authority is and ought to be had and given to his proceedings and Certificate as Such. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State, in the City of Charleston the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine and in the Seventy third Year of the Independence of the United States of America -

(Signed)

By the Governor

Whitemarsh B Seabrook -

B K Henagan
Secretary of State

Will of Samuel Varner Decd

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Varner of the County of Pike and the State of Mississippi, Considering the uncertainty of life yet being of Sound and perfect mind and memory. Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament (revoking all other Testaments made) in manner and form following (that is to say). first I give and bequeath to my two daughters Sarah Revel formerly Sarah Varner and Martha Bassett formerly Martha Varner the Sum of two Dollars each— Second I do give and bequeath to my Sons Joseph Varner James Varner and John Varner also my said daughter Mahala Varner and Minerva Jane Whitley formerly Minerva Jane Varner the following real and personal Estate (viz). one tract of land situate lying and being in the County of Marengo and the State of Alabama, Consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, (viz) — Beginning the North west corner of the same, also twenty two negroes (viz) four negro men Nat. Ransom, Dave & Alfred & the following negro women & Children Emely & her six children (viz) Sandie, Caroline, Newton, Emeline, Adaline, and Mary Frances Cartney. Matilda & her two children Jesse and an infant girl Fanny & her four children, (viz) Jane Isabella, Mariah & an infant and Mary and her child Spencer— together with all my Stock of every manner and description whatsoever with all my farming tools waggons Carts plows and every manner of implement or thing useful and necessary for the carrying on the same and all my Household and kitchen furniture during the beds and furniture with all monies, debts due & to me owing in any manner or description whatsoever, to have and to hold to my said Children of the second bequest mentioned to them and their heirs forever. Subject to the following hereinafter restrictions. I desire that when I depart this life that my remains be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and that all my just debts be paid before a division of my estate, and it is my desire that at my death that the negro girl Emely shall belong to my daughter Mahala at her appraised value and shall account so much to her portion of said Estate in a full division, and it is my desire that Mahala have one bed and furniture and also James and Minerva Jane Whitley take the same as Specific Legacies and not come into the general division — and as Joseph Varner James Varner and Mahala Varner are unfortunate being deaf and dumb and it being somewhat doubtful in Law whether they can take by the will. I do hereby therefore constitute nominate and appoint my Son John Varner and my Son in law Decatur Whitley trustees for them and to the behalf to receive their intended portions of my estate for them and their use & benefit and in case any one or both of said trustees should die or refuse to act then it is my will that a proper person should be appointed to succeed to their trust property. — It is further my will and request that after discharging the specific legacies and paying off funeral expenses & debts on a division of said Estate. Should any one depart this life without having the portion of said deceased child at is my will should lapse in common to the equally divided with those contained in the Second bequest — and it is further my will and request that should my life be spared by providence and should there be an increase of property before my death. My desire is that it Lapse in common to my heirs of the Second bequest and in case of my death. his share to his or her children — And I do lastly appoint John Varner & Decatur Whitley Executors of my Estate and this my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 18 day of July 1856

(Signed) Samuel Varner (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us

William J. Champion. J.H. Wellingham. Constant Gibson —

The State of Mississippi County — Personally came & appeared J.H. Wellingham before me Alt Pollard an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he did sign the within will as a witness thereto & that he saw Constant Gibson & William J. Champion subscribe their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator and each other. Sworn to & subscribed before me July the 3rd 1858 — Test Alt Pollard J.P.

(Signed) J.H. Wellingham

The Will of William Greer

In the name of Almighty God. Amen. I William Greer of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of Sound and disposing mind and memory but impressed with the great uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all previous Wills in the first place

Item 1st It is my Will and desire that my body be decently interred —

Item 2d It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid —

Item 3d I will and bequeath to my grandson Warren Franklin Herrin Son of Elijah Herrin and my daughter Amelia The Sum of five Dollars —

Item 4th I Will and bequeath to my Son Frances M Greer and to my daughter Lucretia Ann Dixon The Sum of five Dollars each in addition to what they have already had

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughters Caroline America Cleal and Virginia Evans Heirs the following Negroes to wit. Andrew, George, Charlotte, Gentown Prince Walter and Amanda. Also all the land which I now own where I now live to be equally divided between them — Item 6th Its my will and desire that my crop which may be on hand at the time of my death also all my Stock of every description House hold and Kitchen Furniture Tools of every description &c be Sold and Should there be any thing left of the proceeds after pay my my Debts and Satisfying my Executors for their trouble for it to be divided as Item fifth Should there not be enough from the proceeds of the Sale to Satisfy my debts and Executors for their trouble then and in that Case Something else must be sold — Item 7th It is my will and desire that my Negro woman Clarissa has the privalege of living with any of my Children that She may prefer or desire to live with at any time during her Natural life. Item 8 — I do hereby nominate and Appoint my Son Frances M Greer and my Son in law Watson S Dixon as my Executors to this my last Will and Testament giving them full power to do all things necessary to Carry the same into effect Witness my hand and Seal this the twenty first day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty one — William his X mark Greer

We whose names are appended as witnesses to the above and foregoing will and Testament was done by the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other — Witness Thos. Y. Dickson — John L. Dominger — William J. Norwood

Probate Court Special Term held at the Court House in Linden on the 15th day of November A.D. 1851. It is adjudged ordered and decreed that the foregoing instrument be entered of Record as the last Will and Testament of Wm Greer late of Marengo County dec'd upon the Testimony of the Subscribing witnesses — Jas A Young Judge

Filed for Probate Sept 10th 51 —

The Will of Ira E Howell

The last Will & Testament of Ira E Howell

Item 1st It is my Will and desire that my body be decently interred — Item 2d It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid — Item 3d I will and bequeath to my Son Wiley L. Howell all my land which I now own at my death also one Lonel Colt — Item 4th It is my will and desire that my wife Cinthia Howell shall live and remain on my lands and have the use of it during her natural life or widowhood — Item 5th It is my Will and desire that all my Slaves (viz) Paul, Amenia Ann Rinny Dorcas and Frank remain on the plantation and in the possession of my wife and that she have the increase of the crop after Supporting and Schooling my two youngest Children Wiley L.

and Harriet S Howell during her natural life and at the death of my wife for all my Slave property above named with all the increase of the Same to be equally divided between my four Children (viz) Rachel G Tucker Rebecca Ann Davis Wiley L Howell and Harriet S Howell — Item 6th I will and bequeath to my wife one Mule and one Sorrel horse Mare & Colt also my Cow & Calf all my Stock of Cattle Hogs Sheep &c during her life and then to be equally divided between my four Children (viz) Rachel G Tucker Rebecca Ann Davis Wiley L Howell and Harriet S Howell —

Item 7th It is my will and desire that my two oldest Children (viz) Rachel G Tucker and Rebecca Ann Davis be paid one hundred Dollars each which I owe them as Guardian out of any money or debts that may be owing to me. And that my two youngest Children have the Same when they become of age or money out of the proceeds made on the plantation which I owe them as Guardian — Item 8th It is my will and desire that George Davis Shall live on a part of my land until my Son Wiley L Howell becomes of age. Item 9th I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Thomas J Dickson my Executor to Carry out this my last will & Testament Given under my hand and Seal this 18th day of September A D 1839.

(Signed) Da E Howell (Seal)

We whose names are here Subscribed as witnesses was done by the Request of the Testator and in the presence of each other Test James A Gamble — Wm R Coate Samuel E Chapman —

Proved to be recorded at the October Term 1850 L A Young Judge &c

Will of D R Henderson

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County — Be it known that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began and held for the County and State aforesaid on the 2d Monday of April A D 1840 Present the Worshipful Benjn Mann. Jno J Crew Wm M Mathews E B D Sloan Jno J Hutchinson Esquires The following entry was made on the records of said Court to wit The last will & Testament of David R Henderson was produced in open Court by Benjamin W Alexander one of the Executors therein named and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that said last will and Testament was found among the valuable papers of the said D R Henderson dec'd at the time of his decease. And it being further proved to the Satisfaction of the Court by the testimony of James R Henderson D R E Caldwell & Moses Alexander that the said Will and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said D R Henderson dec'd & that the handwriting of the said deceased is generally known by his acquaintances. whereupon it was adjudged by the Court that the same is duly proved & that it be admitted to probate in due form of law and that it be recorded. In the name of God Amen I David R Henderson of the State of South Carolina Mecklenburg County being in perfectly Sound mind and memory make this my entire and Testament. And first recommend my Soul to God who gave it. And body to the earth from whence it came and how I do dispose of my property which God has been pleased to bless me with in the following manner (viz) In the first place I desire that all my just and lawful debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named. I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret L Henderson four negroes Hannah, Martha, Carter & Ben a tract of land lying on the waters of Sugar creek containing two hundred and sixty acres & also two horses one brown Mare named Fly one Grey Horse Charley and four wheeled Carriage and my Stock of Cattle Hogs & Sheep and all my household furniture and all the grain — 2nd I write & bequeath to my Son Andrew R Henderson all the lands that I have on the Catawba River and two Negroes Alfred and Billy and one bay Mare & all the farming tools that is now on the plantation there at the present time (3) I write and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel G Tucker & Rebecca Ann Henderson Seven Negroes Milly and all her children and all that she may have since for a yellow girl that is now in Alabama named Maney & one Clay bank Queen and all that I shall hereafter mention — (4) I write and bequeath to my Son James R Henderson all the plantation that I now live on and all the tools of every description on the plantation & all the waggons and carriages of every Description except the that is for my wife & two horses one Sorrel Colt Gimlet & one bay Filly Jude & also three negroes Moses Milar & Mana (5) I will and bequeath to my two Sons Wm B Young & Joseph A Henderson & horses Jolly & Beggs and all my possessions in Alabama Mississippi and in the City of New Orleans by paying off my debts and paying to my Son Andrew One hundred Dollars yearly for four years and to my daughter Rachel Jane one hundred Dollars a year for two years and also to my Son James R one hundred Dollars yearly for Six years. And I will that all the rest of my horses be sold and the price arising from them go to paying my my debts and I do hereby ordain & Benjamin W Alexander and my Son William B Henderson my Executors to this my last Will and Testament foregoing whereunto I Set my hand and Seal of fix my Seal this 15th day of November 1845 in the presence of these witnesses — D R Henderson (Seal)

State of North Carolina } I Boaly Oates Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter
Mecklenburg County } Sessions held for the County and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect transcript from the Record of Said Court in relation to the Probate of the will of David R Henderson dec'd together with a true Copy of said Will as fulsome my office —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal of office at office in Charlotte This the 16th day of February A D 1847 B. Oates Clerk

State of North Carolina } I William Davidson Presiding Justice of the
Mecklenburg County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that Boaly Oates whose Name appears to the above Certificate is and was at the time of Signing the Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for Said County and State & that his said attestation is in due form of law — Given under my hand and Seal this 16th day of February A D 1847 Wm Davidson (Seal)

State of North Carolina } I Boaly Oates Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Mecklenburg County } for the County and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that William Davidson whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of Signing the Same duly Commissioned & qualified as presiding Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid and was presiding Justice of said Court and that the Signature purporting to be his (the said Wm Davidson) genuine —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal of office at office in Charlotte this the 16th day of February A D 1847 B Oates Clerk

Marengo County Ala } In the name of God Amen. I David R Hen-
Janry 8th 1840 } derson of the State of North Carolina and County of Mecklenburg being of sound mind but of feeble body and in the near prospect of death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament first I Will my Soul to God who gave it. Second it is my Will that all my just debts be paid. Third It is my will that my plantation in Marengo County Alabama be carried on by my Executors in the way it has been for the term of three years. Fourth I will that my said plantation in Alabama be equally divided among my four Sons together with all the provisions. Stock, farming Tools, and all my Negroes there on except Nancy at the expiration of said term of

of these gifts. I give and bequeath money to my daughter Jane. To carry out the provisions of the foregoing will I hereby constitute and appoint Joseph M Alexander and Sidney I Starke my Executors. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, the day and year above written. D R Henderson (Seal)
Test. Samuel Cormick, Jno D Hayes, Wm I Hutchinson

State of South Carolina
Chester District

Will of William I Reese

State of South Carolina Sumter District. I William I Reese of the aforesaid State and District being of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding, do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, and do hereby dispose of all the Estate both Real and Personal with which it has pleased Almighty God to bless me in manner and form following to wit. First it is my Will and desire that my debts be paid from the proceeds of the Sale of such portion of my Cotton Corn or Crops as I may have on hand at the time of my death, together with whatever money shall be in Action, Bank Stock or other Stocks I am possessed of or entitled to. Secondly. I give desire and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Julia Reynolds and Margaret Rees & them and their heirs forever all the Estate both Real and Personal of which I am possessed in the State of South Carolina (The bequests legacies and devises herein after named excepted) but should either of my said Grand daughters die leaving no issue living at the time of her death then and in that case I wish and desire the whole of the property intended to be divided by this clause to go over and belong to my other Grand daughter and her heirs forever And should both of my said Grand Daughters die without issue surviving them then and in that case. I wish and desire the whole of the property intended to be divided by this clause to go over and belong to my two Nephews William I Reese and Wilson W Reese to them and their heirs forever. Thirdly. I also leave to my Grand daughter Julia Reynolds the Gold Watch and Chain which I now wear. Fourthly I give bequeath and devise unto my two Nephews William I Reese and Wilson W Reese to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them all the Estate both Real & Personal of which I am possessed in the State of Alabama, but Should either of my said Nephews die leaving no issue living at the time of his death then and in that case I wish and desire the whole property intended to be divided by this clause to go over and belong to my other Nephew and his heirs forever And Should both of my said Nephews die leaving no issue surviving them then and in that case I desire the whole of the said property in the State of Alabama to go over and belong to my two Grand Daughter Julia Reynolds and Margaret Rees and their heirs forever. Fifthly I further give and desire unto my Nephew William I Reese and his heirs forever my residence Oakly and the entire tract of land attached thereto containing about seven hundred acres together with all the household and Kitchen furniture my Carriages and Carriage horses my riding horse three Saddles & bridles and all things whatsoever contained in or in any way appertaining to my said dwelling House. (Except my Library) I also give and bequeath to my nephew William I Reese my Mulatto man John to have and his heirs forever. Sixthly. I give and bequeath to my Nephew Wilson W Reese my Mulatto man Moses and my Library to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Eighthly. I further give and bequeath the note my said Nephews William I Reese and W W Reese to them and their heirs forever a certain bond and Mortgage of my brother Orlando I Reese which I now hold. Ninethly I give and bequeath the to my friend E W Anderson the sum of one thousand Dollars to him and his heirs and assigns forever — Tenthly I give and bequeath

unto my friend Mrs Vernelle Bradford a certain mulatto woman Louisa now in her possession together with the Children of the said Louisa and the future increase of the females of her and her heirs forever. Eleventhly I give and bequeath unto my Great Grand son William W Reynolds the sum of five hundred Dollars and it is my desire that my Executors do cause the said sum of money to be invested in the Stock of some bank in the State of South Carolina, and that no portion of the principle or dividends be used but to accumulate to and for his use and benefit until he shall attain the age of twenty one but Should my said Great Grandson not live to the age of twenty one years then and in that case I desire the said sum of five hundred Dollars together with any increase there may be from dividends to go over and belong to my Grand Daughter Julia Reynolds and her heirs forever, Twelfthly after the payment of my debts & legacies out of the funds set apart for that purpose I desire the residue thereof to be equally divided between my Grand daughters and their heirs forever. Thirteenth. I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Nephew William I Reese and my friend E W Anderson Executors of this my last will and Testament Witness my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of June One thousand Eight hundred & forty nine — William I Reese (Seal)
Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in presence of us by the above named William I Reese as his last Will & Testament and we at his request & in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto. J W Jenkins, W W Anderson Jr, J B Anderson

Will of Mrs Jane Dyche

In the name of God Amen. I Mrs Jane Dyche of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being mindful of my Mortality and being also of sound and disposing mind do this the 17th day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following — First I desire to be decently buried without any formal pomp and with as little expense as may be — Also I desire that Jane Whitley of Marengo County Alabama will keep and raise my Son Samuel Whitley her Grandson and do unto him in the way of Education and moral instruction as to her may seem meet and proper I also wish that my beloved husband Elbert S Dyche may take my daughter Mary Jane Whitley raise and Educate her in a proper manner. I also desire that my Estate Consisting of Negroes household furniture &c and what may fall to my share of my fathers Estate upon a final Settlement of the same may be divided into three equal parts after the payment of all just debts and demands and that my Son Samuel Whitley receive one part my daughter Mary Jane Whitley one part and in consideration of the affection I bear my beloved husband Elbert S Dyche I wish he may receive one third part of my entire property and Estate. I hereby Constitute and appoint Jane Whitley trustee under this my last will to receive the part belonging to my Son Samuel Whitley and desire that she may use the same in a manner best Calculated to protect and advance his interest and should she refuse to act I then desire that the proper Court may appoint a Suitable person in her stead I also Constitute my husband Elbert S Dyche trustee of the Estate of my daughter Mary Jane Whitley under this will I also Constitute and appoint William B Mc[illegible] Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day & year above written Mrs Jane S Dyche (Seal)
Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as for her last Will and testament in our presence who at her request in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses J. S. Hyde, John L Cormick, William E Hinds, Chester Mann

State of Alabama } Probate Court April Term A.D. 1852
Marengo County } It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the last Will and Testament of Marcus J. Dyche dec'd
Jal. A. Young Judge &c

Will of Penelope R. Weems dec'd

State of Alabama Marengo County – In the Name of God Amen. I Penelope R. Weems wife of Samuel W. Weems being of perfect mind and sound and disposing memory do hereby make and ordain this to be and contain my Last Will and Testament Item first. I give and bequeath to my beloved husband Samuel W. Weems my undivided Share of the Lands descending to me by the death of my father and all my negroes (viz) Oby man Jim. Wiley. Peter, Ruffin, Boaz, Isaiah, Fanny Abbe, Delia Lewis, Ben. Jim. Wesley & Ellen to him and his heirs forever Item Second. I hereby nominate and appoint my husband Samuel W. Weems Sole executor of this my last Will and testament and ratifying and confirming this to be the Same in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this the 25th day of August A.D. 1850
Signed and Sealed in presence of P. R. Weems
Moses Westbrook James R. Bryan Tom Campbell

Will of Eleland Troppe

In the name of God Amen. I Eleland Troppe of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (to wit) Item I will and bequeath to my Nephew William F. Troppe the following negroes (to wit) Silvia and her three Children (Tom Wiley & Ebenezer) for himself and the heirs of his body forever (2d) I give to my niece Martha F. Troppe One negro woman (to wit) Malissa for herself and the heirs of her body forever (3rd) I Give to my nephew Thomas H. D. Samuels the following notes (to wit) three notes of hand made by R. B. W. Hukkey R. B. Pickering and John T. Hollier calling for twelve hundred Dollars each made due the first of January 1851. 2 & 3. drawing interest from the 25th day of December 1847. Also three other notes made by R. B. Pickering R. B. W. Hukkey and John T. Hollier for the same amounts falling due due at the same times. Given at the same time and bearing interest as those described above of R. B. W. Hukkey R. B. Pickering John T. Hollier also two other notes one for five hundred Dollars due 1st of January 1851. One for five hundred and eighty nine Dollars due the 1st of January 1852. made by John E. Hays the money when Collected on the above described notes shall be loaned out at interest and so continued until Thomas H. D. Samuels arrives at the age of twenty one years and then in Guardian do pay over to him the whole amount of the Principle and interest that may have accrued after deducting the necessary expenses for his education. and should Thomas H. D. Samuels die before he marries then the property that I have herein bequeathed unto him is to be given to the property of my Brother in Law John P. Clarke But should Thomas H. D. Samuels marry and die without issue the property in them to be equally divided between his widow and the Children of James Shackelford. the uncle of my wife (4) I Give to my Nephew, John H. Stone all the Balance of my estate except the house hold furniture which is to be equally divided between William F. Troppe and Thomas H. D. Samuels including beds and bedding excepting however after all my just debts are paid (5th) I Give to my niece Nancy Slater the Sum of five Dollars (6th) It is my will that my negro woman Margarett be sold for the purpose of paying off my debts also my house and lot in the Town Mt. Wiley and whatever may be left after my debts are payed is to go my Nephew John H. Stone (7) I will that my old Negro Anthony and Violet have their freedom to work and do for themselves. choosing whomsoever they please for a Guardian and protector (8) I do hereby appoint and constitute my Brother in Law John P. Clarke the Guardian of my nephew Thomas H. D. Samuels and my friend J. B. Caines Guardian for my Nephew William F. Troppe. and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother in Law John P. Clarke my executor of this my last will and testament hereby making all others or all former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty –
Eleland Troppe
Attest F. L. Lowery D. M. A. Dansby –
Probate Court Marengo County } On the testimony of D. M. A. Dansby
December Term 1850 } it is ordered that the foregoing Will of Eleland Troppe be Recorded –
J. A. Young Judge &c –

Will of Samuel W. C. Finch

The last will and testament of Daniel W. C. Finch of Marengo County State of Alabama – In the Name of God, Amen.

My Soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from which it came to be decently interred by my Executor. And my worldly goods and Lands which God has been pleased to confer upon me and a mind to my disposition being of sound mind but infirm in body I now by this my last Will and Testament bequeath the disposal and disposure of as follows. to wit: Item 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon after my death as practicable. Item 2d I desire and will that all my property be kept together by my Executors and my farm kept up as heretofore until my debts are paid and my family to be supported as heretofore out of the proceeds of the same And after my debts are paid. I will and devise unto my beloved wife Mary Ann all my property Real and personal during the term of her natural life for the support of herself and the support and Education of our children and the balance of the proceeds Rents and profits after the Support and Education of the children to be absolutely at her disposal Item 3d It is my will and desire that as each of my Children (to wit) Elizabeth Jane, William Lavender, Sarah Cornelia, Julia Ann arrives at the age of twenty one years or Marries before that time by the consent of their Mother Shall have and be entitled to one fifth of all my personal property and the natural increase of the female Slaves. Item 4th It is further my will that the portion of my Estate which each of my Children shall be entitled to under the foregoing Clause shall be held and enjoyed by each of them during their natural lives and at their deaths to go to their heirs or Children respectively. but should they die leaving no Child or Children then it to go and be divided equally among my Surviving Children or Children Share and Share alike to be held and enjoyed as the property herein given to them Respectively Item 5th It is my wish and will that all the property I am Item 6th or Shall be entitled to under the Wills of my Father and my Brother Edward S. which are now on file in the probate Court of Marengo County Shall go into my Estate and be held by my wife as the other property herein disposed of and be divided among my children as any other property –
Item 6th It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife all my Lands Shall be equally divided among my Children to be held by them as their property herein given to them is to be held and after their death to their Heirs or Children respectively. Item 7th I Give and bequeath unto my wife a lot of Land lying between the Methodist

Church and the Female Academy in the Town of Jefferson in said County founded on the South west by the Road leading from Linden to Moscow Containing three Acres more or less which I bought of John D Catlin Sr I also give and bequeath unto my wife the Houses and lots of land upon which I ~~live~~ now reside Containing about ten Acres in the Town of Jefferson to be sold by her at her pleasure and the proceeds invested in personal property for the benefit of our Children and herself to be held and divided as the other personal property hereinbefore mentioned. Item 8th It is my wish and desire that should my wife die before my Children Many or become of age then my property of every kind shall be kept together on my farm and each of my Children as he or she Marries shall be entitled to have and to hold as aforesaid one fourth of all the personal property & when the last one Marries or becomes of age then the land to be divided between them as aforesaid and it is my express wish and will that all the property my Children get under this will shall be held by them for their Natural life, and at their death to go to their Child or Children and if they or either of them die leaving no Children to be divided among my surviving Children Share and Share alike to be held by them respectively for each of their Children as the other property herein given to them — Item 9. It is my wish that my Children shall be supported and educated out of the proceeds of my Crops until each one Marries or becomes of age, without in any manner being accountable to my Executors my Estate or to each other for the amount thereof. Item 10th It is my will that should my wife live until all my Children Many or become of age then at her death the one fifth of the property which she will have under this will shall be equally divided among my surviving Children or their decendants ~~the~~ decendants of each Child taking their deceased parents Share. Item 11th I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary Ann and my Brother in Law William Summers the Executors of this my last Will and Testament & it is my wish that they and my Children shall treat my negroes with humanity and in the same manner as I have hitherto done. In testimony I have hereunto set my hand this the 6th of February AD 1851. D. W. E. Finch —
Signed and published in presence of us John Bestedee. Nathan Bryan
William M Byrd — ~~Admitted to Probate May Term AD 1851~~ I A Young

Will of John J Price — This is my last will and testament that my personal Estate be kept together and be worked on a farm to be selected and purchased by my Executors and the proceeds applied to the support and Education of my children and wife until the youngest child living is twenty one years old at which time I desire to be that it shall be distributed according to Law The plantation whereon I live containing six hundred acres I desire to be sold by my Executor when by him thought advisable. I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brothers Reese and Wm S Price my Executors to this my last Will and Testament — John J. Price
~~Signed In presence of~~ Signed this 18th June 1851. In presence of James W Tucker
Wm L Alexander Fras A Rogers —

Will of William F Strudwick — I William F Strudwick of the County of Greene and State of Alabama being of sound mind and deposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form to wit: First. I desire all my just and lawful debts to be paid as soon after my decease as practicable. Second. I give and bequeathe unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Strudwick all my real and personal property to have and to hold so long as she may remain unmarried — and in the event of her marrying the property

shall be equally divided between my children and herself each of children taking an equal share with her. Third — My will further is that my children shall be educated out of the profits of my property as above bequeathed and they shall be supported out of the same in such manner as their rank in Society would require Fourth — My wife may if she think proper as my children shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years give to each of them so coming of age the share to which they may be entitled at an appeased value of the whole Estate Fifth — My Executors (hereinafter appointed) are invested with power to adopt such course as to them shall seem most proper to liquidate outstanding claims and as to the safest and best method of preserving the Estate Sixth — And for the sake of carrying out these provisions above enumerated of this my last Will and Testament I appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Strudwick Executrix and Edmond Strudwick and James D Webb Executors of this my last Will and Testament In testimony of all which I the said William F Strudwick have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one — W. F. Strudwick (seal)
Signed sealed published and declared by the above named William F Strudwick for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator and in presence of each other. Joseph A Moore Wm Kerr
J W Kerr —

Probate Court Octo 27th 1851 decd — Let the foregoing instrument be recorded as the last Will and testament of Wm F Strudwick
Jas A Young Judge &c

Will of Elias W King — I Elias King of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being fully convinced of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and publish this my last Will and Testament (by) At my death or as soon thereafter as practicable it is my wish that all my just debts (if any) be paid — After the payment of all such debts it is my Will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath all my remaining effects both real and personal to my beloved brother Shubal S King and my Affectionate Sisters Penelope N Desaeur and Lucretia L Cischeron to be equally divided between the three The parts of my said Estate falling to my said Sisters in the division of the same I give to them for their own separate use (free from the control of others only as they may direct) during their natural lifetimes and then to their heirs — In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 17th day of May AD 1850. — E W King (seal)
In presence of Witness Wm B Modawell Hansel Batton S J Monaghan

Will of Samuel Lofton — In the name of God. I Samuel Lofton sound in body & mind. desirous to settle all my worldly affairs to my satisfaction that I may die in peace with the world do make this and making void all other wills heretofore made by me do publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form as follows. 1st Item first I will & bequeath my soul to Almighty God. who gave it & my body to the earth from whence it came. Item 2d I will that my Executor shall pay all my just debts at as early a period after my death as will be compatable with the interest of my Estate. Item Third — I will and bequeath to my son William H my Rifle Gun and fixtures one half of my Carpenters and Black Smith Tools & one horse or mare Saddle and bridle to be valued including Horse Saddle & Bridle at Ninety Dollars. provided however that if he shall receive either of these Items before my death then and in that event —

such item as he shall have received shall be deducted from this Item—
Item 5th I will and bequeath to my Son Samuel G my Silver watch one half of my Carpenters and Joiners Tools. One horse or Mare bridle and Saddle. The horse or Mare Saddle and bridle to be worth ninety Dollars provided that if he shall receive either of these Items from me before my death then in that event such Item shall be deducted
Item 6th I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy all my property & Estate (not included in third and fourth Items of my will) of every description both real and personal which may be left after paying out all my just debts. my Funeral expenses & the necessary Court & Administration Charges including my Lands & Negroes Horses Oxen. Stock of Hogs & Cattle Farming Tools & Books. Household & Kitchen furniture all debts which may be due me & all monies which I have on hand & all other articles which may be on hand at the time of my death not mentioned in this Item to be held by her and to her separate use during her lifetime in order that she may better live comfortably & independently the remaining portion of her life time and also that she may be able to give to our younger Children who may be still living with her proper bringing up suitable Schooling according to her judgement subject however to the provisions I shall make hereafter in the 6th and 7th Items of my will
Item 6th — As my three oldest Children who have married & left me have received about equal Educations and each a Feather bed Cow & Calf. I will bequeath that my younger Children each who may marry or become of age after my death shall receive each one Feather bed & One Cow and Calf or Twenty Dollars in money if my wife shall prefer paying them the money this amount to be paid them out of my Estate as they become of age or marry & shall receive such education as my wife shall think proper to give them — Item Seventh — I will and bequeath that at the death of my wife after paying such debts as may be contracted for her necessary support & funeral expenses that all my property both real and personal shall be sold to the highest bidder at public auction by my Executor and be equally devided between my Children as follows (Viz) John W. Nancy P. Samuel G. Sarah G. William H. Martha E. Margaret K. Mary A. & Melbury C. Peach Share and Share alike with such alterations as the provisions of the eighth article of my will shall make for the benefit of the heirs of my Daughter Amy E. — Item 8th — I do my will that none of my property shall go into the hands of William A. Snodgrass husband of my daughter Amy E. and it is my will that in the event that he shall not be living at the time of the division of my Estate after the death of my wife that my Daughter Amy E. shall draw and have one Share of my property the same as my other Children but that in the event that he shall be living then and in that event I will that that the Children of my Daughter Amy E. shall have and receive such Share of my property as would otherwise be drawn by my daughter and that such Share shall be equally devided between them said Children of Daughter Amy E. as they shall become of lawful age — such money to be loaned out at interest by my Executors until such time as said heirs shall become of lawful age — Item Ninth — I appoint my friend Alexander Carleton my Executor of this my last Will and Testament Signed Sealed in the County of Clarke & State of Alabama and published as my last Will and testament on this the twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight — Witness my hand and Seal with my Seal — Samuel G. Goforth (Seal)
Signed Seald & Acknowledged and published after being read over on the day and year above written in the presence of Littleton Britt Seaborn Webb

Last Will of Benj^m F. Rawls Deceased

Marengo County Alabama 7 July 1852.
This is to certify that I Benjamin F. Rawls in the presence of E. Rawls and S. M. Norred and Samuel Marleton that I make my last will and testament as follows to wit I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy all my property both real and personal of which I may be possessed at the time of my death and the two negroes I have hired and gotten it and sell it. Get the proceeds & first pay my debts also sell my land to the best advantage publick or private sale appropriate the money to the benefit of my wife and Children My household and Kitchen furniture is at the descretion of wife my horses and tools to be sold as before said
his
B. F. T. Rawls
mark
Attest in the presents of
S M Norred.
Samuel A Marleton
Jas L. Snodgrass.

Probate Court Marengo County - July Term A D 1852

12 day of A D 1852.

This day came Elijah Rawls and here in open Court did the within instrument for probate as the Last will of Benjamin F. Rawls deceased and Samuel A. Marleton and James L. Norred being sworn deposeth and say that said instrument was signed by said testator and published as his last will on the day of its date, in their presence and that of Samuel M. Norred the other subscribing witness, and that they severally signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence and that of each other And they further say that said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be recorded as the last will of said Benjamin F. Rawls deceased.

Jas C. Young
Judge Probate M C

Last Will of William W. Dorsey deceased

In the name of God amen.
I William Dorsey being of sound mind but feeble in health and knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last Will. After death I commend my Soul unto my Creator who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came I give and bequeath unto my wife Effy Dorsey all of the property which she had at the time of her marriage with me also I give unto her one horse called Shanty and her Saddle one Trunk one chest and one Slab One Loom and Gears to her forever I give unto my Son Stephen H Dorsey one negro man Church one woman Rebecca, but Selia, Boy Jim, boy Jesse Girl adline to him and his heirs and assigns forever unto my two Sons William & George I give the following negroes Betty Ellen Jno Warren Simon & Sarah Ann to them and their heirs and assigns Should they live to the ages of Maturity but should either of them die before the arrive to the age of twenty one or without lawful issue them and in that case the Share of the deceased one shall go to the survivor or to the heirs of the Survivor and Should they both die before they arrive at the age of twenty one or without leaving any lawful heir or heirs them and in that event all of the property belonging to them by me bequeathed shall be equally devided between Wm B Dorsey Mariona A Carter wife of William H Carter & Mary Celestine Dorsey children of Stephen H Dorsey to such of them or to the heirs of such of them as may be living at the time of the death of the said William Dorsey and George Dorsey my sons aforesaid And all of my property not herein disposed of shall be sold and after paying my funeral expenses and all of my just debts shall go to the support of my two Sons William and George Dorsey And it is

further wish and desire that any time hereafter should my Executor have an opportunity to Sell or dispose of a certain negro girl Annah who has been mine now for some time to do so and place the proceeds to the credit of my two Sons Wm Shaw & George Dop. And I hereby appoint Benjamin W. Easley Executor to this my last will and Testament Andrew for my two Sons William & George Dop until they arrive at the years of Maturity - In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of November 1846. Wm Dop [Seal]
Signed in the presence of us W Blakeland Henry H Cade John his mark Cowan

Will of Robert Atcum Decd

Alabama Marengo County.

This my last will and Testimony made August the fifteenth day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. I will that when I die my body be intered in a Christian land and in a Christian manner and my soul to God the great giver of Spirits. I will and bequeath all my real Estate and personal property to my wife Frances Atcum with the exception of enough of the Personal Property to pay my debts. But if the Personal Property fail to pay the debts. I will that the tract of land I own be Sold but if the personal property pay the debts. That She Frances Atcum Keep the land and negroes viz Silvie Hannah and their three Children. until my three Children viz. Henry M Atcum Sarah E. Atcum & Mary R Atcum become of age when they are to have one negroe a piece of equal value as when as the testator the Executors admit of. I also will that James T Yarbrough & James M Williams be my Executors

Signed Sealed & in the presence of S Patterson Wm Bush Robert Atcum [Seal]
Henry Boykin

Probate Court Marengo County October 18th 1852.

State of Alabama Marengo County

The Testimony of Welland F Bush and Henry Boykin two of the Subscribing witnesses who being duly Sworn severally depose & say that they were present & saw Robert Atcum Sign the within Will by making his mark and publish the same as his last Will & Testament & that they signed the same as witnesses together with S Patterson the other witness in the presence of and at the request of said Testator and they further Say that Said Atcum was of Sound & disposing mind at the time & that said will was Executed on the day of its date. Wm F Bush Henry Boykin

Probate Court Marengo County. October 18th 1852. Judge Young presiding.

This day came on to be heard the instrument proffounded by James M Williams as the last will of Robert Atcum deceased and now comes the said James M and also Henry M. & Sarah E Atcum minor heirs &c by Henry W Hooff Esqr their Guardian ad litem and the said instrument being heard and Welland F Bush and Henry Boykin two of the Subscribing witnesses being Sworn & deposing that said instrument was Signed and published by said Testator in their presence & that S Patterson the other Subscribing witness on the day of its date. and that they together with the said Patterson Signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testator & each of the[m] And that said Testator was of Sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be recorded as the last will of said Robert Atcum

Jas F Young
Judge &c

Will of Elisha Young Decd

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In the name of God Amen. I Elisha Young of the County of Marengo and the State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding regarding the uncertainty of life do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament. First I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha E M Young all my Estate both real and personal. my property of whatever kinds or description it may be, with all choses that may be also all reversions, legacies or remainders to which said Estate may become entitled to have and enjoy to her own proper use and benefit and behoof to her and to her heirs forever. I appoint my wife said Martha E M Young Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty ninth day of March A.D. 1852. E Young
Signed & Sealed in presence of us the undersigned. We Signing our names as attesting Witnesses in the presence of said Elisha Young and in the presence of each other
W M Reese W M Ballow. S. Studwick —

Probate Court Marengo County October 19th 1852. The Testimony of S Studwick one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument who being first duly Sworn deposes and says that he was present on the day said instrument bears date and said Elisha Young the Testator Sign and publish the same as his last will and Testament. That he wrote the will at the dictation of said Elisha and Signed the same as a witness at the request and in the presence of the said Testator that Henry W Reese and W M Ballow the other Subscribing witnesses were also present and attested the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said Testator Witness further says that said Testator was of Sound & disposing mind and memory — S Studwick

W M Ballow one of the other Subscribing witnesses being duly Sworn deposes that he was also present and saw the said instrument Signed & published by said Testator and Signed the same with the other witnesses, in the presence of and at the request of said Testator he further says that said E Young was of sound and disposing mind W M Ballow
The foregoing Testimony of S Studwick & W M Ballow was read over to and Signed by them in my presence in Open Court Jas F Young Judge of Probate
Probate Court Marengo County October 19th 1852.

This day came on to be heard the last will of said deceased and Martha E M Young the proponent comes by Attorney and the minors here appearing by Saml P Patterson their Guardian ad litem and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of Stud Studwick & W M Ballow that said instrument was signed and published by said Testator as his last will in their presence & that of Henry W Reese the other Subscribing witness on the day of its date that said testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory and that they and the said Henry W Reese signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testator. It is therefore ordered that said be recorded as the last will and Testament of said Elisha Young

Jas F Young Judge of Probate

Will of Sevir M Gregsby deceased

State of Ala. Marengo County

Now whereas life being uncertain and as there is somewhat of an unsettled account between my self and my brother Saml M Gregsby and for divers good reasons I do write and bequeath unto my said Brother Saml M Gregsby after first paying my just debts all my property both personal and Real. I do hereby appoint my brother Saml M Gregsby my executor and furthermore ordain and declare the above to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 22d May 1845. — Sevir M Gregsby (Seal)

Test: Thomas Ringgold. J. C. Dubroe. J. H. Dubroe.

Probate Court Marengo County October Term 1852. In the matter of the last will of Sevir M Gregsby. Before me James A Young Judge of Probate of said County appeared James A Dubroe and Joel C Dubroe two of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument who each on oath duly administered severally depose and say that they attested said Will and to the best of their recollection and belief saw the same Signed and published by the said Sevir M Gregsby on the date thereof that the same was also Signed by Thomas Ringgold the other Subscribing witness now deceased and that according to their recollections they all Signed the same in the presence of and at the request of said Testator & of each other and they further say that they believe the said Testator was of Sound and disposing mind at the time & they would not have Signed the same as witnesses

J. H. Dubroe. J. C. Dubroe.

State of Sevir M Gregsby Dec'd

Probate Court October Term A D 1852.

This day came Samuel M Gregsby and Adkinson Carne Seth M Gregsby Stellman H Gregsby and Richard Gregsby Alex Jones Gregsby minor heirs of said deceased by Henry A Woolf Esqr their Guardian ad litem and it appearing that Sevir M Gregsby has intermarried with one James M Johnson the mother of the said Samuel M the probate of the instrument heretofore propounded as the last will of said deceased is heard and it appearing from the Testimony of James A Dubroe and Joel C Dubroe two of the Subscribing witnesses to said instrument that the same was Signed and published by said deceased on the day of its date as his last Will. who was of Sane and disposing mind and memory. at the time and that they together with Thomas Ringgold the other Subscribing witness who is now dead Signed the same as witnesses in the presence of and at the request of said Testator. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be recorded as the last will of said Sevir M Gregsby. —

Jas A Young Judge of Probate.

Will of Sevir Garard

In the name of God Amen. I Sevir Garard of the County of Marengo State of Alabama being feeble in health but of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding do make and publish and declare this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & making null and void all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. My will is first that my Funeral Charges and just debts shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named. The residue of my Estate which shall not be required for the payment of my just debts & the expenses attending the execution of this my Will I give devise and bequeath as follows to wit: I give devise & bequeath the whole of my Estate Lands negroes Stock and all whether Real & Personal or mixed of which I shall be Seized and possessed to my beloved wife Elizabeth Garard Conditioned as hereinafter mentioned in fee Simple forever But it is my will and request &

that my beloved wife Elizabeth Garard marries again then and in that event the whole of my said Estate both real personal and mixed be equally divided between her and our children or their children children share and share alike each my beloved wife & children taking one share. And I do nominate and appoint my two sons James A Garard to be the Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I the said Sevir M Garard have here subscribed my name and affixed my Seal. This the 15th Day of January 1852. Sevir M Garard (Seal)

Signed Sealed and declared by the said Sevir M Garard to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in presence of each other. Hezekiah Nettles. Samuel D Carter. J C Dubroe.

Probate Court Marengo County. Before me James A Young Judge of said Court personally came Samuel D Carter in open Court and upon oath duly administered testifies and says that he is one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument and that the same was Signed by Sevir M Garard by making his mark and published as his last Will and Testament on the day the same bears date in the presence of deponent and also of J C Dubroe and Hezekiah Nettles and that he deponent and the said Dubroe & Nettles all Signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said Testator. Deponent further says that he is a practising Physician and that said Testator was at the time of Signing & publishing said will of Sound and disposing mind and memory.

Samuel D Carter —

And Joel C Dubroe being duly sworn deposes as follows. I concur in the foregoing testimony of Samuel D Carter as to the execution and publication of the last will of Sevir Garard and as to his sanity at the time and saw the said will Signed by the said Carter & Hezekiah Nettles the other Subscribing witness in the presence of said Testator.

J. C. Dubroe.

State of Sevir Garard dec'd

Probate Court October Term A D 1852.

This day came James A Garard and Lewis Garard Samuel M Garard and Joel M Garard minors by Henry A Woolf their Guardian ad litem and the instrument propounded by the said James A as the said Will of said deceased and being signed and it appearing from the Testimony of Samuel D Carter and Joel C Dubroe two of the subscribing witnesses that said instrument was signed and published by said deceased on the day of its date as his last will and was of Sane and disposing mind & memory and that they and Hezekiah Nettles the other Subscribing witness Signed the same in the presence of and at the request of said Testator. It is ordered that the same be recorded as the last will of said Sevir Garard.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Will of Braxton Holcroft dec

I Braxton Holcroft of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being in feble health but sound in mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament;

First after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I will and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Maria Ann Vaughan a negro child named Molly and the sum of one hundred Dollars annually to be paid by my beloved daughter Sarah during the life of my said Sister and if my said daughter Sarah should die leaving a child or children before the death of my said Sister then said sum of one hundred Dollars annually to be paid to my said Sister by such child or children and if my said daughter Sarah should die before my Sister leaving no child or children then said annuity to be paid to my said Sister by the children of my brother Edward F Holcroft. Secondly. I Will and bequeath unto my said daughter Sarah the remainder of my property of every description to be enjoyed by her during her natural life and at her death to her child or children equally should she Marry and leave issue but if she should die without leaving any child or children then I desire all of said property to be equally distributed between the children or their representatives Share and Share alike of my brother Edward F Holcroft of the County of Greene and State aforesaid. Said property to be subject to the payment of the annuity aforesaid to my Sister Maria Ann Vaughan. Thirdly I hereby appoint my friends Richard H Adams and William E Clarke of said County of Marengo and State aforesaid Executors of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of January A D one thousand eight hundred and fifty two: B Holcroft (Seal) Signed Sealed and published in the presence of Tho I Woolf M G Askew Wm L Kelly =

Testimony of Tho I Woolf I saw B Holcroft sign the above instrument on the day the same bears date and heard him at the same time declare the same to be his last will and testament and I together with the above M G Askew and W L Kelly signed said Will as subscribing Witnesses in the presence of and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other said Testator was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory Tho I Woolf

The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of B Holcroft dec

Probate Court November 22 1852 This day came on to be heard the probate of the instrument propounded by Wm E Clarke as the last will of said deceased and it appearing by the Testimony of Thomas I Woolf one of the subscribing witnesses that said instrument was duly Executed & published by said Testator as his last Will and Testament according to the Statute It is ordered and decreed that the same be received and recorded as the last Will and Testament of said Braxton Holcroft

Jas A Young Judge &c

Will of Eulalie Promis Dec

I Elalie Promis of the Town of Demopolis County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make publish and declare my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: First. I devise and bequeath to my daughter in Law Amanda A Promis the wife of my son Leopold M Promis for her sole and separate use and benefit and free and exempt from the contracts and liabilities of her husband all my Real Estate in the Town of Demopolis comprising the House and lot which I now occupy and likewise twenty four acres of land adjoining the Town of Demopolis and also all my personal property of every kind and description not herein otherwise disposed of to have and to hold to the said Amanda A Promis for her sole and separate use as aforesaid and for her support and maintenance and also for the support maintenance and education of such child or children as the said Amanda has or may have during her coverture with the said Leopold M for and during the term of her natural life it being the intention of this devise and bequest to vest in the said Amanda for her sole and separate use and benefit and for the support and education of her children a life Estate in the property, real and personal hereby devised & bequeathed with remainder to such child or children as her and the said Leopold M Promis as may be living at the death of the said Amanda A Share and Share alike. Second. I also give and devise to the said Amanda A Promis the wife of my son Leopold M Promis for her sole and separate use & benefit as aforesaid & for the support & education of her children by the said Leopold M. Four hundred and eighty acres of land owned by me in Section four in the French grant. This devise to vest in the said Amanda A a separate Estate in said lands for the purpose aforesaid for and during the term of her natural life with remainder in fee to such child or children as may be living at her death born of the Marriage between the said Amanda A and Leopold M Promis. Third = Should my son Leopold M Promis and his wife the said Amanda A decide at any time hereafter to remove from the State of Alabama and to reside elsewhere than in this State then and in that event it is my will and desire that the property real and personal devised and bequeathed by this my last will and testament be sold by my Executor hereinafter named and the proceeds of such sale vested for the sole and separate use and benefit of the said Amanda A & her children for and during the natural life of the said Amanda A with remainder to her children as herein above provided in regard to said property: Fourth: I give and bequeath to my son Leopold M Promis to minature likenesses to wit my own likeness and that of his father and also some other small articles which I have set aside with his name upon the Package containing them which he is to keep and to hand down to his children as family tokens. I hereby appoint Francis S Lyon Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made Witness my hand & seal this the 31st day of August 1846 Eulalie her mark Promis Witness Paul Morand George Hammell A Bretting; First Codicil to my last Will and testament written on the two preceding pages: First it is my will and desire that my son Leopold M Promis should act as trustee for his wife & children named in the foregoing will and I hereby appoint him such trustee. Second As I have since the making of the foregoing will sold and disposed of the four hundred and Eighty Acres of land therein devised to Amanda A Promis and to her children by the said Leopold M Promis I hereby will and bequeath to Leopold M Promis in trust for his children by the said Amanda A the balance of the debt due to me

by Israel Perkins for said land or such part thereof as may remain unexpended at my death and the said Executor is authorized to use and employ the interest accruing from said money in the support and education of his said Children and the principal when they attaining lawful age is to be equally divided between them witness my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1847. Codicil Executor Permis Ed Ordinary - Paul Monier George Hammell A Britting -
The foregoing Will and Codicil admitted to Probate on the testimony of George Hammell A Britting May 28th 1851. Jas Abning Judge of Probate Mo Cty

Will of Susan Bryan Dec'd

State of Alabama Monroe County
I Susan Bryan of the State and County aforesaid being in a sound State of mind & memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say: First I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth B Curtis my negro woman Charlotte next I wish the negro girl Nancy to be hired out until the proceeds of the hire pays all demands against me then the said negro girl to be valued by three disinterested Judges and my son Seaborn J Bryan to have said Girl and pay to my son Andrew J Bryan one half the valuation of said girl in money I give and bequeath to my son Wiley H Bryan my negro boy Nelson & one bed and furniture I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy E Thompson one Bed & furniture. I desire my daughter Mary A Hamilton to have the sum of one dollar my daughter Emmeline B Bryan one hundred dollar my son Nathan Bryan one dollar My son Needham Bryan one dollar my son Frederick B Bryan one dollar my son Samuel Bryan one dollar - my daughter Susan E Collier the sum of one dollar or her heirs I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth B Curtis my old blind negro woman Lucy with the right to take care of and maintain during her life I also give to my daughter E B Curtis all the property belonging to me not before mentioned consisting of stock house hold & Kitchen furniture & I do hereby revoke and disannul all & every other will and testament by me by me or for me heretofore made ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of January A D 1852 (Signed)
Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of L Maulding & I Sledge — Susan Bryan (Seal)

Probate Court Monroe County
January Term held the 15th day of January 1853
The testimony of L Maulding one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Mrs Susan Bryan dec'd who being first duly sworn that he was present on or about the 21st day of January 1852 and saw Mrs Susan Bryan sign said instrument and declare the same as her last Will & Testament and that he and Sylvester I Sledge the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses in her presence & at her request & in the presence of each other and that said Susan was at the time aforesaid and disposing mind & memory to the best of his judgement and belief and witness further says that he wrote the will according to the directions of said Susan and read the same over to her
Attest Jas H Ewing Judge &c — L Maulding
Probate Court Monroe County — The Probate of the instrument
January Term 1853 — performed as the last Will

of Susan Bryan deceased coming on to be heard this day and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that publication has been made for six weeks in the Southern Advocate a newspaper published in the town of Huntsville in the County of Madison and for the non resident heirs to appear & contest & that Citations to the resident heirs have been duly served and it further appearing from the testimony of Sulladay Mauldin that said instrument was signed and published by said Susan Bryan on the day the same bears date as her last Will and Testament in the presence of said Witness and of Sylvester I Sledge the other subscribing witness and that he the said Mauldin and the said Sledge signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of Testatrix and that she was of sane and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be entered of record as the last will and Testament of said Susan Bryan deceased
Jas H Ewing Judge of Probate

Will of Elizabeth Curtis Dec'd

State of Alabama Monroe County
In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Curtis of the County and State aforesaid being of feeble body of sound mind thanks be unto God for the same do make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit: Item 1st All my just debts to be paid: Item 2d I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Agee & to her heirs one negro man Martin & the woman Venis they are to be valued and taken at a fair valuation also two beds and furniture also money to make her share equal to one fourth of my Estate the beds not to be valued — Item 3d I Will and bequeath unto my son Chandler Alston a negro man Phillip & Emanuel a boy aged about 9 years the same to be valued & the said Alston to pay to my Executor whatever amount their valuation may amount to or one fourth of the value of my Estate after paying all debts and expenses — Item 4th I Will and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Martin & to her heirs a negro girl Jane aged 15 or 16 years the said girl to be valued also money to make her share equal to one fourth of my Estate Item 5th I Will and bequeath unto my daughter Mildred A Hardy & her heirs a negro woman Celia now to be valued my best Clothing to be divided between my daughter Sarah Martin & Mildred A Hardy also money equal to one fourth of my Estate — Item 6th I will and bequeath unto the heirs of my son James Alston five Dollars unto the heirs of my daughter Polly Watkins I also bequeath five Dollars unto the heirs of my daughter Nancy Allen five Dollars unto the heirs of my daughter Mary Johnson and Seven Dollars to be divided among them as may be proper the above sums of five Dollars to each is all I wish them to have of my Estate:
Item 7th - I do this my will that my property be equally divided after paying the Legacies necessary expenses &c between my son Chandler Alston & my daughters Elizabeth Agee Sarah Martin & Mildred A Hardy the heirs of furniture not to be valued — Item 8th I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Henry H Hatch my Executor of this my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 12th day of January Eighteen hundred and fifty two = Elizabeth her mark Curtis (Seal)
In the presence of H H Hatch I A Agee C I Bethel —

Probate Court Monroe County
December Term held the 15th day of December 1852
The Probate of the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of Elizabeth Curtis deceased coming on to be heard this day and Henry H Hatch and Ichabod A Agee two of the subscribing witnesses being sworn testify in open Court and say that they were present on the day mentioned in said instrument and saw the said Elizabeth Curtis publish and sign by making her mark to the said instrument as her last Will and Testament

and that they and the said C J Bethel the other witness signed the same as witnesses in her presence and at her request and all in the presence of each other and they further say that said Testatrix was of sane mind at the time they also say that said Bethel is not within the jurisdiction of the State to the best of their knowledge and belief. H W Hatch J A Ayce.

Probate Court Marengo County December Term A D 1852

Estate of Elizabeth Curtis Decd — This day came Henry W Hatch and renounced in open Court his right as Executor named in the instrument propounded by him as the last Will of said deceased which renunciation is ordered to be received and recorded. And this day came on to be heard the probate of the instrument heretofore propounded by Henry W Hatch as the last Will and Testament of said deceased And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that advertisement of the time and place of said Probate has been made by publication in the Linden Jeffersonian for six successive weeks and numbers of the paper containing the same have been forwarded to the respective Seats of Justice in the Counties of the residence of such of the non resident heirs as are known to the Court and the probate of the said instrument being heard and it appearing by the testimony of Henry W Hatch & Ishmael A Ayce two of the subscribing witnesses that the said instrument was duly signed and published on the day the same bears date by the said Elizabeth Curtis deceased in their presence and that of C J Bethel the other subscribing witness and that they all subscribed the same in her presence and at her request This therefore ordered and decreed that said instrument be received and recorded as the last Will and testament of said Elizabeth Curtis deceased. Jas A Young Judge &c

Will of William Cade Decd — I William Cade of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do hereby make publish and declare my last will and testament as follows. First I direct that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid. Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved son Adolphus S Cade a female slave named Clara in trust that he will permit her the said slave Clara to enjoy her freedom and have her own time for and during her natural life as fully as the laws of the State of Alabama will permit. I also give to my said son in trust for the use and benefit of the said Clara the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid to her by my said son at such times and in such cases as he may think best for her interest thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved son Erwin E Cade my beloved daughter Mary Thomas and the methodist Episcopal Church South to be appropriated to foreign missions the proceeds of a draft drawn by son Adolphus S Cade on W C Dickenson of Mobile payable to me at sight for upwards of six thousand one hundred dollars after taking ~~from~~ therefrom the sum of two hundred dollars given as above to my said son Adolphus for the benefit of said Clara. The remainder of said proceeds to be equally divided between my said son Erwin daughter mary and the said ~~Mary~~ Methodist Episcopal Church South to be appropriated to foreign missions as aforesaid. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my said son Adolphus all of the money which I have put

away in the dwelling house in the flat Woods from which I removed to Dayton the said money amounting to between the sums of one and two hundred dollars upon trust that he my said son Adolphus will hold said sum of money for the use and benefit of his two slaves Daniel and Chaney who have so kindly nursed and waited on me during my sickness and for the same to them equally at times as he may think best for them. Fifthly All other of my property of every discription not herein before bequeathed and given away I hereby give and bequeath to my said son Adolphus S Cade. Sixthly I hereby appointing beloved son Adolphus S Cade and my beloved Grand son Wm C Thompson Executors of this my my Last Will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of December A D 1852. William Cade. (Seal) Signed & Sealed in presence of W E Clarke. F M Prince.

Probate Court Marengo Court — March Term A D 1853. The probate of the Last Will of William Cade decd coming on this day and Doctor F M Prince one of the subscribers deposes and says that said instrument was published by said William Cade as his Last Will and testament in his presence & that of William E Clarke the other subscribing witness that said William Cades name was signed thereto. By William E Clarke at the instance & request of said testator and that he the deponent and said Clarke signed & attested the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other. All on the day the same was bears date. Deponent further says that says testator was to the best of his belief of same and disposing mind and memory F M Prince. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be recorded. Recorded as the Last will & testament of said William Cade deceased. Jas A Young Judge. Filed by W E Clarke atty January the 18th 1853 J A Young.

Estate of Jas W Wooten Decd — Know all men by these presents that I James Whitfield Wooten of Marengo County and State of Alabama being of sound disposing mind and memory do make & publish this my last Will and testament. To my wife Susan Elizabeth I give and devise negro woman Phillis and twelve hundred dollars in cash or if she prefers it she can come in for an equal share of my estate after my executors shall have settled and disposed of the same acting under the directions hereinafter contained. I ordain and appoint Doctor Jeremiah E Dumas my own Wyatt Wooten and my brother Richard Wooten as Executors of this my Will. The court shall not require them or either of them to give security nor shall they be required to obtain an order from the court to make any sale of any part of my estate. But I hereby invest them with full power to make sales if in the exercise of their judgment they may think it for the best or their good interest of the heirs so to do and titles to any property sold by them shall be taken and deemed as good without any order from the court and if they my executors may think it best not to sell my estate they have full power to make

any other arrangement. and in one word to manage my estate both Real personal and mixed as may seem to them best for the interest of my creditors and heirs reserving in all cases the privilege to my wife of chosing one or the other of the premises made for her. I desire my Executors in case they should think it best. to keep the property together to Educate the minor Children. out of the common fund. or property and in the event of their selling and making division of the property to give to the minor children an amount that in their Opinion may be sufficient to Educate them. Over and above their equal share with the adult Children and the widow. in case she should chose an Equal share with them, In case of the death of any of my children Before arriving at maturity I desire the Share of such Child or Children to be Equally divided among my own remaining children. in Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal. and published and this my Last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 10th Day of august in the year of our Lord 1852. James W Wooten (Seal)

The above instrument was subscribed by James W Wooten the testator in the presence of each of us. And was at the same time declared By him to be his Last will and testament and at his request. and in his presence sign our names thereto. as attesting witnesses. Alexander M McDowell Reuben Pickett. Joseph W. Pickett.

Estate of James W Wooten decd. } Probate Court December 1852.

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the instrument propounded as the Last will of said James W Wooten. decd. and now comes the said Richard Wooten Jeremiah E Dumas and Wyatt Wooten Executors therein named. and also the minor heirs by Wm M Byrd Esqr. the guardian ad Litem to defend for them. and it appearing to the court by the testimony of Alex M McDowell one of the subscribing witnesses that said instrument was signed and published by the said James W on the day of its date and was attested and signed by him and Joseph Pickett and Reuben Pickett the other subscribing witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testator, and that he was of sound mind at the time. It is ordered that said will be admitted to record & that Letters testamenting issue thereon. and it appearing that by the directions of said will. the said Executors shall not be required to give bond. And the said Richard Wooten Jeremiah E Dumas and Wyatt Wooten having qualified before the court It is ordered that Letters testamentary issue to them accordingly.

Jas A Young
Judge &c

Estate of A J Blanks decd. } Alabama Marengo County. November 20th 1852.

This my Last will and testament I leave and bequeath to my Brother Ervin Blank all and every thing which I possess and own. including also a gold watch which I left with Francis Blank. when I was in mississippi Last year. I also request my brother Ervin Blanks to pay all my just debts, the date above named. A J Blanks. attest A Kendrick. E A Kendrick. Alex P Blunt James Sullivan.

Testimony of Alexander P Blunt one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Andrew J Blanks decd. he being first duly sworn says that he was present on the day the same bears date and saw the said A J Blanks sign and publish the same as his Last will and testament and that he and Anderson Kendrick. E A Kendrick and James Sullivan signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testator. & of each other. Deponent further says that Deponent further says that said testator was of sound mind. Alexr P Blunt

Probate Court Feby Term 1853 } It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that publication has been made in the Linden Jeffersonian published in Marengo County for three successive weeks for the non resident heirs and the Executing publication of said instrument by A J Blanks on his Last will. proved by the testimony of Alex P Blunt it is ordered that the testimony said instrument be recorded as the Last will of said A J Blank decd. J A Young Judge

Estate of Jane Price decd. } I Jane Price of Marengo County in the State of Alabama. being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to Leave this World when it shall please my god to call me hence have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and after maturity considering the circumstances of and condition of all those among whom is my heirs at Law, or the objects of my gratitude and affection in my Judgment my estate should be distributed. I do make publish and declare this my Last will and testament. hereby revoking and making null and void all former Last wills and testament. and writing in the name of Last wills and testament. by me heretofore made. and my will is first that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary expense. and that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my executor hereinafter named. and as to the residue of my estate and property which shall not be required for the payments of my debts funeral charges and the expenses of in and about the Execution of this my will. I give devise and dispose thereof as follows, viz, Item 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline J Doby and her heirs my negro Girl Elmira and my arm Chair. Item 2d I give and bequeath to my daughter Louisa J Desmukes and her heirs a note which I hold on my son Reese Price. for the sum of Eight hundred dollars payable on the first of January next also my work table and line. Item 3d

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jane S Skinner and her heirs my little negro girl Sarah. Item 4th I give and bequeath to my grand son Daniel R Price and heirs my negro man Arthur on condition however that said Arthur shall not be taken out of the county and thereby separated from his wife and children. Item 5th I give to my son William my mahogany desk. Item 6th I give to my grand son Simpson D Doby my clock. Item 7th I give to my sons Isaac Henry R and Reese each one dollar. Item 8th The balance of my property what ever it may be not hereinbefore disposed of I will to be equally divided between my two daughters Caroline S Doby and Louisa I Desmukes and I do hereby nominate and appoint Reese Price and George W Doby Executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 15th of October 1833 Jane Price Seal in the presence of Wm S Alexander. D A Patrick & J D Doby.

The foregoing of Wm S Alexander one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will taken in open court before the Probate court March Term held march 21st 1833 who being first duly sworn says that he was present and saw Mrs Jane Price sign seal and publish the foregoing instrument as her last will on the day the same bears date in the presence & that of D A Patrick and J D Doby the other subscribers that he and the other witnesses subscribed the same in the presence of the said Jane and of each other at her request. deponent further says he is a practising physician and that testatrix was at the time of executing said will of sound & disposing mind & memory. Wm S Alexander.

Probate Court } The probate of Jane Price will coming on
March 21st 1833 } this day & it appearing to the court that the time and place of said Probate has been advertised for three successive weeks in the Jacksonian printed in Marengo County for by consent of parties. now this day comes Geo W Doby & the executor hereof & Reese Price dec'd by Henry A Wolf Esqr their guardian ad litem and the executing of said will being proved to the satisfaction of the court by Wm S Alexander. one of the subscribing witnesses. It is ordered by the court that said instrument be allowed and recorded as the last will and testament of said Jane Price dec'd.

Jas A Mooney Judge &c.

Estate of James Bambridge dec'd } I James Bambridge of the county of and State of Alabama. do make publish & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Item 2d I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret B Bambridge all my property both real and personal be it together for the use & support & benefit of myself and children until my youngest child attains the age of twenty one years and further if necessary until the death of my wife and when my youngest child to shall attain Lawful age as aforesaid at which time it is my will and desire that my property real & personal be equally divided among my said children their heirs and Lawful heirs of any of my children that may have died in the mean time. the heirs of my deceased child to take the same share. And until the death of my wife and until the son is arrived at the age of twenty one years as aforesaid it is my wish that all

my children who may think proper to remain with the family and be supported from the use of my Estate. I do hereby appoint my sons Wm Bambridge and James Bambridge Executors to this my last will & testament and have them power without the necessity of obtaining the order of court to sell my personal property or produce of my farm as aforesaid for the benefit of my family aforesaid Lastly to avoid all misunderstandings and misconstructions. my will is that there be no division of my Estate until the death of my wife. and until my young est child attains the age of twenty one. Hereby revoking wills heretofore made by me and declaring this to be my last will and testament. Witness my hand and Seal this 30th day of July 1845. James Bambridge Seal Witness John Robinson. A B Haygler. Wm Lynd. — The above will of James Bambridge admitted to probate the 19th day of may 1851.

Estate of James Bambridge dec'd } Probate court May Term A.D. 1851. — This day came on for hearing the probate of an instrument filed in court as the last will and testament of James Bambridge deceased. A.D. 1845. and Wm Lynd one of the subscribing witnesses being duly sworn deposes that said testator signed sealed and published said instrument as his last will and testament on the day the same bears date in his presence and that of John Robinson & A B Haygler the other attesting witness. and the said deponent and the said Robinson & Haygler attested the same in the presence of said testator and at his request. and in the presence of each other and deponent further says that said testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will of said Bambridge. and that Letters issue thereon.

And court adjourned — Jas A Mooney. judge &c.

Margaret B Bambridge dec'd } State of Alabama Marengo County — 24th the residence of C & P Vanter 19th of Sept 1853
Last Will & Testament } Be it known to all persons concerned that on the nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty three that Margaret B Bambridge wife of William I Bambridge did call the undersigned to her bed side and did then and there signify her desire to make a will and no objections being interposed did make a nuncupative will as follows. It is my desire and I so will it to my beloved husband William I Bambridge all my Estate of whatever description to have and to hold the same during his natural life and there after the provisions of her last will delivered on her death bed at the house of C & P Vanter in the hearing and presence of us. Here the fourth line from the top one the letter B is interlined. Sworn & Cattell Cornelius & Vanter. C Vanter. Filed Sept 21st 1853 J A Mooney

Estate of Margaret B Bambridge dec'd } This day came Wm I Bambridge and produced to the Court the written Agent of all the Legal Heirs of said dec'd to the probate & establishment of the instrument propounded as the Nuncupative will of said deceased & it appearing that said heirs are of full age & the due execution of said instrument being made appear to the Satisfaction of the Court. It is therefore ordered and decreed that said instrument be recorded as the last Will of said deceased and that Letters of administration with the Will annexed be granted to the said William I Bambridge on his entering into Bond in the sum of two thousand Dollars. J A Mooney Judge &c

Minor W Gracy's Last Will & Testament

I Minor W Gracy of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make publish & declare my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit; — First it is my Will and desire and I hereby direct that any debt or debts I may owe at the time of my death be punctually paid; As to the disposition of my Estate Real and Personal & mixed I make the following provisions. To my wife Mourning S Gracy I hereby Will devise and bequeath the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars out of my Estate And also in addition thereto my Household & Kitchen furniture plate &c and Carriage and Horses and Servant Jack. To my Nephew St Clair N Steel I give and bequeath the sum of five thousand Dollars To my Nieces Mary Adams Rebecca Henson Martha Gracy Eliza Gracy & Adline Gracy I will and bequeath the sum of twenty five hundred Dollars each and to my Nephew James Gracy I give and bequeath a like sum of twenty five hundred Dollars. To my friend Jim Robertson the wife of John R Robertson I give the sum of five hundred Dollars. All the rest and remainder of my Estate of every kind and description I give devise and bequeath to my Brother John I Gracy and to my Sisters Rebecca Hall and Mary Carnes in equal parts or Shares that is to say my brother and two Sisters named are each to have one third part of said remainder As to the specified legacies herein and hereby bequeathed to my wife and to my Nephews & Nieces named it is my Will and desire and I hereby direct that they be considered due and payable on the 1st day of January 1854 and that they be severally paid by my Executors hereinafter named as soon after the 1st day of January 1854 as may be convenient to my Executors in the settlement of the affairs of my Estate but to bear interest from the said 1st day of January 1854.

I hereby nominate and appoint Mourning S Gracy Executrix and my friends Levi W Sawler and Francis S Lyon Executors of this my last Will and testament revoking any and all other Wills by me heretofore made In testimony of all which I the said Minor W Gracy have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the sixth day of November 1853. in presence of the witnesses named (Signed) M W Gracy (Seal) Witness R V Montague H W Reese James D Browder

"Codicil"

Since making and signing the foregoing Will It has occurred to me that it would be proper to make a more specified provision in regard to certain of my servants which my wife may prefer to retain In reference thereof are to Nancy Wilson Cutty & her children and Lucy and her children it is my will and desire that in the event my wife shall prefer to retain them as her property that she be allowed to do so as a part of the provision already made for her These servants are to be valued by H W Reese R V Montague or my Executors & their valuation charged to my wife on acct of the provisions made for her out of my Estate and are upon such valuation to become her property Witness my hand and seal this the 6th of November 1853 — M. W Gracy (Seal) Witness words "her children" after the name of Lucy interlined before signing — Witness H W Reese. Wm H Ross James D Browder

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County Ala. Your Petition Francis S Lyon

respectfully represent that Minor W Gracy late of said County died in said County on the 8th of November last (1853) leaving a last Will and Testament hereto attached & filed in said Probate Court in which Will your petitioner has been appointed one of his Executors The said Minor W Gracy died leaving a widow Mourning S Gracy who resides in said County John I Gracy a brother who resides in Columbia South Carolina Mary Carnes a sister a widow who resides as your petitioner is informed in Whiteville Henderson Co in the State of Tennessee and Rebecca Hall a sister wife of Lepe D Hall who resides as petitioner has been informed in Covington Tennessee Sinclair N Steel a Nephew son of a sister of Testator who resides in Cokesbury Abbeville district South Carolina and some brothers and sisters of the said Sinclair N Steel who as your petitioner is informed like at Oak forest Iredell County North Carolina & are the wards of one Dr Adams of said Oak forest whose names are not known to your petitioner Your petitioner has heard of & knows of no other heirs at Law of the said Minor W Gracy decd And he respectfully prays that said Will be admitted to Probate. F S Lyon By his Atty O H Pomeroy

Answer of Gdn ad Litem

Probate Court January 2d A D 1854

The minor heirs and distributees are legatees under the last Will and Testament of Minor W Gracy mentioned to wit Mary Adams Rebecca Henson Martha Gracy Eliza Gracy and James Gracy by their Guardian ad Litem William E Clarke appear in open Court on this the 2d day of January A D 1854 and deny the facts and allegations set forth in the petition of F S Lyon this day filed in Court praying that the paper submitted as the last Will and Testament of said Minor W Gracy decd may be admitted to Probate and pray that the Allegations set forth in said petition may be strictly proven according to the statute in such case made and provided. (Signed) W E Clarke Guardian ad Litem for said minors —

Probate of Will

In the matter of the last Will of Minor W Gracy deceased In the Probate Court of Marengo County at a term held on the first Monday and Second day of January A D 1854. Testimony of Doctor James D Browder and Doctor Henry W Reese two of the subscribing witnesses who being first duly sworn depose & say that they were present on the Sixth day of November A D 1853 and saw Minor W Gracy sign & publish the said Instrument purporting to be his last Will and the Codicil thereto annexed as his last Will & Testament that they signed the same in the presence and at the request of said Testator together with Robert V Montague the other subscribing witness to the will and that they subscribed the Codicil with Wm H Ross the other subscribing witness thereto in the presence of said Gracy & of each other on the day the same bears date. They further depose that said Gracy was at the time of signing & publishing said Will & Codicil of sound & disposing mind & memory. In open Court. James D Browder H W Reese Attest James A Young.

Estate of Minor W Gracy Decd

This day came F S Lyon and Levi W Sawler and moved the Court that the instrument heretofore propounded as the last Will of Minor W Gracy deceased be admitted to Record and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that the time and place of hearing the Probate of said instrument has been duly advertised and it further appearing from the testimony of Henry W Reese and James D Browder two of the subscribing witnesses thereto that said Will and the Codicil annexed were signed and published by said Minor W on the day they respectively bear date in their presence and

that of R H Montague the other Subscribing Witness to the Will and of Wm H. Ross the other Subscribing witness to the Codicil & that they and the said Montague Subscribed their names to the Will as the presence and at the Request of said Testator and the presence of each other and that they & the said Ross Subscribed their names to the Codicil as the presence & at the request of said Testator and the presence of each other and further testify that said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & Memory. It is therefore ordered that said Instrument be admitted to Record as the Last Will of said Minor M Grace

Jas A Young Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of F.H. Brown State of Alabama Marengo County

In the name Federick H. Brown do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner form following to wit I give and bequeath to my Dear beloved Wife Jane G. Brown. all my tract of land, lying in Township thirteen. Range one East to have and to hold during her natural life as widow hood. for a home and support for my family until they come of age. and after her death or marriage. then to my dear children (viz) Pope Barksdale & Daniel Rebecca Eufaunes. Brannan & their children after them. Containing in all three hundred & twenty acres. I also give and bequeath to my Espoused Companion, two choice Cows & Calves. or two Cows with Calf. also my Entire stock of hogs to her and the support of my family. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Lybrelia. two cows and calves or the worth of them. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances. two Cows & Calves. or the worth of them. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha. two Cows & Calves or the worth of them. All over the above named Live stock to be sold and the money applied to the payment of my Debts. and the balance to the support of my family. Except forty acres of land lying in Township fourteen Range one East to be sold at a convenient time and the money divided between my Children. In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Third Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & fifty three. F. H. Brown (Seal) H. Jones Williams Nicholds A.S.C. mark.

Probate Court. Marengo County. Held the 1st Monday & 7th Day of November A.D. 1853. Testimony of Asa R. Christian one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of F.H. Brown. Mr Christian being first sworn & sworn that at the request of F.H. Brown he wrote out said will according to his direction and afterwards read the same over aloud in his hearing. That said Brown then signed by said Brown in the presence of said witnesses. and in the presence of W.H. Nicholds. W. Jones. the other Witness. and that he and said Nicholds also Wm all Subscribed the name in the presence of said Testator and in the presence of each other. he further says that said Testator was of sound & disposing mind — A.R. Christian. Upon the Testimony of said witnesses it is ordered that the said instrument be recorded as the Last will of said F.H. Brown. deed. James A. Young. Judge &c

The State of Alabama. Marengo County. Estate of Isaac Rouse

Probate Court. November Term 1853. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting: You are hereby Commanded without delay to cite Richard A. Rouse and George M. Rouse. to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 3d Monday of December 1853. and shew Cause if any they have why an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac Rouse late of said County deceased. should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office this 5th day of December 1853 and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States. Issued 5th day of December 1853. James A. Young Judge &c. We acknowledge service of this Notice Decr 5th 1853. George M. Rouse. R. A. Rouse attest Sam. Hodson.

The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of F.H. Brown dec'd

Probate Court. October Term 1853. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting. You are hereby Commanded without delay to cite Henry Johnson and Margaret Johnson his wife. Asa Patton & Nancy his wife. Sarah Lucretia Brown. Frances Brown. Martha Brown. Pope H. Brown. Daniel R. Brown and Eufaunia J. Brown. children and heirs of said Deceased F. H. Brown dec'd. and Jane G. Brown widow of said deceased if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the first monday of November A.D. 1853 and shew cause if any they have why a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of F. H. Brown dated 3d October 1853 and attested by Wm Jones & Wm Nicholds A.S. Christian should not be admitted to Record as such Last will & Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office this 4th day Oct. 1853. and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States. J. A. Young Judge

1853. to cite Thomas A. Abernathy if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said at a Court to holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2d Monday of Decr 1853. and produce to the Court the will of Isaac Rouse late of Marengo County dec'd. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation. With your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office this 18th day of November 1853. and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States. Issued 18th Day November 1853. J.A. Young Judge

Not found 5th Decr 1853 H.R. Barge Sh'ff.

The State of Alabama

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama. Greeting You are hereby commanded to Summon J. W. Grayson & C.B. Grayson to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the Court House in Linden on the 25th of December 1853. on the first day of said term as also to be and appear from term to term and from day to day of each term of said Court. to testify and give evidence in a certain Cause pending in said Court. In the matter of the probate of the will of Isaac Rouse deceased & have you there & this writ with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 19th day of December A.D. 18 one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. and 78th year of the independence of the united States. J. A. Young Judge

The State of Alabama. Marengo County. Estate of Isaac Rouse. dec'd.

Probate Court. December term 1853. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting: You are hereby Commanded without delay to cite Richard A. Rouse and George M. Rouse. to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 3d monday of December 1853. and shew Cause if any they have why an instrument in writing on file in this Office purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Isaac Rouse late of said County deceased. should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office this 5th day of December 1853 and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States. Issued 5th day of December 1853. James A. Young Judge &c. We acknowledge service of this Notice Decr 5th 1853. George M. Rouse. R. A. Rouse attest Sam. Hodson.

The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of F.H. Brown dec'd

Probate Court. October Term 1853. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting. You are hereby Commanded without delay to cite Henry Johnson and Margaret Johnson his wife. Asa Patton & Nancy his wife. Sarah Lucretia Brown. Frances Brown. Martha Brown. Pope H. Brown. Daniel R. Brown and Eufaunia J. Brown. children and heirs of said Deceased F. H. Brown dec'd. and Jane G. Brown widow of said deceased if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the first monday of November A.D. 1853 and shew cause if any they have why a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of F. H. Brown dated 3d October 1853 and attested by Wm Jones & Wm Nicholds A.S. Christian should not be admitted to Record as such Last will & Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office this 4th day Oct. 1853. and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States. J. A. Young Judge

Estate of Frederick H. Brown Decd. } Probate Court October Term 1853. To Henry A. Woolf Esqr. You are hereby the Order of notified that by Order of the honorable James A Young Judge of said Court at a court held on the 17th Day of October 1853 for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, You were appointed Guardian ad litem to defend the interest of Frederick H Brown Francis Brown Martha Brown Jesse H. Brown Harriet R. Brown & Euphrasia J Brown minor heirs of Frederick H. Brown deceased in a certain cause wherein and instrument purporting to be the last will of said Frederick H Brown deceased hath been propounded for probate the interest of which minor You are required to defend according to law. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. This 17th day of October 1853.

James A Young Judge.

I acknowledge service of this within notice and accept the appointment Octr. The 17th/53. H. A. Woolf Gud ad Litem.

Estate of F H Brown Decd. In the matter of the last Will & testament of F H Brown. Decd. } Probate Court October the 17th 1853. The undersigned duly appointed Guardian ad Litem for Frederick Brown Francis Brown Martha Brown Jesse H Brown Harriet R Brown & Euphrasia J Brown minor heirs of F H Brown deceased to defend their interest in the matter of the Matter probate of an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and Testament of Frederick H Brown deced. Comes into Court and for behalf of said minors says that he denies that said instrument is the last will and testament of said F. H. Brown decd and prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same.

Henry A. Woolf Gud ad Litem

Estate of Isaac House (Will) } State of Alabama, Marengo County. I Isaac House of the aforesaid State and County being in my proper mind do in the presence and fear of God appoint and make this my last will and testament (viz) After committing my immortal Soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it was taken it is my wish after my just debts are all paid that the of my other property be all kept together and that my farm be kept up for the support of the family and education of my younger children. I also wish for my Martha to live with the children and be supported out of the proceeds of the farm and during her natural life. It is also my wish that my widow remain with the family and be supported from the farm: Until my youngest living child shall by my first wife shall arrive at the age of 16 years; at which time I wish all my sold and an equal distribution made to all my living heirs but in the event that my widow marries or leaves the premises and makes her home some where else, then and in that case she will forget all claim to any part of a support from the proceeds of the farm until the time hereinafter appointed for a division of the property. It is also my wish and I do hereby appoint my Son Richard House Executor of this my last will & testament with full power to carry into effect the above written will. And to take the entire charge and control of all my business. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This 14th July 1851 Isaac House (Seal) Test. O. G. Grayson James W Grayson T. S. Abernathey. Testimony of O. G. Grayson one of the subscribing witnesses who upon Oath says that he was present and saw Isaac House sign & publish

The annexed instrument his last will on the day of its date and that he and James W. Grayson & Thomas S. Abernathy the other subscribing witnesses signed the same as witnesses and at the request and in the presence of the testator witness further says that the testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time. In Open Court attest J A Young Judge &c. O. G. Grayson. Seal

Upon the foregoing testimony it is ordered that said instrument entered of record as the last will of Isaac House. Special term Probate Court Marengo Co. held 2nd ~~monday~~ Jany 1854. James A. Young Judge &c. Filed Decr 5th 1853. James A Young.

Will of Jacob Rhodes } I Jacob Rhodes do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament. 1st I desire first that all my debts be paid. 2nd I give devise and bequeath all my property real and person to my Nephew Titus Rhodes. and to the Children of my Brother Solomon Rhodes to be divided equally among them. 3rd I hereby instruct my Executor that he may proceed to finish my new house in Demopolis according to the plan which I have commenced. and after the same shall have been finished it is to be sold by him publicly on such credit as he thinks best. and I give the direction about my other real Estate. I hereby appoint Oliver H Prince my Executor. As witness my hand and seal. This 11th October 1853. Jacob Rhodes. Signed sealed published and declared in the presence who have signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator & of each other Alf. Breitling. F A Richardson. F W. O'Berring.

Probate Court Marengo County: held the 30th day of January 1854. The probate of an instrument produced as the last will of Jacob Rhodes Decd. Dated the 11th October A D 1854. Coming in to be heard F A Richardson one of the subscribing witness being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was present on the day the same bears date and saw Jacob Rhodes sign and publish said instrument his last will and testament in his presence and that of Alfred Breitling & F W. O'Berring. the other subscribing witnesses that he and the said Breitling & Oberring signed the same in the presence and the request of the said Rhodes. and in the presence of each other he further saith that the said Rhodes at was at the time of sound and disposing mind. F. A. Richardson. And upon the testimony of the said Richardson It is ordered by the Court that said instrument be entered of Record as the last will of said Rhodes. James A Young Judge &c. Filed for Probate November 14th 1854. J A Young

Will of Wm J Reese Jr. } South Carolina Sumpter District. In the name of God amen I Wm J Reese of Claremont County being of weak in body but of sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this instrument as and for my last will and testament. I give bequeath and devise the whole of my estate Real and personal of description to my dear wife Louisa Rees hereby revoking and and all other wills or wills by me heretofore made and I hereby nominate and appoint W. Waters Rees and E M Anderson Executors of this my last will and testament. Signed and sealed in the presence of us at the request of the testator. This the 6th day of July 1852. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal. W. J. Rees (Seal) Witnesses E. B. Maynard. Thomas Waters J S Decoin.

South Carolina Sumpter District } In Ordinary. I William Lewis Judge & clerk of the Court of Ordinary for said District in the State aforesaid

do hereby certify that the above writing contains a true copy of last will and testament of William S Rees. Jr. deced. Witness my hand and Seal of Office. This 20th day of December 1852. William Lewis. ~~[illegible]~~

Will of W. J. Cocke. State of Virginia County of Norfolk } I Harrison Robertson a Commissioner residing in the City of Norfolk in the State of Virginia appointed by the Governor of the State of Alabama in pursuance of the laws thereof to take depositions. the acknowledgement of Deeds &c. and the proof of wills and testaments, and bequeathing any property in the east State of Alabama and executed without the said last named State. and duly qualified as such Commissioner in conformity to the laws of the said last named State. do hereby certify that the paper hereto annexed contains a true and perfect copy of the original last Will and testament of Wm J Cocke deceased which has been proved and duly admitted to record. both as a will of real and personal property in the County Court of Norfolk ~~and~~ in the State of Virginia: And I do further certify that on this the nineteenth day of May in the eighteen hundred and fifty three. in the said County of Norfolk & State of Virginia personally appeared before me the following persons: viz John Cocke John W. Garlick. George W. Peete Robert M Bakin. and Simon Wheeler. Who having been by me first duly sworn did severally depose and say each as follows viz. We and each of us do solemnly swear that the original last Will and testament of Wm J Cocke deced. of which the paper hereto annexed is a true copy The said original will being now before me was Signed by the said deceased testator. William J Cocke, and we and each of us attested the same as witness at the request of the said testator. at the time of said signing and attestation. was more than twenty one years of age. and was sound and disposing mind and memory. John Cocke John W Garlick Geo W. Peete. R M Boykin S Wheeler. Sworn and Subscribed in the presence of Hr Robertson Com for Alabama. And I the said Commissioner do further certify that said deponents Severally Subscribed their testimony above written in my presence. and I do further certify that the said subscribing witnesses are personally known to me and are respectable witnesses and are worthy of full faith and Credit and I the said Commissioner do further certify that the said original paper of which the annexed paper is a true and perfect copy has been proven before me to be the last will and testament of Wm J Cocke deceased in conformity to the provisions of the laws of the State of Virginia prescribing the mode of executing wills of real and personal estate property. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and ~~seal~~ affixed my Seal. This the 19th Day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty three.

Hr Robertson Commr of Ala

In the name of God amen. I Wm J Cocke of the Town Portsmouth in County of Norfolk in the state of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory. do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner and form following This 19th day February 1853. viz: Item the 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anabella Cocke all of my estate both real and personal of every description whatsoever both in the state of Alabama and in the state of Virginia and wheresoever I may have any interest ~~whatsoever~~ either real or personal. I hereby give the whole to her and her heirs forever. Item 2nd I hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife Anabella Cocke Executrix of this last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments heretofore made by me. In witness of all of which I hereunto set my hand and seal. This nineteenth of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. Wm J Cocke seal Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us John Cocke. John W. Garlick Geo W. Peete. R M Boykin S Wheeler.

At a Court held at Norfolk County. on the 17th day of May 1853. the foregoing last will and testament of Wm J Cocke was proven by the oaths of John Cocke and John W. Garlick two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Teste Arthur Emmerson C.C.

State of Virginia Norfolk County. to wit: I Arthur Emmerson clerk of the County Court of Norfolk County. in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of said Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of ~~office~~ the said Court This 20th day of May 1853 in the 77th year of the Commonth: Arthur Emerson ~~C.C.~~

Virginia Norfolk County. to wit I S Gayle presiding Justice of the County Court of Norfolk County. in the State of Virginia do Certify That Arthur Emmerson who hath given the preceding certificate is clerk of the said Court. and that his said attestation is in due form. Given under my hand this 24th day of May. 1853. S Gayle Pres Jus County Court of Norfolk County Virginia.

State of Alabama. Marengo County. } Probate Court. July Term 1853. At a term of the Probate Court began and held for the County of Marengo In the State aforesaid on the 20th day of July 1853. A.D. Hon James A Young presiding, this day was produced to the Court a transcript of the last will and testament of William J Cocke ded. late of the County of Norfolk. in the State of Virginia with the Probate thereof before the County Court of Said County of Norfolk. and it appearing from said transcript that said last will and testament was made and published on the 19th day of February 1853. In the presence of John Cocke John W. Garlick. and Geo. W. Peete. R M Boyker and S Wheeler the Subscribing the subscribing witnesses and was duly admitted to Probate in said County Court. on the 17th day of May. 1853. and it further appearing that said transcript is certified in due form of Law. It is ordered by the Court that the same be entered of Record and that the Executrix therein named be authorized to take upon her the burthen of the execution of said last will in the State of Alabama. James A Young Judge &c.

copy Will of Augustine Neales } This my last will and testament. I give to my wife Lucy S Neale all the Slaves. I got by her and one thousand five hundred Dollars in Cash by her and all my negroes in the State of Virginia with the exception of such as I shall hereafter bequeath and also my my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils particularly I wish her to have my chamber bedstead bed matras ward Robe and dressing bureau. I also bequeath her my Grey horse called Mountain Ware and also all my horses mules Stock of every Description at my plantation Shandy Hall. Item. I give to my said wife Lucy S Neale her life my plantation Shandy Hall. and with plantation the benefit of the orchards ~~with the~~ and of the marshes and pastures thereto adjacent as they have heretofore used with the plantation. I also give to my said Lucy S Neale in fee simple my lots at Warsaw. In the devise of my wife Shandy Hall. I mean Shandy Hall proper including the three shifts as the same are now used or Cultivated with the benefit of

timber proper & necessary for the plantation whether the timbers thereof be growing thereon or any other lands contiguous or near thereto which are herein after mentioned: I give to Augustine N. Saunders & Augustine N. Brahan. And Augustine N. Heth named after me five hundred Dollars each out of my Alabama Estate and also out of my Virginia Estates: I give to my niece Juliet Anne. Shackleford. and my Nephew William B. Saunders all my personal or landed property in the State of Alabama. subject however to the legacies expressly charged thereon. I give to my nephew John S. Braxton. Saml Lebrun. and five hundred Dollars to be out of the Alabama estate and also out of my Virginia estates I give a little negro girl from 10 to 12 years old age. from among the Slaves at Shantra Hall. to my little niece the Daughter of Mrs Shackleford. and his wife Juliet Anne. I also give in like manner to a negro boy not exceeding twelve years old. to Augustine N Saunders sen- I give to Augustine my Nephew William B. Saunders my negro boy Anthony. I emancipate my negro woman called Sally Braxton and give to her eight hundred dollars (800) At the death of my wife Lucy S. Neale. I give the lands devised to her for life to my Niece Juliet Anne Shackleford and to her two Sons. Edward & Ferdenand Augustine. I also devise Guzzetta Point and all the other lands adjacent to the Point of Shandy Hall. and all not included in the other devises above made to my said wife. to my niece Juliet Anne Shackleford. and her two sons Duzand & Ferdinand Augustine. The whole Oak swamp is included in the above devise. I direct that my executors shall have erected a monument or cemetary at a place designated by a Stake just beyond my Office. to cost not less than fifteen hundred Dollars. and the monument is to be not less than fifteen feet high. and constructed before debts and legacies are paid.

I give to my niece Juliet Anne Shackleford. and my nephew William B. Saunders all my personal and landed estate in Alabama. I give to Judge Lomax & Thos B Barton. each. a Silver Tea Service to cost not less than one hundred dollars each after their respective they are to go one to Thornton Lomax. and the other to William D. Barton. It is my wish that any debts due to me. or to become due to me. and any crops on hand at the time of my death. shall be applied to the payment of debts I may owe and to the payment of legacies. If these funds shall be insufficient for these purposes, it is my desire that my debts and legacies shall be made good out of the profits of Shandy Hall. and out of my Alabama estate. Guzetta and of the Gazzetta Printer estate also. I nominate and appoint my Wife Lucy S. Neale. my executrix and my friends Thos B. Barton Jno Shackleford. Edward Harvey Chamberlayne and Faud. Lemoine the executors of this my last Will and testament and require that the Court in which they or either of them shall qualify shall not demand of them any security. In witness of the foregoing last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand. this the 6th day of April 1852. Augs Neale.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence by the said Augustine Neale and this our attestation subscribed by us at the same time in his presence Hunter B. Smither. R.H. Montgomery. P. Thornton Lomax. John Taylor Lomax. Virginia At a Court of Appeals held at the Court House Richmond County at the Court house on monday the 1st day of November 1852. a paper writing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of augustine Neale deceased. Was this day produced for Probate. And thereupon on the motion of R. A Claybrook. R. A Claybrook. attorney for the executors therein named Hunter

B. Smither a subscribing witness to said paper writing. came into Court and testified upon oath as follows. That Mr Neale asked him to sign said writing as being his will. That Judge John Taylor Lomax. and his son P. Thornton Lomax were present. that he the said Smither signed his name as a witness at the request and in the presence of Mr Neale. and also in the presence of Mr Lomax & his father. who also subscribed their names as witnesses to the said paper. at the request of Mr Neale at the same time. that when the said Smither entered the room Mr Neale arose from his seat from before the said writing having apparently just signed it. and it was at that moment Mr Neale requested him to sign this name as a witness to his deed which is the one now presented to the Court for probate. and the signature of the said Smither as a subscribing witness to the said paper. is his own. Signature Subscribed thereto on that occasion. at the request of the said testator and in his presence. that he the said Smither thinks Mr Neale was of sound mind and fully capable. in all respects to make a will. at the time he the said Smither signed his name to said paper. and at all other times so far as he could see or observe. that he the said Smither does not recollect whether there were any other persons present at the time he subscribed his name to the paper in question as a witness besides the two Mr Lomaxs Mr Neale and himself. And therefore the Court deeming the said proof of the said subscribing witness sufficient as the proof of one witness doth order that the said motion for the probate of the said paper writing be continued. and that the other subscribing witnesses be summoned to appear here at the next term of this Court to testify on behalf of said will or paper writing; and at another law Court held for the County of Richmond. on monday the sixth day of December 1852. on the motion of the executors therein named by R. A Claybrook & Bro. attorney the the probate of the will of Augustine Neale was continued to the next Court. And a Court of monthly Session held for the said County of Richmond. on monday the 3d day of January 1853. for the matter of Augustine Neales last will and testament. and in continuation of the same on the motion of R.A Claybrook attorney for the executors. in said paper writing named Robert H. Montgomery a subscribing witness to said will. Came into Court and upon his oath. doth testify as follows to wit that he was requested by Augustine Neale the testator to come to Shandy Hall to witness his will. this is the paper which he subscribed at that time. in the presence of all the witnesses whose names are signed to the said paper writing. and in the presence of Augustine Neale the testator. he was called on by the said Augustine Neale the testator to witness this will. and he Augustine Neale acknowledged it to be his last will and testament on that occasion when he subscribed his name on that occasion as a witness and that the signature of his name to the said paper writing as a subscribing witness. is his own genuine signature subscribed as aforesaid. and he the said Augustine Neale the testator fully competent to make or to transact any other money that he testifies to this from what above he observed at the time. and from his intimate acquaintance with the testator he recollects distinctly. on the occasion that the attestation above aforesaid Hunter B. Smith was present as well Judge John Lomax and P. Thornton Lomax and that all the other subscribing witnesses subscribed their names at the time and in the presence and at the request of the said testator Judge John Taylor Lomax another subscribing witness to the said will being also called into Court by the propounders of said paper writing as said last will & testament of Augustine Neale dec'd to testify further in regard to the said paper writing. in addition to the testimony of Hunter B. Smith & that of Robert H. Montague. already taken in the cause. he the said John doth upon oath testify as follows. that the said paper is all in the hand writing of this

deponent. the same was written by him in conformed with him directions given to him by the said Augustine Neale. much of the said paper is. verbally or substancially a transcript of a former Will and codecil Executed by by the said Augustine Neale. before this deponent. was requested to prepare the paper which is now propounded to the County Court of Richmond for probate. That agreably to the directions given by the said Augustine Neale The claims of the former will and codecil were thus embodied by this deponent as was pointed out to him by the said Augustine Neale. into the writing now propounded with additions or alterations as required by the said Augustine Neale. That the said writing as prepared by this deponent according to the said Augustines' directions. was read by the said Augustine and approved of by him. being the same which is now propounded. and after being so read and approved by him the same was duly executed and acknowledged by the deceased as his true last will and testament. and the execution and acknowledgment thereof were on the same day the writing bears date. duly attested by Winter B Smither. Robert G. Montgomery. Presley Thornton Lomax and this deponent in the presence of the deceased and in the presence of each other all of the witnesses being then and there present in the same Room with the deceased. at the time he so executed and acknowledged said paper as his last will and testament. and the said witnesses did then and there subscribe their names. to the said paper as aforesaid in the presence of the testator and of each other: This deponent further testifies that the said Augustine Neale was during all the time aforesaid as well of preparing the said paper writing as of the execution and acknowledgment and attestation & subscription of the said writing time mind and memory and of abundant competency as was manifest to this deponent as to make a valid testamentary disposition of his estate. and that he was in the opinion of this deponent in the full and free exercise of faculties and of his will in performing the acts aforesaid: The attestation of the paper writing now propounded in the subscription of this deponents name is the true and genuine signature of this deponent. And therefore the paper writing thus been proved according to Law by the oaths and testimony of Winter B Smither Robt G Montgomery and John Taylor Lomax three of the subscribing witnesses thereto. it is ordered that the same be Recorded as the last will and testament of Augustine Neale decd. on the motion of Lucy S Neale and Feriol Sessions are executors therein named and who read oath thereto and who entered ~~and~~ into acknowlement of their bond. without security according to the provision of the said last ~~Will and testament~~. in the penalty of fifty thousand Dollars. Conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining probate of the said will is due obtaining probate of the said will is due from liberty being reserved to the other executions named in the said will to join in Probate when they shall think fit: Teste F.W. Pendleton clerk.

Clerks office Richmond County Court January 7th 1853. I F.W. Pendleton clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia. Do hereby certify That the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Augustine neal decd and of the oaths and depositions of three of the subscribing Witness Witnesses thereto admitted to record in the said County Court. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County Court of Richmond in the State of Virginia at the Court house thereof The day and year above written. F.W. Pendleton Clerk

State of Virginia County of Richmond } I Robert W. Carter Presiding Justice of the County Court of Richmond in the State aforesaid do hereby certify That F.W. Pendleton whose genuine signature ~~who~~ appears to the foregoing ~~signature~~ certificate is the proper officer and was at the time of signing the same clerk of the said Court duly qualified and sworn and that full faith & credits are due to his official acts and that the said County Court is one of Record having general jurisdiction given under my hand. this 7th of January 1853. Robt W Carter. P.J.

Will of A.B. Smith. Deceased } The last will and testament of me Arthur B. Smith of Linden Marengo County alabama.

Item 1st. It is my Will and desire that after my decease that my body shall be decently interred, and that my Executor hereinafter named shall pay my funeral expenses out of any monies out of any monies that may come into his hands belonging to my estate: Item 2nd. It is my will and I hereby direct that my Executor shall pay my just debts out of any monies that may come into his hands as soon after my decease as may found practicable: Item 3rd It is further my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named shall take into his possession all my property of every. including my books and accounts and shall settle up my estate. in a legal manner. and that after my debts and funeral expenses are paid and my estate finally and legally settled up. I hereby will and bequeath the entire remainder of my estate of every discription whatsoever to my dear brother John W. Smith Jr. my executor hereafter named. to have and to hold the same for the sole and separate use. and in trust. and for the benefit of my aged and dear father John W. Smith Senr. hereby constituting and appointing my said brother John W. Smith Jr. the trustee ~~and~~ to manage and to pay over to my said father from time, the monies of my estate. as he may need them or is necessary. or may become necessary for his support and enjoyment of the same. during his natural life. and after the decease of my said father. I will and direct that the said property if any remaining in the hands of my said brother as trustee of my father. or that may be in the possession of my said father at his death. shall remain and belong to my said brother and sisters. living at the death of my said father to be equally divided among them. I hereby nominate and appoint my dear brother John W. Smith Jr. the executor of this my last will and testament. giving him full power to wind up my estate as directed in this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have this 27th Jany 1854. Caused to affixed hereto my hand and seal. A.B. Smith (seal) Signed sealed in the presence of us this the 27th day of January 1854. F.W. Siddons James Kent. Filed January 31st 1854. Set for Probate March 7th

J.A. Young Judge &c.

Estate of A.B. Smith upon the Probate of the will of the said deceased } In the Orphans Court of Marengo County. In the testimony of F.W. Siddons & J Kent. subscribing witness to the last will and testament of said decd now on file for probate in this Court. personally came and appeared in Open Court the above named witnesses who upon oath duly administered. deposes as follows to wit. That they were present and saw the said testator execute the said will now on file and shown to them. That they signed the same at his request. as witness thereto in his presence and the presence of each

other after the said testator had signed his name thereto in our presence. That the said testator at the time of the execution thereof was of sound and disposing mind and memory. that the execution thereof the said will was delivered to the executor thereinnamed as the testators last will and testament. that the writing now shown us and in file is the same as executed as above described. F. W. Siddons. James Kent. Sworn to and subscribed in open court. James A Young Judge &c.

Will of Wm J. Rees. Jnr. South Carolina Sumter District. } In the name of God amen. I Wm J Rees Jr of Claremont County. being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this instrument as and for my last will and testament I give bequeath and devise the whole of my estate both real and personal of every discription to my dear wife Jane Louisa Rees. hereby revoking any and all will or wills by me heretofore made. and I hereby nominate and appoint W Waters Rees and C M Anderson my Executors of this my last will and testament. signed and sealed in the presence of us by at the request of the testator this sixth day of July 1852. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal. W J. Rees. Witnesses F K Maynard Thomas Waters J. L. Decin.

South Carolina Sumpter District } In Ordinary. I William Lewis Judge & clerk of the Court of ordinary for said District in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that the above writing contains a full and true copy of the last will and testament of Wm J Rees Junr. decd. witness my hand and seal. of office This 20th day of December 1852.

William Lewis. P.J.

Will of John W. Gilliam Deceased. } In the name of God amen. I John W Gilliam of the Counties of Dunwiddie and State of Virginia being of sound mind and but weak in body do make and ordain this my last will in manner and form as follows viz. 1st I wish all my just debts first paid by the proceeds of sale of my Alabama plantation 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one third of my estate both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life. 3rd I give and bequeath to my ~~beloved wife~~ children Joseph Peterson John William and Samuel Yates William the sum of five thousand dollars each and to Alcain J. Gilliam the sum of two thousand dollars to complete their education these sums being over and above the distributive shares of my estate. the balance of my estate after carrying out into effect the foregoing provisions. I wish equally divided among all of my children to wit. Mary Eliza J Neblett Susan J. Joseph P. John W. Ablinia J. and Samuel G. Gilliam. I hereby appoint my son in Law Maj. Robt Neblett and my friend in Richard Adams of Alabama and Joseph P Gilliam my executors of this my last will and testament solemnly revoking other wills made by me heretofore. I hereby ordain and proclaim all this to be my last will and testament In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand. and seal. this 11th day of November 1853. The words proceeds of my son Joseph P. Gilliam interlined before signing. J. W. Gilliam (Seal). signed sealed in presence of E. H. Smith James P. Boisseau At a County Court held for Dunwiddie County on the 16th day of January A.D. 1854. This last will and testament of John W. Gilliam was produced. and proved by the oaths of E. H. Smith & James P. Boisseau subscribing witnesses hereto and is ordered to be recorded. and on

motion of Robert N. Neblett one of the executors therein named and who oath thereto and together with Sterling Neblett. Sterling Neblett Jr James Neblett and William J Neblett his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form liberty being reserved to the other executors named in said will to join in said probate whenever they think fit. Teste C A Hargrave clk.

State of Virginia Dunwiddie County } to wit I Charles A Hargrave Clerk of the County Court ~~of the County~~ for the said County of Dunwiddie in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of the said Court. In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and annex the seal of the Court this 17th day of January 1854 in the 78th year of the Commonwealth. C A Hargrave Clerk. Virginia Dunwiddie County to wit I James H. Boisseau Presiding Justice of the County Court for the said County of Dunwiddie in the State of Virginia do certify that C A Hargrave who hath given the preceding certificate is clerk of the said Court and that his said attestation is in due form Given under my hand and private seal. (having no seal of office) This 17th day of January A.D. 1854. in the 78th year of the Commonwealth. James H Boisseau Presiding Justice of Dunwiddie County Court. Filed Feby 14th 1854

J A Young Judge

Probate Court June Term 1854.

Estate of William C Thompson Decd. } This day came Sarah A Thompson widow of Wm C. Thompson late of Marengo County deceased. and

Order of Court

propounded for Probate an instrument purporting to be the last will of William C Thompson decd. it is therefore ordered by the Court that the Probate of said Will be set for hearing on the fourth monday and twenty fifth day June, and that publication thereof be made by advertisement for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian a news paper published in said County. for Mrs Rebecca Thomas a non resident heir of said decd. to appear and contest the if she think proper. and it is further that Erwin E. cade another heir of said Decd. cited to appear at said term and contest if he think proper.

The State of Alabama Marengo County } Probate Court. A.D. 1854. To the honorable James A Young of the Probate Court in & for the County aforesaid: Your petitioner Sarah A Thompson respectfully sheweth unto your honor that on the day day of may in the year 1854. William C Thompson died in said County having first duly made and published his last will and testament in writing which is herewith filed in this honorable Court for probate your petitioner further sheweth that she was the lawful

Theadore Sayre - Dec^d
Last Will & Testament

Know all men by these presents that I Theadore Sayre of Marengo County and State of Alabama being at this time in good health and in the full possession of my reason taking into consideration the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when it may occur do make & publish this my last Will and Testament. First. I give and bequeath to my wife Harriet H Sayre so long as she remains unmarried and my widow all of my property Real Personal & mixed of every description whatever of which I may die seized and possessed. Second. I ordain and appoint my wife Harriet H Sayre aforesaid sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament with full power to employ such agent or agents as she may deem Expedient and necessary to aid her in the management of her affairs The Court shall require no security of her nor shall it be required of her to obtain from the Court any order for sale or other document to authorise her to sell, hire, buy, rent, or lease any property but she shall be free to act according to her own discretion and the best of her judgement in every case for the interest of herself and our children during her widowhood as aforesaid, But in the event of her Marriage I desire and ordain that the Judge of the Probate or other legally authorised Court shall appoint three discreet disinterested persons to divide all the property between her and our Children equally share and share alike and appoint Guardians for the Children And this I declare and publish to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal and do publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this the 6th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty two (1852). (Signed) Theadore Sayre (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and delivered by the Said Theadore Sayre as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses on the day and date above written. Tho H. Walker Demopolis Ala R S McLelland Demopolis Ala Luther G Houston Demopolis Ala

Probate Court Marengo County at a term held the first Monday of February 1854. The Will of Theadore Sayre Coming on for Probate & Robert S McLelland and Thomas H Walker being first solemnly sworn as witnesses depose and say that they were present on the day the said instrument bears date and saw the said Theadore sign seal & publish said instrument as his last Will and Testament that they and Luther G Houston the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Testator and that they all signed the same in the presence of each other They further say that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind & Memory at the time Tho H Walker R S McLelland

It is ordered by the Court that said instrument be admitted to Record upon the foregoing testimony of Thos H Walker & R S McLelland two of the subscribing witnesses as the last Will of Theadore Sayre dec^d

Jas A Young Judge &c

Estate of Wm C. Thompson Decd

Probate Court June Term A D 1854.
This day came Sarah A. Thompson Widow of William C Thompson late of Marengo County dec^d and propounded as for Probate and instrument purporting to be the last will of Wm C. Thompson dec^d. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said the Probate of said Will be set for hearing on the fourth monday and the ~~twelfth~~ fifth of day of June and that publication thereof be made for three successive weeks in the Sinclair Jeffersonian a news paper published in said County for Mrs Rebecca Thomas a non resident heir of said dec^d to appear and contest if she think proper and it is further ordered that Erwin E. Cade another heir of said Decd be cited to appear and contest if he think proper.

J A Young Judge &c

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court A.D 1854
To the honorable James A Young Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County aforesaid Your petitioner Sarah A Thompson respectfully sheweth unto your honor that on the day of may in the year 1854 William C Thompson died in said County having first duly published made his last will & testament in writing which is herewith filed in this honorable Court for Probate. Your petitioner further sheweth that she was the lawful wife of said testator in his life time and at the time of his death. That at the time of his death he resided in said County. That his next of kin who survived him are Erwin E. Cade & Mrs Mary Thomas. That said said Erwin E Cade resides in said County and is over twenty one years of age and that Mrs Thomas resides in the State of Texas with her lawful husband Frank Thomas and that she and her said husband are both over the age of twenty one years. And your petitioner prays that said will be duly admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased.

Sarah A Thompson
by W. M. Brooks

Will of Wm C. Thompson

I William C. Thomson of the county of Marengo and State of Alabama being in feeble health but of sound mind do make declare and publish this my last will and testament as follows 1st After the payment of my just debts and funeral Expenses. I give and bequeath to the annual Alabama conference of the methodist Episcopal church South the sum of four thousand Dollars to be used and expended in such manner as said Conference may consider most conducive to said methodist Episcopal church South. the said sum of four thousand dollars to be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named as follows to wit: one thousand dollars on the first day of January A D 1856. one thousand one the first day January A D 1857

One thousand on the first day of January A.D. 1858 one thousand the balance due on the first day of January A.D. 1859. 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife any lands. Slaves. Cash on hand notes and all of the property. real personal and mixed. which I shall die seized and possessed of. and hereby constitute and appoint her my sole Executrix with request that the Probate court will not require security from her in grating her letters testamentary on this my last will and testament. In writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. this first day of may in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

W. C. Thompson. (Seal)

The foregoing last will and testament of the said Wm C Thompson was signed by him in our presence we subscribed our ~~who~~ names as witnesses thereto in his presence on the day and year therein mentioned.

Wm E. Clarke. (Seal) F. M. Prince.

Probate Court. Marengo County. held the 26th day of June A.D. 1854. at the court house in Linden. The probate of the foregoing instrument as the last will of William C Thompson decd coming on to be heard this day. and William E Clarke one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being dully sworn says that he was called on by said Thompson to prepare his will. that he did so in accordance with his instructions and submitted the foregoing instrument to him as such. that it was carefully read over by him and approved by him. and was executed by him by signing his name in thereto in his the said clarkes presence. and in the presence of Frank M. Prince the other subscribing witness on the day of its date. and that he and the said Frank M. Prince signed the same as witnesses. at the request of the said Thompson. and in his presence. witness further deposes that said Thompson was at the time of executing said will of sound and disposing mind.

W. E. Clarke.

upon the foregoing testimony it is ordered by the Court that said instrument be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said William C. Thompson and that letters testamentary issue to the widow therein named.

James A. Young Judge &c

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County. Estate of Wm C. Thompson.

Probate Court June Term 1854. To any sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting your are hereby commanded without delay to cite Erwin E. if to be found in your county to be and appear before the honorable Judge of the Probate Court. at a court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th monday of June 1854. and shew cause if any he have why a certain instrument propounded by Mrs Sarah A A Thompson as the last will of he late husband William C Thompson decd. Herein fail not and have you then

and there this citation with your endorsement thereon Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office this 3rd day of June 1854 and in the 78th year of the independence of the united States.

J. A. Young. Judge

Last Will & Testament of Susanna Jones (Copy) Filed & Recorded Nov 22d 1855 Jas A Young Judge &c

I Susanna Jones of the County of Amelia and State of Virginia do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time made and make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit. Item 1st I lend to Joel S Jones trustee for my nephew William H Jones the following negroes viz: Chamberlaine and Missouri and her increase to hold the same for the use and benefit of my said Nephew William H Jones during his natural life and at his death the said Trustee shall convey the said Slaves and their increase to the children of the said William should there be any. to be equally divided between them. but should the said William leave no child or children or issue of child or children and then the said trustee shall convey the said Slaves and their increase to the 4 sons of Richard Jones of the State of Alabama viz: James Augustus Richard and William to be equally divided between them should either of the said sons of Richard Jones die without issue then the portion of said son shall be equally divided between the others

Item 2d I lend to Thomas W Webster trustee for my niece Sarah A ~~Matthews~~ Matthews the following negroes viz: Philander & Laura and her increase and my French bedstead bed and bedclothes and my trundle bed stead bed and bedclothes 7 chairs 4 chests and two trunks to hold the same during the natural life of my said niece Sarah for her sole and separate use and benefit. neither the said property nor the profits arising from the same shall be in any manner subject to the control or liable to the debts or contracts of her husband Thompson B Matthews and at the death of my said niece Sarah the aforesaid Slaves and their increase the said Trustee Thomas W Webster shall convey to the 4 sons of Richard Jones of Alabama viz James Augustus Richard & William to be Equally divided between them and should either of them die without issue the portion herein given to that one shall be equally divided among the others The articles of house hold furniture mentioned above I wish given at the death of my said niece to her surviving children should she leave any if not to the 4 sons of Richard Jones as was directed in the case of the Slaves mentioned above.

Item 3d I lend to said Thomas W Webster trustee for my Nephew Arthur B Jones the land on which I reside and my remaining negroes namely John. Louisa. Sally. Phidelia and Lucy and their increase to hold the same for the use and benefit of my said Nephew Arthur during his natural life and at his death the said Trustee shall convey the same to the children of the said Arthur should he leave any to be equally divided between them but should he leave no child or children or issue of child or children died then the said trustee shall convey the same to the 4 sons of Richard Jones of Alabama viz James Augustus Richard and William to be equally divided between them and should either of them die without issue his portion shall be equally divided between the others should the said Trustee Thomas W.

Webster think it to the interest of my said nephew Arthur to sell the land in this item devised to him and my Nephew Arthur should desire it I hereby confer on the Trustee full power to sell and dispose of the same and invest the proceeds in other land or retain it in Specie or money which other land or money shall pass to the remaindermen in all respects as the land herein devised —

Item 4th The remainder of my Property not herein Specified I desire to be sold and the proceeds thereof and any money which may be due to me or of which I may die possessed I wish applied to the payment of my debts if this should be insufficient I wish my negroes hired out until money enough be raised to pay off my debts but if it be more than sufficient I wish the surplus divided into 3 equal parts one part there of to Lock S Jones trustee for William H Jones one other part there of to Thomas W Webster trustee for Sarah A Matthews and the remaining part to Thomas W Webster trustee for Arthur B Jones to be held for the same purposes subject to the same restrictions and pass in the same way as the slaves heretofore given in the preceding items —

Item the 5th I do hereby appoint as my Govr my esteemed friend Thomas W Webster and Samuel R Seay — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 19th day of April in the year 1848 —

(Signed) Susanna her + mark Jones (Seal)

Signed sealed and published as the last Will and Testament of Susanna Jones in our presence and attested by us at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other — (Signed) Ed. S Brown. Samuel G Hendrick Thomas S Hendrick — ~~[illegible]~~

In Amelia County Court 27th Dec 1849 — This the last Will and Testament of Susanna Jones dec'd was this day proven in Court by three subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded Thos W Webster one of the Exors therein named appeared before the Court and refused to take upon himself the burden of the Execution thereof On motion of Samuel R Seay the other Executor who made oath as the Law directs and together with S A Crenshaw E A Blanton and James W Elles his Securities entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $7000 Conditioned according to Law — Certificate of Probate of said Will is granted to him in due form Test. E. G. Leigh. A Copy Teste E G Leigh C

Last Will and Testament of Nancy Lane dec'd

I Nancy Lane of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do hereby make declare and publish this as and for my last will and testament in manner and form following — that is to say:

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son Nathan B. Lane the following negro slaves, to wit. Moses. Lewis. Tony. Jim and Isaac negro men; — and Betty a negro woman and her children Hampton. Phillis and Elvira a negro woman named Mary and her child ~~Noah~~ — Old Phillis & Margaritt negro women — together with the future increase of the females — I also give and bequeath to my said son Nathan B. Lane the proceeds of a draft drawn in my favor by Templeton for the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars, on John A. Winston & co of Mobile and accepted by them — the same having been received by me in payment for two negro men attick and Primus recently sold by me —

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Ann Maria Sledge Daughter of Dr Alexander Sledge of Marengo County aforesaid the following Slaves — Amy and her Children Martha. Rachael. Ephram Rosetta cassandra and Thomas together with the future increase of the females thereof To have and to hold the same as her separate property and Estate free and Excepted from the debts liabilities and contracts of any husband she my marry — and in the event that the said Ann Maria die leaving no child living at the time of her death. then I will and bequeath said Slaves (in this item named) to the sisters of the said Ann Maria to be equally divided among them, and held by them — respectively, in like manner as above bequeather as their sole and separate property —

Item 3rd I give and divise to my grand, sons George Quinn Sutherland. ~~[illegible]~~ S Sutherland and Jack Sutherland Sons of John Sutherland of the State of Texas one league and one Labore of land in the State of Texas; it being the same land sold and conveyed to me by said John Sutherland by deed dated 24th day of August 1847 and it being also the only land owned by me in said State of Texas, and I also hereby direct that the said Land shall not be divided until after the Youngest of my said grandsons. Jack Sutherland shall have become of age — when the same shall be divided into three equal parts (equal in value) and one their partitioned to Each of my said grandsons ~~[illegible]~~ herein named — In the meantime it is my will that either of them may settle upon and cultivate any portion of said land — this divise is made upon this condition — that neither of the above devisees shall alienate his interest in said land until the said partition shall shall have been made, And should either of said parties die before said partition leaving no child living, then his undivided interest shall descend to the survivors —

Item 4th It is my will that out of the money which my said son Nathan B. Lane shall receive from my Estate he shall purchase and give to my said Grandson George Quinn Sutherland a negro

man, as soon after my death as he conveniently can and that he purchase and give to Each of my other two Grandsons Levin. S. Sutherland. and Jack Sutherland a negro man as they shall respectively become of age — said negro to be Young and able bodied

Item 5th The land upon which I now reside together with the improvements thereon I give and devise to son Levin B. Lane to have and to hold the same unto him the said Levin. B. Lane and his heirs forever

Item 6th The rest and residue of my Estate I give devise and bequeath to my said son Nathan. B. Lane with the expectation that he will dispose of the same as I have requested him,

Item 7th I desire that there be no sale of any property I may leave after my death and that my said son Nathan. B. Lane shall pay all the expences which may be incurred in the execution of this my will

Item 8th The forgoing unequal distribution of my property results from no partiality which I feel for any one of my children and Grand Children more than for the others or from any want of affection for any of them: but because my other children and grand children have now or will have property enough to support them comfortably and for other reasons which my children will properly appreciate.—

Item 9th I hereby nominate and appoint my said son Nathan B. Lane my sole Executor — and I hereby direct that my said Executor shall not be required by the Probate Court to give bond for the faithful performance of his duties as such Executor.—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of July AD 1851

(Signed) Nancy Lane (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as and for her last will and testament before us, who in her presence and at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.— (Signed) F B Bryan N S Williams. Alex Sledge —

Codicil — Whereas. on the third day of July AD 1851 I signed sealed And published the forgoing will in the presence of + B. Bryan N. S. Williams & Alexander Sledge, as and for my last will and testament — and in the second item — thereof gave and bequeathed to my Grand Daughter Ann, Maria, Sledge certained slaves therein named and their future increase to be held by her as her sole and separate property and Estate and directed in said second item that in the event of the death of said Ann Maria Sledge leaving no child the said slaves and their increase were to be equally divided among the sisters of the said Ann Maria — now by way of codicil to the said will which I desire and direct to be taken and considered as a part and parcel of the said will. I hereby revoke that clause of the said item second which provides that said slaves & their increase are upon the death of said Ann Maria leaving no child to be equally divided among the sisters of the said Ann

Maria — and I hereby give and bequeath said slaves & their increase to the said Ann Maria as her sole and separate property & Estate to be disposed of by her at her death as she may will and direct — In witness whereof I hereto set my hand & seal this February 6th 1852. (signed) Nancy Lane (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Nancy Lane in our presence who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

T. A. Sledge } F. B. Bryan

Filed May 15th 1854. & set for June Term — Jas A Young Judge &c

Last Will of Elizabeth Bonnoitt } In the name of God Amen: I Elizabeth Bonnoitt of the county of sumpter and state of Alabama, being but weak in body but of sound mind and memory for which I give thanks to Almighty God and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life — do hereby make ordain and publish this my last will and testament hereby working all others by we made as follows viz —

First I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Maria E. Moore wife of Hause Moore my negro man named Peter to have and to hold unto her the said Maria and the heirs of her body in trust nevertheless to the said Hause Moore and upon the following conditions that the said Hause Moore shall at my decease purchase for convey and deliver unto my grand Daughter Mary Jane Ryan wife of James Ryan a negro girl worth three hundred dollars which said negro girl is to be conveyed to said Mary Jane for her sole and seperate use and so as to be exempt from the debts contracts or liabilities of her said husband James Ryan and upon the performance of which said requirement in the condition above named by said Hause Moore — the said Peter shall rest absolutely in the said Maria E. Moore his wife but to remain to her sole and seperate use and the heirs of her body free and exempt from the debts contracts or liabilities of him the said Moore & otherwise should said Moore fail to comply with the above condition the said negro shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided between the said Maria E. Moore and Mary Jane Ryan and this be to their sole and seperate use as before specified and in the same manner as if though the condition above had been complied with. secondly I have a claim to certain real Estate in the town of Pensacola Florida and should my right and title ever be established I desire that same be divided equally between my grand children before named and my other grand Daughter Elizabeth Ann Sanders wife of Menda J. Sanders and my two other grand children Robert Francis Breen and Suckey Walker Bonnoitt and their heirs —

Thirdly — I have a claim to certain negro slaves in Georgetown South Carolina and should my right and title to the same ever be established I desire that they be equally divided between all my said grand children as before named

Fourthly — I desire that any every species of property real and personal which I may have at my death either law or equity except the negro man Peter bequeathed as aforesaid shall be equally divided between the aforesaid named persons and their heirs according to the laws of descent of this state, with the proviso as before made that the said negro man Peter and

The said gift as required to be paid for the said money, land or the proceeds of the sale of said Peter shall in either event be the separate property of the heirs Maria E. Moore and the said Mary Jane Ryan and the heirs of their bodies exempt from the liabilities of their husbands as aforesaid— and that whatever property may hereby be received by me or by my grand children as above named ~~that is the same~~ to their shall be and inure to them in the same manner that is to say to their sole and separate use and as their separate property excepting however the said Robert Francis Benn and Sarah Bonnett who will take in their own right. I further provide that my son Charles D. Bonnett should he be living at my death be excluded inheriting any Estate that I may leave he having been provided for by me In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22d of Nov.r AD 1854

In presence of
Jas. M. Rushing, W. H. Collingshead (signed) Elizabeth Bonnett (seal)
James Foley

Filed March the 1st 1854 Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Deposition } To Charles F. Mazerkhoff and Thomas
Will } We reposing full confidence and fidelity have appointed you and each of you commissioners to take the testimony of James M Rushing to be read on the trial of a certain cause pending in our Probate court for the county of Marengo between Wm. H. Roberts Plff and Hanse Moore & Maria E. his wife & others heirs of Elizabeth Bonnett we therefore hereby authorize and require you or any one or more of you that you cause the said James M. Rushing to come before you or any ~~of them~~ one or more of you at such time and as you may appoint for the purpose and after causing him to be duly sworn as witnesses in said cause that you then and there proceed to take his examination and continue from day to day until the same be completed, and the said examination reduce into writing read to and cause to be signed by the witness, and certify the same to us under the hand and seal of such of you as may take the same; and the said examination so taken on oath signed and certified as aforesaid, and this commission you will then carefully close up and seal and direct and transmit the same to the clerk of ~~the~~ said court with all convenient speed—
Witness Jas. A. Young clerk of said court at office this 1st day of April AD Eighteen Hundred and fifty five and 79th year of the Independence of the united states

Jas. A. Young Clerk

Interrogatories to be propounded to James M. Rushing

Item 1st Were you acquainted with Elizabeth Bonnett in her life time

Item 2nd were you present at any time when Mrs Bonnett executed a will

If so look at the annexed instrument and state whether the same was signed & published as his last will or not and whether or not you attested the same as a subscribing witness and whether the other persons whose signatures are subscribed were present at the time and whether or not the same was done at the request and in the presence of Mrs Bonnett

Item 3rd what was the condition of mind of Mrs Bonnett at the time

Wm. H. Roberts
By attorney— C. C. Tyson

Last Will and Testament of Margaret B. Austin Dec'd

Answers of James M. Rushing to the annexed interrogatories in the case pending in the Probate court of Marengo county, alabama when Wm H Roberts is plaintiff and Hanse Moore and Maria E his wife are defendants— Answer to Interrogatory 1st I was Answer to Inty 2d I was and the annexed instrument was on the day and date it bears signed and published as the last will and testament which was by me written and I signed the same as a subscribing witness thereto and the other witnesses whose names are subscribed thereto were present at the time and subscribed the same together with myself in the presence and that of each other at the request the instrument bears date the 22nd November 1854 and is the same signed and published by the said Elizabeth Bonnett which is hereto annexed—
Answer to Inty 3rd the said Mrs Bonnett was of sound mind and in full possession of all her mental faculties J. M. Rushing
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18 April 1855 C. F. Mazerkhoff (Seal) Clerk
The State of Mississippi Clarke county } I Charles F. Mazerkhoff one of the commissioners appointed in pursuance of the } of the enclosed dedimus, hereby certify that I have this day caused the said witness James M Rushing to come before me at my office in Enterprise in said county of Clarke and after having duly sworn him according to law propounded to him the annexed interrogatories and that the foregoing are his answers thereto— reduced to writing which I have caused him to subscribe to before me— Given under my hand and seal this the 18th day of April A D 1855—
Charles F. Mazerkhoff J.P. (Seal)

State of Alabama } Know all men by the presents that I
Marengo County } Margaret B. Austin of the above mentioned state and County being sick and weak of body but of sound ~~and~~ disposing mind, memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please my God to call me hence have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and after maturely considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom as my heirs at law or the object of my gratitude or affection in my judgement my Estate should be distributed I do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former last wills and testaments and writing in the nature of last wills and testaments by me heretofore made and my will is, that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary Expense and that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named and as to the residue of my Estate and property with which God has blessed me and which shall not be required for the payment of my debts funeral charges and the expenses in and about the execution of this my will and the administration of my Estate I give devise and dispose thereof as follows, viz

Item 1st I devise and so will that my house and lot in the city of Charleston in the state of south Carolina situated on East Bay within twelve months after my decease be sold at

public Auction to the highest bidder for cash or on a credit as my Executor may deem best. Item 3rd I desire and so will my two little negroes Lidia and John Children of Mary who is owned by Samuel S. Bennett to remain with and become the property of said Samuel S. Bennett his heirs and assigns the said Samuel S. Bennett paying to my Estate the sum of six Hundred dollars within one year after my decease —

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to Samuel S. Bennett one hundred Dollars for the use and benefit of my faithful old servant Lewis to be bestowed on him as said Samuel S. Bennett may think proper. Item 4th I give and bequeath to my former most faithful servant sophia now of the City of Charleston If still alive fifty dollars — Item 5th I give and bequeath to my dear friend Mariah Ker of the city of Charleston To Car fifty dollars and to my friend Eliza Ker sister of Mariah ten dollars

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my nephews Henry and Berwick Bennett a suit of black cloth each and to Berwick a good silver leaver lever watch these articles to Bought by my Executor and paid for out of the funds of my Estate

Item 7th I will the residue of my Estate after deducting the sums Bequeathed in the several items above be equally divided among my two nieces and nephews Caroline Austin Montgomery Martha Francis Bennett and Thomas Robert Woolly.

Item 9th I will that my Executor after my decease buy a suit of mourning Each for my servants Lewis & Mary and pay for the same with money of my Estate and deduct the same before a division thereof And I do now nominate and appoint my friend Samuel S. Bennett of Ala and Samuel J. Montgomery of To Car to be the Executors of this my last will and testament. I witness whereof I the said margarett B. Austin have to this my last will and testament contained on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 20th of January 1852 = Susan E. Robinson: Caroline M. Bennett: Reese Price;

In the presence of (signed) Margaret B. Austin (L S)

State of Alabama } (Probate Court held the 14th day of January 1856 the Marengo County } the probate of the will of Margaret B. Austin deceased coming on this day to be heard It appears to the satisfaction of the court that publication has been made for three successive weeks for the non resident heirs to appear and contest said will if they think proper If further appears from the testimony of Caroline M corner late Caroline M Bennett one the subscribing witnesses that said instrument was — Executed & published by said Margaret B. Austin the day after date as her last will & testament and by her and Susan E. Robinson & Reese Price signed as subscribing witnesses at the request and in the presence of said testatrix and that said testatrix was at the time of same & deposing mind It is therefore ordered by the court that said instrument be entered of Record as the last will and testament of said Margaret B. Austin

Jas A. Young
Judge &c

In the matter of the Probate } The testimony of Mrs Caroline M. of the will of Margaret B. } Conner late Caroline M. Bennett Austin = Dec'd } one of the subscribing witnesses to said will. The said Caroline M. being first duly sworn before me this day deposes and says that she knew the said Margaret B. Austin who died in Marengo County about the day of A.D. 185 that she was present on the 20 day of January 1852 and saw the said Margaret B. Austin sign seal and publish said instrument hereto annexed as her last will and testament the she the said deponent signed her name thereto as a witness as did likewise Susan E. Robinson and Reese Price the other subscribing witnesses at the same time in the presence of the said Margaret B. Austin and at her request and in the presence of Each other and deponent further says that she knows of not the will being made by the said Margaret B. Since the publication of the one hereto annexed. she further deposes that said Margaret B. Austin was at the time of the publication of said will of sound and deposing mind & memory and further deponent saith not = C. M. Conner

Filed Nov 24 1855 = J. A. Young Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of Wm McAllister dec'd

In the name of God Amen } I William McAllister of Marengo County in the state of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but mindful of the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all wills and testaments by me heretofore made. And first and principally I commit my soul to god who gave it and body to the Earth whence it came and as to such world by Estate as it has please God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows to wit firstly = I give and bequeath unto my Dear wife Agnes McAllister for and during the term of her natural life the whole of my property real and personal and should she find it necessary to her own support and maintenance or for any other cause to be judged of by her to sell one or more of my slaves she shall be at full liberty to do so and such purchaser from her shall thereby acquire complete and absolute title to such slave or slaves Secondly = I will and direct my executor from and after the death of my wife Agnes McAllister to keep my slaves together and work them on my plantation for and during the term of three years or so long as it may be required by the proceeds of labor to provide a fund suficient for their transportation to the republic of Liberia on the continent of Africa and for their maintenance and support one year after their arrival in said republic and at the expiration of said term of three years or as soon as such fund shall be provided by the labor of said slaves (which I hereby direct my executor to apply to the transportation and support of said slaves = I will and direct my executor to remove all my slaves to the said republic of Siberia and to provide for their maintenance and support for the term of one year after their arrival in said republic If however and of said shall prefer to remain in the United State in slavery to being sent to Siberia they are to be permitted to do so and to select their own master or owner and my executor is hereby directed to sell such slave or slaves so wishing to remain to the person so selected at such price as shall be fixed upon by two disinterested persons to be selected by my executor

and in such proportions as to my executor shall seem best. It is my intention and wish that my plantation shall be kept up and work as long as it may be necessary for the purpose of procuring the use of all the horses mules and other stock on said plantation with all the tools and farming utensils. Thirdly— I give and bequeath unto my executor herein after named from and after the death of my wife Agnes McAlister in trust to and for the use of the Alabama conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South all my property real and personal of every kind and description as well that which I may leave at my death as that which may be made by the labor of said slaves over and above the purposes aforesaid and the proceeds of such sale of such of said slaves as may prefer to remain in the united state. The whole of said property to be under the direction and control of said conference to be sold or otherwise disposed of as the said conference shall deem best and the proceeds thereof to be appropriated according to its own discretion. And I hereby nominate and appoint Lewis B. McCarty Executor of this my last will and testament

Signed sealed published & declared by the said William McAlister as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us as witness at the request of the said William McAlister and in his presence and in the presence of each other this 16th day of May AD 1850

(signed) William McAlister (Seal)

L. Wilcox. John D. Pitcher. John H. Wesley

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of William McAlister Decd

In the Probate court of Marengo County Alabama

Interrogatories to be propounded to Lewis Wilcox one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will & testament of William McAlister Decd whose testimony is to be used in the Probate of said will before the Honorable James A. Young Judge of the Probate court of Marengo county Alabama.

Interg 1st Please state whether you were a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of William McAlister late of the County of Marengo county & state of Alabama now Decd and if so please state who else were subscribing witnesses to said will

Interg 2nd Please state fully and particularly all you know in relation to the execution of the said last will and testament by said William McAlister & in his sign said said instrument in your presence or did he acknowledge to you that the said instrument was his last will and testament and that his signature thereto was genuine? Please state how you know that he signed and executed the said instrument as his last will & testament & when and where was the said instrument executed and how did you become a subscribing witness thereto and please state what was the age of the said William McAlister at the time he signed and executed said instrument

Interg 3rd Please state whether you signed the said instrument as a subscribing witness in the presence of the said William McAlister as his last will and testament and please state whether or not the other subscribing witnesses were present at the time you signed the said instrument and signed the same in the presence of the said McAlister as his last will and testament. Interg 4th Please state whether the said William McAlister at the time he signed and executed the said instrument as his last will and testament

was of sound mind and disposing memory. Please state look upon the paper hereto attached & marked exhibit "A" and which purports to be the said last will and testament of the said William McAlister and say whether or not it is the instrument which he signed and executed as his last will and testament and which you signed as a witness

Interg 5th Please state all the facts within your knowledge which will go to show that the paper propounded to the Probate court of Marengo County Alabama as the last will and testament of the said William McAlister of which Exhibit A purports to be the said will is the same instrument which you signed and which said McAlister executed as his last will and testament and Please state all the facts within your knowledge which will tend to show that the said McAlister knew and understood the contents of the said instrument and executed the same as his last will and testament and that the witnesses whose names appear on said instrument as subscribing witnesses thereto signed the same in his presence (signed) Lyon & Lyon & Harper

Attys for Complt

The State of Alabama } To John O Bettsborn Nathan Mages
Marengo County } Rush Butler Esqrs We reposing full confidence in your prudence and fidelity have appointed you and each of you commissioners to take the testimony of Lewis Wilcox to be read on the trial of a certain cause pending in our Probate court for the county of Marengo Between Lewis B. McCarty Executor of William McAlister Deceased Plaintiff and Agnes McAlister widow & other heirs of said Deceased defendant we therefore hereby authorize and require you or any one or more of you that you cause the said Lewis Wilcox to come before you, or any one or more of you at such time and place as you may appoint for the purpose and after causing him to be duly sworn as witness in said cause, that you then and there proceed to take his examination upon the annexed interrogatories and continue from day to day until the same be completed and the said examination reduced into writing read to and caused to be signed by the Witness and certify the same to us under the hand and seal of such of you as may take the same and the said examination so taken on oath signed and certified as aforesaid and this commission you will then carefully close up and seal and direct and transmit the same to the clerk of our said court with all convenient speed. Witness Jas A. Young clerk of said court at office this fifth day of June AD Eighteen Hundred and fifty four and 78th year of the Independence of the united state

Jas A. Young Clerk

The State of Connecticut } By Virtue of the annexed Commission to us
Hartford County } directed from the Hon. Probate of Marengo
County in the State of Alabama issued on the 5th day of June AD
1854 we have this day caused Lewis Wilcox who ~~before us at the~~
is known to us personally to come before us at the office of
Nathan Moses Esq in Quisburg in said county of Hartford &
State of Connecticut on the 16th day of June AD 1854 for the
purpose of taking his deposition to be read in Evidence on the
trial of a cause pending in said probate court of said Marengo
county in the state of Alabama in a matter of the Probate of
the last will & testament of Wm McAlister late of said county of
Marengo Decd - Between Lewis B. McCarty Executor of Wm
McAlister Decd Plaintiff & Agnes McAlister widow & other heirs
of said Decd And the said Lewis Willcox being duly sworn to
speak the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth in the
premises to the interrogatories propounded to him answers and
says. Answer to Intorg 1st I was one of the subscribing witnesses to
the last will & testament of the late Wm McAlister Deceased
the other witnesses are John D Fisher & John W. Henley
Answer to Interrogatory no 2 Mr Wm McAlister informed me of his
intention to make a will disposing of his property as
set forth in Exhibit "A" a few days subsequently he called
upon me to become a witness to the same. the will was Exe
cuted on the 16th day of May 1850 in the office of John W.
Henley in Demopolis was signed in my presence by Wm
McAlister who acknowledged it to be his last will & Testament
He requested me to become a subscribing witness thereto I did not
know his age at that time but should think him 60 or 65 years old
Answers to Intorg no 3rd I signed the will as a subscribing witness in the
presence of said McAlister as his last will & Testament The other
Subscribing witnesses John D Fisher & John W. Henley were present
at the time & signed their names in my presence & in the
presence of the said McAlister as his last will & Testament
Answer to Intorg no 4th I regarded Mr McAlister in the full possession of
his mental faculties of sound mind & disposing memory the paper
attached to the interrogatories & marked Exhibit "A" & which purports to
be the last will & testament of Wm McAlister is the instrument he signed and executed as his last will and
Testament and the same signed by me as subscribing witness
Answer to Intorg no 5th I have witnessed but one will for Mr McAlister. In a conver
sation with Mr McAlister about the time of the execution of this will without
solicitation on my part, he gave me reasons for the disposition which
he was making of his property & he desired after his death that of
his wife they should be set free and as he attributed (he said)
his property in life to the blessing of the Lord upon his labors he
desired the residue of his property to go to the support gospel I
recognize the accompanying instrument ~~from my own signature~~
~~thereto & testament~~ marked exhibit "A" as
the same Executed by Wm McAlister as his last will & testament
from my own signature there as well as the signature of John D Fisher
& John W. Henley never having signed but one myself & being
familiar with the signature of Mr Henley & Fisher & never having
with them signed as witness any other will for Mr McAlister. On
the day of the execution of said will I at the request of Mr

McAlister accompanied him to the office of Mr Henley where
we met Mr Henley & Fisher the other subscribing witnesses Mr
McAlister remarking we will attend to that business now
whereupon Mr Henly produced the instrument marked
Exhibit "A" attached to these interrogatory & addressing himself
to Mr McAlister said you acknowledge this to be your
last will & testament, to which Mr McAlister replied
in the affirmative and then signed it as such in the
presence of us all & each of the witnesses whose names
appear in the will subscribed in the presence of McAlister
& in the presence of each (signed) Lucius Wilcox
We Rush Tuller and Nathan Moses two of the commissioners
in the annexed commission named hereby certify the we
did on the day & year & place in the caption mention take
the deposition of said Lucius Willcox after he had been
duly sworn according to Law and that answers to the
Interrogatories propounded to said Wilcox were written
down by himself and carefully read over by him in our
hearing and understood throughout and by him approved
and signed in our presence; and we hereby certify that the
said deposition of said Wilcox has not been out of our
possession until sealed with the interrogatories commission
& and addressed to Hon Jas. A. Young Judge of Probate
court Linden old witness our hands & seals this 16th day
June AD 1854 (Signed) Rush Tuller (L.S.)
Nathan Moses (L.S.)

State of Alabama } Knowing it is appointed unto all men
August 9th 1854 } once to die and I Hudson T. Ware being
Marengo County } sound in mind do hereby declare this
my last will and testament 1st It is my will that all
my just debts be paid 2nd It is my will that all my property
shall be kept together during the natural life of my wife and
at her death (or as soon) thereafter as my Executor may think
to the interest of the legatees all to be Equally divided between
my children my will book showing the advancement to
Each child should there be any monies on hand or should any
accumulate before a division of the the Estate it is my will that it
be paid over to the younger children to make them Equal with
the older and the balance if any to be appropriated as my
Executor may think best. 3rd I hereby appoint as trustee for
my Daughter Sophia now Sophia Leverett Thomas T. Ware and
Rufus C. Ware to receive for her in trust a childs part of my
Estate and to have and mange the same for her paying
her the net income annually or as her necessities may require
during her natural life and at her death she shall have
the privilege of willing it to whom she may desire but in
case she should die without will or heirs of her body it shall
revert back to my Estate and be Equally divided between
my children but there shall be nothing contained in
this clause to prevent said trustee from buying or selling
any property for her benefit 4th It is my will and desire
that my executor shall make provision for and see that
my old negroes are well taken care of

Last Will & Testament of H T Ware decd

hereby appoint my sons Thomas B. Ware, Henry H. Ware and Rufus K. Ware my Executors to carry out this my last will and testament and from my confidence in their Integrity I do not wish them to be required to give security (signed) Hudson B. Ware (L.S.)
attest Richard Clarke. E.W. Holcroft Calvin Norris

Probate Court } The testimony of Richard Clarke &
March term 1855 } E.W. Holcroft two of the subscribers
witnesses to the foregoing will who being first duly Sworn deposes and say as follows to wit Richard Clarke deposes that some time last year about the month of August at the request of the Testator Hudson B. Ware he attested the foregoing instrument as his the said Wares last will that the same was signed by Mr Ware in his presence & he the witness signed his name as witness in the presence of said testator he further says that Mr Ware was a citizen of Marengo County & died some time about the first of the year 1855 he further says that the testator was of sound & disposing mind at the time of the Execution of said instrument
Richd Clarke
Mr. E. W. Holcroft says that about the time the said will bears date he was sent for by the testator to attest his will and that he went and attested the same at his request and in his presence acknowledged his signature thereto in his presence & he further says that the said Ware was of sound mind at the time (signed) E.W. Holcroft
It is ordered by the court that the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the last will & testament of Hudson B. Ware deceased

Jas. A. Young
Judge Probate
M. C

State of Alabama } To the Honorable James A. Young Judge
Marengo County } of the Probate court of Marengo County
Alabama The undersigned applicants would represent unto your Honor that Hudson B. Ware late a citizen of marengo County Alabama made and executed his last will and testament on the 9th day of August 1855 by which he appointed your applicants together with Henry H. Ware the executors of the same and of Howard to wit on the 6th day of January 1855 departed this life in said county Your applicants further represents that the following named persons are the heirs at Law and legatees of the said Hudson B. Ware to wit Henry H. Ware Sophia Leavitt wife of Hiram Leavitt William N. Ware Algernon Ware James Ware Susan Ware widow & relict of said testator & your applicant that said Henry H. Ware & James Ware are citizens of Galveston Texas that Sophia Leavitt is a citizen of Washington county in this State that said Susan Ware widow &c & Mark Ware & Algernon Ware are citizens of Marengo County in this State and that your applicants are citizens of Perry County in this State & that all of said named persons are over the age of (twenty) one except Mrs. N. and Algernon Ware who are minors The undersigned the appointed executors of said will therefore hereby apply to your Honor for a Probate of the same and pray your Honor to appoint a day for the hearing of this

application and that personal process be issued to the hereinafter named resident parties in interest making them parties to this application and that publication be made as to those are non Residents and that Guardian ad litem be appointed to represent the Interest of the minors & for such other duties as may be necessary in the premises and as in duty bound your applicants will ever pray (signed) Rufus K. Ware
Thomas B. Ware
Executors

To H. Ware & Wm John Harpenstle

Filed January 6th 1855 — L.A. Young Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Smith Dec'd

Georgea Barbour County — In the name of God Amen — I Elizabeth Smith of the said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world of trouble deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make a disposition of the little effects that I may have on hand when I am called from this world of trouble It has been my lot to have had as much of this worlds goods as has been for my comfort for which I hope that I am thankful to him from whom every blessing flows And being of sound mind and memory & therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me having already disposed of nearly all that I have been blessed with to my children and grand children

Article 1st I give and bequeath my Soul to god who gave it my body by decent interment to its mother Earth

Art 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my executor as early as possible after my decease if there be any

Art 3rd I give and bequeath to my little Grand Son Smith Turner the Sum of three hundred dollars to be put in the hands of his guardian as soon as can be after my decease

Art 4th I give and bequeath all the ballance of my property Note and money that may be on hand at my Death to my beloved Son Benjamin F. & Smith he who has taken care of me in my old age

Art 5th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Son Benjamin F. & Smith my true and lawful Executor to carry this my last will and Testament into full and compete effect — signed Sealed delivered & published by Elizabeth Smith as her last will and Testament in presence of us this Thirteenth of January 1853.

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Elizabeth X Smith
mark

William B. Palmer
E. W. Palmer
Bergen Palmer
James Brandon Jr. J.P.

State of Alabama } To James Brandon Jr & Benjamin
Marengo County } Palmer. We reposing full confidence
In your prudence and fidelity have appointed you and each
of you Commissioners to take the testimony of Wm R. Palmer
S. W. Palmer Benj Palmer & James Brandon to be read on the
trial of a certain cause pending in our Probate Court for the
County of Marengo in the matter of the Probate of the last will and
Testament of Elizabeth Smith Deceased
We therefore hereby authorize and require you or any one or more of
you that you cause the said Wm R. Palmer. S. W. Palmer Benj Palmer
& James Brandon Jr to come before you or any one or more of you
at such time and place as you may appoint for the purpose and
after causing them to be duly sworn as witnesses in said cause
that you then and there proceed to take their Examination upon
the Interrogatories and cross Interrogatories annexed to this commis-
sion and continue from day to day until the same be completed—
and the said examination reduced into writing, read to and caused
to be signed by the witnesses and certify the same to us under
the the hand and seal of such of you as may take the same and
the said examination so taken on oath signed and certified as
aforesaid together with the Interrogatories and cross Interrogatories
and this Commission you will then carefully close up and seal and
direct and transmit the same to the Judge of our said Probate—
Court with all convenient speed. Witness James A. Young Judge
of said court at Office this 12th day of February A.D. eighteen
hundred and fifty six and 80 year of the Independence of
the United States. Jas A. Young Judge of Probate Linden
Marengo County Alabama. The cons will take the examination
of each other in this case Jas A. Young Judge—
The State of Alabama } In the Probate Court Interrogatories
Marengo County } to be propounded to Wm R. Palmer
S. W. Palmer. Benjamin Palmer and James Brandon the answ-
ers to which are to be used in evidence in a matter pending in said
Probate Court upon a paper purporting to be the last will and
Testament of Elizabeth Smith formerly of Burke County in the
State of Georgia and lately of said Marengo County Alabama
Deceased—

Interrogatory 1st Did you know Elizabeth Smith formerly of Burke County
in the State of Georgia and if so how long did you know her
where did you know her? what was her age and the condition
of her mind in January 1853 & what became of her?

Intgy 2nd Do you know whether the said Elizabeth Smith is now
living? and if she is dead did she leave a will or not? you will
please look upon the paper hereto attached marked Ehibit "A"
& state whether you know anything about it? Did you ever see it
before? and if so when & where who was present? was Elizabeth
Smith present and did you see her sign her name to said paper
or make her mark and did she speak of it at the time as her
will? was it read to her did she hear and understand it? who
witnessed it and did each of you sign your name to it as witn-
esses hereto in presence of said Elizabeth Smith and in the presence
of each other and at whose request on what day was that
and what was the condition of her mind at that time was

it in such a condition as to enable to understand what she was doing

Intgy 3rd Do you or either of you know anything enquired for that will
go to show that this paper marked Ehibit "A" is the last will of
said Elizabeth Smith if you state it fully & particularly
George G. Lyon atty for R. T. S. Smith
Cross Interrogatories to the said witnesses filed by Henry A. Woolf
Guardian ad Litem for the minor heirs of Elizabeth Smith deceased

Int Pr At what time and under what circumstances was said pretended will made
and executed what was her situation mentally and physically was
she at the time or naturally of a weak mind who induced her
to sign said will & what influences were exerted upon her to—
induce her to sign it Did each of you witnesseth it at her
request and in her presence— Did you see her sign it & did you
witness it at the same time Did she declare it at the same time to
be her last will and Testament what was her age at the time—
& state other matter or thing that may benefit the contestants
as fully as if interrogated thereto H. A. Woolf Gdr ad Litem
The State of Alabama } To the Honorable James A Young
Marengo County } Judge of the Probate court in and
for said county The undersigned Benjamin T. L. Smith would
represent unto your Honor that his mother Elizabeth Smith late
of Burke county in the State of Georgia died on the 11th day February
A.D. 1854 at the residence of the undersigned in Marengo County
in said State of Alabama being a last will and Testament
which is hereto append marked Ehibit "A" and prayed
to be taken as a part of this petition That the witnesses to
said last will of Elizabeth Smith viz William R. Palmer
Samuel W. Palmer and Benjamin Palmer reside in Burke
County in State of Georgia and the witness James Brandon
resides in Richmond County in said State of Georgia
That the said Elizabeth Smith left the following heirs at
Law or next of kin viz— a son your petition who is over 21 years
resides in Marengo County Ala Wimmerford Patteson wife of Robert
L Patteson who is over 21 years & resides in Jefferson County Georgia
Benjamin Brown aged 20 years California aged 16 years John
Brown aged 14 years Melton Brown aged 12 years Isabella
Brown aged 10 years and Julia Brown aged 6 years—
All of whom are the children of Martha Brown wife of
James S. Brown who was a daughter of said Elizabeth
Smith & who died before said Elizabeth— and all now
resides in Burke County State of Georgia Noah Tower
Etheldred Tower who are over 21 years & resides in said Burke County
State of Georgia and Elizabeth Tower wife of Mark Tower
who is over 21 years & resides in Horton County State of Texas
Wimford Youngblood wife of Abram Youngblood aged
about 20 years & who resides in Jefferson County in State of
Georgia Robert B. Tower aged about 18 years & Smith Tower
aged about 16 years both resides in Burke County Georgia
and all of whom are the children of Ava Tower wife of
Robert Tower & who was the daughter of said testatrix—
Elizabeth Smith & who died before the said Elizabeth—
The undersigned would further represent that the Estate left
by said Elizabeth Smith consists of money and notes & is

B.S.L. Ordered at about this hundred Dollars the person now Moves to
present said paper to be admited to Probate according to
Law &c
B.S.L. Smith

Answers to Interrogatory 1st I did know Elizabeth Smith all my life or ever since my recollection of any person she lived in Burke County Georgia She was an old Lady I dont know her age she was of sound mind in January 1855 she went from this State to Alabama soon after

Intrg 2nd I have heard that Elizabeth Smith is dead and I know she did leave a will I have seen the paper marked Exhibit A.r before at Benjamin Palmers house in said County Ga on the 15th January 1855 there was present James Brandon Samuel W. Palmer Benjamin Palmer and William R. Palmer Elizabeth Smith was present and did Sign her name or she made her Mark to said paper and said at the same time it was her will it was read to her and she did understand it
William R. Palmer Samuel W. Palmer Benjamin Palmer and James Brandon witnessed it and Signed their names in the presence of each other and in the presence of Elizabeth Smith it was done by the request of Elizabeth Smith on the 15th day of January 1855
She was of a Sound mind and understood what she was doing

Intrg 3rd I know nothing Answered Subscribed and Sworn to before me this Twenty first march 1856 Commissioner William R. Palmer
James Brandon Jr. J.P. Benj Palmer

Answers to Interrogatory 1st I did know Elizabeth Smith all my life I was raised in the same family She being my Sister I suppose she was 78 or 80 years old when she left my House in the year 1855 and went Ala to live with her Son Benj T. L. Smith my sisters mind was sound for one of her age

Intrg 2nd I believe She died in about twelve months after she left Burke County Ga. She did leave a will the paper hereto attached marked Exhibit A. was made and executed at my house I invited the Testatrix mind myself by their request about the thirteenth of January 1855
James Brandon Esq William Palmer. Samuel W. Palmer and Benjamin Palmer witnessed it Elizabeth Smith was present and I saw her sign it or she made her mark in presence of us all and declared it to be her will It was read to her and she did understand she was in good health at the time as she ever was and of as clear understanding her mind was as good as woman I ever saw of her age

Intrg 3rd I know this to be her will because She declared it to be so Signed in the presence of before known to this 21 march 1856
James Brandon Jr. Samuel W. Palmer Benj Palmer Comp

Cross Interrogatory 1st It was on the 15th day of January 1855 at her request she was in good health and sound mind as any Woman I ever saw of her age She voluntary signed it without being influenced by any person we did sign it in her presence and she signed it and declared it to be her will she was about 80 years of age
I know nothing more Answered Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 21 day of March 1856
James Brandon Jr. J.P. Samuel W. Palmer
Benja Palmer William R. Palmer

Estate of Elizabeth Smith Dec'd

In the name of God amen I Elizabeth Smith of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world of trouble deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make a disposition of the little effects that I may have on hand when I am called from this world of trouble It has been my lot to have had as much of this world goods as has been for my comfort for which I hope that I am thankful to him from whom every blessing flows And being of sound mind and memory I therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other heretofore made by me having already disposed of nearly all that I have been blessed with to my children and grand Children

Article 1st I give and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it my body by decent interment to its mother Earth

Art 2nd I direct and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors as early as possible after my decease if there be any

Art 3rd I give and bequeath to my little Grand Son Smith Parker the Sum of three hundred Dollars to be put in the hands of his Guardian as soon as can be after my Decease

Art 4th I give and bequeath all the balance of my property note and money that may be on hand at my death to my beloved Son Benjamin T. L. Smith he who has taken care of me in my old age

Art 5th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Son Benjamin T. L. Smith my true and lawful executor to carry this my last will and Testament into full and complete effect Signed Sealed declared and published by Elizabeth Smith as her last will and testament in presence of us this 15th of January 1855 (signed) Elizabeth X Smith (Seal)
William R. Palmer S. W. Palmer mark
Benja Palmer James Brandon Jr J.P.

State of Alabama } In the Probate Court Interrogatories to be propounded
Marengo County } to William R. Palmer S. W. Palmer Benjamin Palmer and James Brandon the Answers to which are to be used in evidence in a matter pending in said Probate Court upon a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Smith formerly of Burke county in the State of Georgia Lately of said Marengo County Alabama deceased

Interrogatory 1st Did you know Elizabeth Smith formerly of Burke County in the State of Georgia and if so how long did you know her where did you know her, what was her age and the condition of her mind in January 1855 and what became of her

Intrg 2nd Do you know whether the said Elizabeth Smith is now living and if she is dead did she leave a will or not

You will please look upon the paper hereto attached marked Exhibit A. and state whether you know anything about it did you ever see it before and if yes when & where & where was present was Elizabeth Smith present and did you see her sign her name to said paper or make her mark and did she speak of it at the time as her last will was it read to her did she seem to understand it who witnessed it and did each of you sign your names to it as witnesses thereto in presence of said

Elizabeth Smith and in the presence of each other and at whose request? On what day was that and what was the condition of her mind at that time was it in such a condition as to enable her to understand what she was doing?

Intgy 3rd Do you or either of you know anything not enquired for that will go to show that this paper marked Exhibit A is the last will of said Elizabeth Smith if you state it fully & particularly

George S. Lyon Atty for B. S. S. Smith —

Cross Interrogatories to the said witnesses filed by Henry A. Woolf — Guardian ad Litem for the minor heirs of Elizabeth Smith Dec'd

Intgy 1st At what time & under what circumstances was said pretended will made and Executed what was her situation mentally & Physically? was she at the time or naturally of a weak mind? Who induced her to sign said will & what influence were exclisted upon her to induce her to sign it did each of you witness it at her request & in her presence? Did you see her sign it & said you witness it at the same time said she declare it at the same time to be her last will and Testament what was her age at the time & State any other matter or thing that may benefit the contestants as fully as if interrogated thereto

H. A. Woolf Gan ad Litem

The Last Will and Testament of John B Bruce Dec'd — See Minute Entry page 284 on Minutes G —

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
John B Bruce Dec'd

Probate Court March Term 1857
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting
You are hereby commanded without delay to cite M L Gholson and Henry L Bruce If to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd day of April A D 1857. and Show Cause if any they have why an instrument on file in Said Court purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of John B Bruce deceased. Should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. — Witness James A Young Judge of Said Court at Office. This 25th day of March 1857. And in the 81st year of the Independence of the United States. — Issued 25th day of March A D 1857.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

We acknowledge Legal Service of the within notice — M L Gholson H L Bruce. —

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
John B Bruce Dec'd

Probate Court March Term 1857.
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting = You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Julia S Bruce. Newton Bruce, Sarah T Bruce. John Benton Bruce. Elizabeth Bruce, & Wm W Bruce minors. if to be found in your County. to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo ~~at the C~~ on the 2nd day of April 1857. and Show cause if any they have why an instrument on file in Said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of John B Bruce deceased Should not be admitted to Probate: Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. This 25th day of March 1857. And in the 81st year of the independence of the United States. — Issued 25th day of March 1857.

Jas A. Young Judge &c.

Executed March 25th 1857 in full. E T Wattington Sheriff. —

Answer of Guard. ad Litem

The State of Alabama — Marengo County.
Estate of
John B. Bruce.
Dec'd

I Samuel Gholson hereby accepts the appointment of Guardian ad Litem of Newton Bruce Sarah Bruce. Serena Bruce, Jno Benton Bruce Elizabeth Bruce. & Wm W Bruce. in the matter of the ~~petition~~ probating of the Last Will and Testament of said John B Bruce dec'd & hereby waives further notice & consents that the hearing may take place forthwith and for answer on behalf of said minors. denies that the paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of said deceased is not the will of Deceased. as avered &c. and prays the Court to require Strict and legal proof of the same — April 2nd A D 1857.

Filed April 2nd 1857. Jas A Young Judge

Samuel F Gholson Gen ad Litem

The Last Will & Testament of John B Bruce dec^d

In the name of God, Amen.—
I John B Bruce of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being of Sane and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body, being mindfull of the uncertainty of life- do make declare and publish this my last will and Testament in words following to wit: First- I desire that I be decently buried.— Second.- It is my will that the following Slaves to wit— Mary- and her three Children named Eliza, Martha & Mary be Sold by my Executrix herein after named, and the proceeds of such Sale applied to the payment of a debt due to James S Gibson of South Carolina- and if there be any excess after paying Said debt, that the same be applied to the payment of a debt due from me to Arthur M Lewis of Marengo County. And I further direct that my negro woman charlotte and her child be Sold by my Said Executrix, and the proceeds of such Sale be applied to the payment of and Execution of my Said debt to Arthur M Lewis.— Third- It is my will that my Lands which I have heretofore conveyed to Secure debts which I owe to Mary Newton- Enos Rogers, and Marshall & Hart (if they are not Sold Sooner) be Sold at the end of the present year, and the proceeds of Said Sale applied according to the provisions of Said deed. And if there be any surplus of money arising from the Sales of the above described lands and Slaves that the Same be applied to the payment of any other debts.— Fourth- It is my desire that my Cotton Crop of the year 1856 now on hand, and also the Cotton crop which may be made in 1857 be Shipped to Patrick Irwin & Co of Mobile, and the proceeds thereof applied to the Settlement of what I may owe them, and for such Groceries & Supplies as may be required this year.— Fifth it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as Soon as can be done without a Sacrifice And for that purpose I empower my Said Executrix to Sell at public or private Sale for Cash or on credit as She may find most beneficial for my Estate, all the aforesaid property and Such other as may become necessary.— Sixth.- After the payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Bruce all the rest and residen of my property for her Support & maintenance during her life and for the support of my children according to her discretion. It being my desire that my other children who are able to take care of themselves, Should by their own exertions Support themselves, and that the property which may be left after the payment of the debts should be applied by my wife to her own Support and that of such of my younger children as are not old enough to provide a support from their own exertions.— Seventh and lastly.- I nominate my beloved wife Elizabeth Bruce Executrix of this my last will & testament and desire that She be allowed to qualify as Such without giving any Bond as Executrix.— In testimony ~~whereof~~ of which I have hereto Set my hand and Seal, this the 24th day of February A.D. 1857.

John. B. Bruce (Seal)

Signed and published by Jno B Bruce in our presence and attested by us in his presence on the day and year aforesaid- The name being written for Jno Bruce by Jas A Young at his request.
N W Riddle. A A J Riddle.

Probate Court Marengo County

April Term A D 1857.
Testimony of Dr N W Riddle one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will of John B Bruce taken before the Honorable Jas A Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County aforesaid in Open Court at a Term held the 2nd day of April A D 1857.— The said N W Riddle being first duly Sworn deposes & says that he was present on the 24th day of February 1857, the day said will bears date, and Saw Jas A Young at the request of John B Bruce sign his Bruces name, and heard Said Bruce publish his said instrument as his Last will and testament; That he & Dr A A J Riddle the other Subscribing witness Subscribed their names to Said instrument as witness in the presence and at the request of said Bruce and in the presence of each other.— And that Said Bruce was at the time of Signing & publishing said instrument of Sane and disposing mind & memory.—

N. W. Riddle.

Sworn & Subscribed before me in Open Court. April 2nd 1857.
Jas A Young. Judge &c.

Marengo County & State of Alabama

Probate Court held 2nd of April 1857. A D
It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the last will & Testament of John B Bruce dec^d.—

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Filed March 20th 1857.
J. A. Young. Judge &c.

The Last Will & Testament of Hermian Pope Dec^d — See minutes Entry Book G Page 233.

Citations. Estate of Hermian Pope Dec^d — Probate Court January Term 1856 To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama

Greeting: You are hereby Commanded without delay to cite John S Pope, Alexes Pope, Frank Pope, Willis Pope, Robert Pope, & Octavia Pope, Celestia Bailey wife of Wm L Bailey. Hulda Norwood wife of Wm L Norwood, and Celestia Pope infant child of Vastine J Pope dec^d if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 28th day of January 1857. and Show cause if any they have, why an instrument dated the 26th July 1856. purporting to the last will of Hermian Pope deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such. — Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness Jas A Young Judge of said Court at Office, this 2nd day of January 1857. and in the 81st year of the independence of the United States. — James A Young. Judge.

Issued 2nd day of January 1857. Rec^d in Sheriffs Office 3rd day of January 57 Executed on Wm L Bailey - Celestia Bailey - Alexs Pope - Willis Pope - Octavia Pope - E. T. Wattington Sheriff

Will. State of Alabama Marengo County — In the name of God, Amen. — I Hermian Pope (wife of B. J Pope deceased. being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory do hereby make Execute and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: — I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Hulda B Pope and to John S Pope & Alexas B Pope the sum of one hundred Dollars each, to be paid out of my Estate hereinafter mentioned to my brother in Law Abraham L Pope I bequeath and give the rest of my individual Estate in trust for the Education of my Younger Children. Francis A Pope. Robert Pope. Willis Pope & Octavia Pope. — Said Estate consists of about twelve or fifteen hundred dollars, which was Received by me being my interest in the Estate of my Brother Wm B. Shields, dec^d formerly of Louisiana. which money has been expended by me in the payment of debts due by my husband Estate as follows - viz: One note Given by Vastine J. Pope. Executor to Wm L Bailey for $280. & due January 1855. and one note made payable to Wm L Bailey ~~due~~ for $300. due January 1856. & a credit on note made payable to Wm L Bailey for $78. & $600. paid to Wm L Bailey administrator of the Estate of Vastine J Pope dec^d. — I further will that the above named Estate is to be paid over to the above named A L Pope. at the division of my husband Estate without interest. and for the purpose of carrying out this my last will and testament. I hereby nominate and appoint my brother in Law Abram L Pope Executor to the above Will. — This 26th July 1856.

Hermian Pope.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged by Hermian Pope & declared by her, her last will and Testament in the presence of us who have been requested to witness the same. This 26th July 1856. Teste Celestia H Bailey. W L Bailey. —

Probate Court Marengo County - State of Alabama.

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Wm Hermian Pope Deceased. — January Term - held the 28th day of January A D 1857.

The Testimony of Wm L Bailey one of the ~~Witnesses~~ Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will taken in open Court who being first solemnly sworn deposes and says that he was present on the day said instrument bears date, and saw Hermian Pope Execute said instrument and declare the same to be her Last will and Testament. That she was of sane & disposing mind at the time, and that she also signed the same in presence of Celestia Bailey the other Subscribing witness who together with deponent signed their names to said instrument as Witnesses at the request of said Testatrix. and in her presence, and in the presence of each other. And deponent further says that neither He nor the said Celestia Bailey desire any interest or benefit from said Will. — W L Bailey.

Subscribed in Open Court before me by Wm L Bailey.

Jas A. Young. Judge &c.

Estate of Hermian Pope Dec^d — Probate Court held January 28th 1857. This day came on for Probate the ~~Last~~ Will of Hermian Pope deceased. and now this day came said Executor and likewise came the by Her Worthy Thos Gore as Litem minor heirs of said Testatrix & It appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court from the Testimony of Wm L Bailey one of the Subscribing witnesses to the said Will that the same was duly and properly Executed by said Testatrix on the day the same bears date. as presented by Statute — It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to Record as the last will and testament of said Hermian Pope deceased. — and that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

James A Young Judge &c.

Will of Elizabeth Finch Dec^d

See minute Entry Book G. Page 82.

Citation. The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of Elizabeth Finch dec^d

Probate Court ~~Court~~ June Term 1856. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Wm L Finch Sarah C Finch, Jane Finch, & Julia A Finch, if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 30th day of June 1856. and shew cause if any they have why the an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Finch ~~deceased~~ late of said County should not be admitted to Probate as the last will of said dec^d. – Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. – Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office, this 16 day of June 1856. and in the 80th year of the independence of the United States. Issued 16th day of June 1856. –

James A Young Judge &c.

Issued 16th day of June 1856. Received in Sheriff's Office 17th day of June 1856. Executed June 19th 1856. in full. N B Lesueur Sheriff By P. Phillips Deputy.

Notice to C England & wife. State of Alabama Marengo County

In Court of Probate at Linden. – To Martha F England – a ferm Covert wife of Charles England, and one of the next of kin of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. You are hereby notified that William E Clarke, as Executor of the Last will and testament of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. has this day made application to the Probate Court of said County to admit said last will and testament to Probate, and for letters testamentary thereon. And that monday the 30th day of June 1856 is set for hearing said application in said Court, at Linden, the place of holding the same, when and where you can attend and shew cause why said application should not be granted. Given under my hand this the 16th day of June AD 1856. – Jas A Young Judge &c.

Executed on Charles England & Martha F England his wife June 19th 1856. – N.B. Lesueur By W. B. Modawell.

Notice to F Trippe. State of Alabama Marengo County

In Probate Court at Linden. Ala. To William F Trippe a minor over the age of fourteen years and one of the next of kin of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. You are hereby notified that William E Clarke as Executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. has this day made application to the Probate Court of said County to admit said Last will and testament to Probate, and for letters testamentary thereon: And that monday the ~~the~~ 30th day of June AD 1856 is set for hearing said application in said court at Linden, when and where you can attend and show cause why said application should not be granted. Given under my hand this 16th day of June AD 1856. –

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Executed June 17th 1856. N B Lesueur Sheriff.

Notice. State of Alabama Marengo County

In Probate Court at Linden, Alabama. To Elizabeth F. Terrell wife of James L Terrell, and her said husband, and one of the next of kin of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. You are hereby notified that Wm E Clarke as Executor of the last will & Testament of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. has this day made application to the Probate Court of said County to admit said Last Will & Testament to Probate and for letters testamentary thereon, and that monday the 30th day of June AD 1856 is set for hearing the said application in said Court at Linden, the place of holding the same; When and where you can attend and shew cause why said application should not be granted. – Given under my hand this the 16th day of June AD 1856. – Jas A Young Judge &c.

We hereby acknowledge legal service of the within notice June 16th 1856.

Jas L Terrell. Lizzie F Terrell.

Notice. State of Alabama Marengo County

In Probate Court of Marengo County at Linden Alabama. – To Susan A Gaines wife of Thomas B. Gaines, and her said husband, and Sarah C McGehee wife of John W McGehee, and her said husband, next of kin of Elizabeth Finch dec^d. – You are hereby notified that William E Clarke as Executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Finch dec^d has this day made application to the Probate Court of said County to admit said Last will and testament to Probate and for letters testamentary thereon And that monday the 30th day of June AD 1856. is set for hearing said application in said Court at Linden the place of holding the same: when and where you can attend if and show cause why said application should not be granted. – Given under my hand this the 16th day of June AD 1856. Jas A Young Judge &c.

We hereby acknowledge legal service of the within notice, this 17th June 1856. – Susan Ann Gaines. Tho B Gaines. Sarah C McGehee. John W McGehee. –

Notice. To William Cumming McGehee. Elizabeth C McGehee. John F McGehee and Sarah McGehee, infants under fourteen years of age, and only Children of Sarah C. McGehee of Perry County deceased. – You are hereby notified that Wm E. Clarke as Executor of Elizabeth Finch dec^d late of Marengo County has made application to the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama, to prove her last will and Testament in said Court. and that monday the 14th day of July AD 1856 is set for hearing said application at Linden the place of holding said Court. when and where you ~~can attend~~ as the next of kin of the said Elizabeth Finch deceased can attend and shew cause why said application shall not be granted. – Given under my hand at Office, this 2nd day of July AD 1856.

Jas A Young Judge of Probate for Marengo County

I John W McGehee father of the within named infants and with whom they now reside hereby acknowledge legal service for them of the within notice. – this 2nd day of July AD 1856. John W McGehee.

Answer of Gdn ad litem – Orphans Court of Marengo – Term on the 14th day of July 1856. The undersigned having been appointed by the Hon the Judge of Probate of Marengo County Guardian ad litem for Wm C McGehee. Elizabeth C. McGehee – John F McGehee –

Sarah McGehee. Wm L. Finch. Sarah C Finch. Jane Finch and Julia Finch, infants under the age of 21 years, and heirs at Law and the next of kin of and distributees of the Estate of Elizabeth Finch dec'd. accepts the appointment as such Guardian to represent the said infants in the matter of the Probate of the will of said Elizabeth Finch dec'd. July 14th 1856

John T. Lomax.

Filed July 14th 1856. Jas A Young.

Will.

I Elizabeth Finch of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, as follows:- After the payment of my debts and funeral Expenses I direct my Executor hereinafter named, to sell of my lands of which I should die seized- including my dwelling house & Lot, in the town of Dayton, on such Terms as he may think most conducive to the interest of my Estate, and the proceeds arising from the sale of such of my said lands other than my said dwelling house and Lot, I hereby direct my said Executor to divide equally between my beloved daughters- Susan Ann Gaines, and Sarah Caroline McGehee, and the proceeds arising from the sale of my said dwelling house and Lot- I direct my Executor to divide into three equal parts.- and to give one part thereof unto my beloved Grand daughter- Elizabeth Easley Gaines, one third to my beloved Grandson- John Finch McGehee- and the other third to the Children of my late beloved Son, Daniel Finch, to my said Daughter Susan Ann Gaines, in addition to the above and what I have heretofore given her- I give and bequeath the following Slaves- to wit: a man named Sam, a woman named Charity- a Boy named Billy and a girl named Alabama, and one half of my house hold furniture. To my beloved daughter Sarah Caroline McGehee, in addition to the foregoing, and what I have heretofore given her.- I give and bequeath the following Slaves to wit: Gracy, Mary, Ann and her child, Robert, Laura, and Mary Ann.- the other half of my house hold furniture & four hundred Dollars in cash, to make her Equal with my Daughter Susan, to whom I given a carriage which cost that amount.- To my said Grandson- John Finch McGehee in addition to what I have herein before given I give and bequeath my Slaves Chaney & Margaret.- To my said Grand-daughter Elizabeth Finch Gaines, in addition to what I have heretofore given, I give and bequeath my Slaves ~~Betsy~~ Amanda & Josephine.- To my beloved grandson William F Trippe, I give and bequeath my slaves Betsy & Oliver, and one half of the proceeds of arising from the sale of my horses mules, cattle, Hogs and stock of every discription, and wagons and planting utensils, which I hereby direct my Executor to sell on such terms as may conduce most to the interest of my Estate.- To my beloved granddaughter Martha Finch England for and during her natural life and at her death to such child or Children as may survive her I give and bequeath my Slaves, Harriet, Jane, Gilbert and Nelson with the future increase of the females thereof.-

my Silver Spoons, and the other half of the proceeds arising from the Sale of my horses, mules, Cattle, hogs, stock of every description wagons & planting utensils.- but if said Granddaughter Shall die leaving no child her Surviving, I give and bequeath the property herein before given her, to the children of my late son Daniel Finch, to the children of my said Daughters Susan A. and Sarah C. and my grandson William F Trippe, to be divided into four equal Shares: one fourth thereof to the children of my late son Daniel, one fourth to the Children of my daughter Susan A. on fourth to the children of my daughter Sarah C, and one fourth to my grandson William F Trippe.- To the children of my late grandson, Daniel, I give and bequeath in addition to the foregoing my slave Maria, and five hundred Dollars in cash and a note for $500. made by him in his lifetime which I have surrendered to his family since his death.- To my beloved Grand Daughter, Elizabeth Finch Terrell, in addition to a note for 400$ which I hold against her husband, and which I have surrendered to him, I give and bequeath my negro Girl Charity.- I hereby constitute and appoint my friend William E Clarke of Dayton Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Elizabeth Finch (Seal)

Attest M G Askew.- Winfield Woolf.

Filed in my Office June 16th 1856.- J. A. Young Judge.

Probate of Will.-

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Elizabeth Finch Deceased.

State of Alabama, Marengo County Probate Court. July Term 1856. Testimony of Miles G. Askew one of the subscribing Witnesses to the instrument propounded as the last will & Testament of said Elizabeth Finch, who being first duly sworn deposes & says:- That he was present on the fifth day of May 1856 A.D. and said the said Elizabeth Finch Executed the instrument now here shown to him, that she requested William E Clarke to sign her name for her, who signed her name to said instrument in her presence and in the presence of deponent and of Winfield Woolf the other subscribing witness, and that he the deponent and the said Woolf signed their names thereto as witnesses, in the presence of said Elizabeth and at her request, and also in the presence of each other.- And on being cross examined by John T Lomax Esqr the guardian ad Litem for the minor heirs at Law, the deponent further says that said Testatrix was to the best of his judgment of sane and disposing mind and memory.-

M G Askew.

This day came William E Clarke the Executor named in the instrument propounded for Probate as the last will of Elizabeth Finch, and likewise came the minor heirs of said Elizabeth by John T Lomax Esq. and the acknowledgement of the service of notice required by Law by James L Terrell & wife and by John W McGehee for his children who are minors, and by Thos B Gaines and wife being proved to the satisfaction of the Court, and the probate

of said instrument being heard, and it appearing by the Testimony of Wm. G. Askew one of the Subscribing witnesses who was taken and reduced to writing and signed by him that said Will was duly & properly Executed. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said ~~will be~~ instrument be admitted to record, as the last Will & Testament of said Elizabeth Pinick - And the said William E Clarke now here files his Bond in Fourty Dollars with John G McGehee & Wm B Paine as sureties and qualifies as Executor of said Will. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Bond be approved and recorded and that letters Testamentary on said will be granted to the said Clarke accordingly, and it is further ordered that Robert E Bohanan, Eq Smith Robt D Marshall, Ezell, & Sam'l H Rogers be appointed Commissioners to appraise the personal estate of said E Patrick

J. A. Young Judge.

Last Will of Sarah A Thompson Dec'd

See Minutes Entry Book G. on page 81 & 89

Notice. To Wm M. Brooks and Ann his wife, Lidge Rembert and Fannie his wife, and Foster Ferrell, who with ~~the next of kin~~ James L Ferrell are the next of kin of Sarah Altona Thompson late of Marengo County Deceased. You are hereby notified that James L Ferrell as the Executor of the last will of Sarah Altona Thompson, dec'd has made application to the Probate Court of said Marengo County to prove the last Will & Testament of the said Sarah Altona Thompson deceased and that monday the 28th day of July AD 1856 is set for hearing said application, at Linden in said County, the place of holding said Court. When and where you can attend and show cause why said application should not be granted. Given under my hand at office in Linden, this the 8th day of July AD 1856.

Jas A Young, Judge of Probate of Mg Co.

We acknowledge legal service of the within notice, this 8th day of July AD 1856. F.W. Rembert. F.S Rembert. W M Brooks. A E Brooks. F.S. Ferrell. Executed July the 16th 1856. on Foster Ferrell. Dd Keene Sec. Genl.

Answer & Petition

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Sarah A Thompson Deceased. — Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County - Alabama On the 28th of July 1856.

The undersigned was duly appointed by said Court Guardian ad Litem for Foster Ferrell a minor to defend his interest his interest in the matter of the Probate of said will comes into Court and accepts said appointment and waives further notice and for answer on behalf of said minor says. that he denies that the said instrument is the last will & Testament of the said Sarah A Thompson and prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same.

Henry A Woolf Gdn ad Litem on Foster Ferrell's minor

Filed 28th July 1856. —

Will. I Sarah Altona Thompson of Marengo County, do by make and declare my Last Will and Testament as follows towit: I desire that my plantations shall be kept up, and my hands worked thereon, till debts are paid, and my Executor hereinafter named shall pay out of the proceeds thereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars to the "Alabama Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South" - I then direct my property of every description to be divided into five equal Shares, and hereby give and bequeath to my sister Ann Brooks, to my brother James L Ferrell, my Sister Fannie Rembert and the children of Jack Thompson dec'd deceased, one of each said shares. I have and the other share I give and bequeath to my brother Foster Ferrell, and James Thompson of the County of Choctaw, to be equally divided between them. I give and to my sister Fannie, my house and Lot on which I am now living in Dayton for which she is to account in the division of my property as aforesaid, at a fair valuation provided she does not sell the same, but resides thereon. — I desire my Slaves to be divided in families so as to separate them as little as possible. I hereby appoint my Brother James L Ferrell Executor of this

of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal. this 6th day of July AD 1856.

Altona Thompson (seal)

Witness Joshua T Heard. Frank Prince.

Probate of Will. — In the Matter of the Will of Mrs Sarah Altona Thompson. Decd

Probate Court - Marengo County July Term AD 1856. held July 28th AD 1856.

The testimony of Joshua T Heard on of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Mrs Sarah Altona Thompson deceased who being first duly sworn deposes & says, that he was present on the 6th day of July 1856. and said Mrs Sarah A Thompson Executes the instrument now here produced and shown to him bearing said date and attested by him & Doctr Frank Prince as her Last will and Testament - that he and the said Frank Prince signed the same at her request and in her presence as witnesses, and also in the presence of each other. - He further testifies that Mrs Thompson was to the best of his knowledge and belief, of sane and disposing mind and memory at the time of Executing said will. — Joshua T. Heard.

This day came James L Terrell the Executor named in the instrument in writing heretofore propounded as the last will of Mrs Sarah A Thompson deceased. and likewise came Foster ~~by~~ Terrell minor by Henry A Woolf Esqr. - and the Probate of said instrument being heard. and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all of the next of kin of said Testatrix have had ten days notice as required by Law - and it further appearing by the testimony of Joshua T. Heard one of the subscribing witnesses that said instrument was duly Executed and published by said Testatrix ~~on the same day~~ as her last will and testament on the day the same bears date It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be Recorded as the Last will and testament of said Sarah Altona Thompson deceased - And that letters testamentary be granted thereon. —

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Filed July 14th 1856 & admitted to ~~Record~~ probate July 28th 1856

Jas A Young Judge.

Last Will of Richard Green Decd

See Minutes Entry Book G. pages 128 & 129.

Citation — The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of Richard Green decd

Probate Court August Term 1856

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Virginia Green a minor about 16 years of age. Richard Green a minor about 12 years of age, and Margaretta a minor about seven years of age. Children and him of said Richard Green decd. and Aramenta Bonds if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the second monday of October 1856. and shown cause if any they have why an instrument propounded this day by Thos J Woolf as the last Will and Testament of said Richard Green, dated the 14th August AD 1852. Should not be admitted to Probate as such Last Will &c. - Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 26th day of August AD 1856. and in the 81st year of the independence of the united States. - Issued 26th day of August 1856.

Jas A Young. Judge &c.

Executed on Aramenta Bonds September 12th 1856. on Virginia Green Richard Green, & Executed on Margaretta Green by personal service on Mrs Frances Green. September 6th 1856. E. T. Wallington Sheriff.

Answer of Guardian — The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court. Estate of Richard Green deceased.

I George G. Lyon hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem of Virginia Green. Richard Green. Margaretta Green. in the proceedings in the Matter of probating the last will and Testament of said Richard Green decd and hereby waive further notice and consent that the hearing may take place forthwith, and for answer on behalf of said minors hereby deny that the paper purporting to be the last will of Richard Green is not the will of said Richard Green as averred &c. - & pray the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same.

October 13th 1856. George G. Lyon. Gen ad litem.

Filed October 13th 1856: James A Young.

Petition — To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County and State of Alabama - The undersigned Thomas J Woolf of said County Respectfully Represents unto your Honorable Court that Richard Green late a Citizen of said County, departed this life in said County on the 23rd of August instant first having made and published his last Will and Testament which is hereto attached and prayed to be taken as a part of this petition - that said last will and Testament of said Testator bears date on the 14th day of August AD 1852. and was signed sealed and published in presence of W J Kittrell. R T Chambers. and R G Houston as subscribing witnesses thereto. as will fully appear by reference to said Will - that said Kittrell resides in Wilcox County, that said Chambers resides in Marengo County and said Houston in

Mobile County - That said Testator died leaving a Widow Frances G Green, who resides in Marengo County and the following named Children towit: Aramenta Bond a widow and a daughter of said Testator, who resides in Marengo County. Adelia Bennett wife of Walter M Bennett, who resides with her husband at Palo Alto Chickasaw County in the State of Mississippi - Susan Huff a Widow and a Daughter of said Testator, who resides at or near Murfreesboro Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee all of full age and compos mentis - Virginia Green a daughter about sixteen years of age. Richard Green a son about twelve years of age and Margaretta a Daughter about seven years of age. all residing with their said mother and of sound mind - The undersigned as will be seen by said Will. is appointed therein the sole Executor thereof And he therefore prays your Honorable Court, to admit said last will and testament to probate in your Hon. Court in the mode and manner pointed out by the Code of Alabama in such cases provided and your petitioner will ever pray &c.

Wm J Woolf. By Brooks & Woolf attys.

Wm. The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents, that I,
Marengo County } Richard Green of the County & State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make publish and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made:- First- I give and bequeath to my wife Frances G Green, the following named negro Slaves towit: Abby, Harriet, Betty, Mary Ann, Lucinda, Tom, Bob, Emily, Captain, Old Charlotte and old Rose, and their Children and future increase for and during the term of her natural life, and after the death of my said wife, the said Slaves and their future increase, I will and bequeath to my three children, Virginia, Richard, and Margaretta Green, to be equally divided between them.- Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Adelia Bennett wife of Walter M Bennett the following named negro slaves to wit: Silva, Emma, Amanda, Memphis, Frank, Jane, Rosanna, Gerry, and Caroline, and the children and future increase of the females, for and during the Term of her natural life, and at her death to her Children then living to be equally divided among them, said property I give and bequeath to my said daughter Adelia for her sole and separate benefit and support to be free and exempt from the contracts engagements of and liabilities of the said Walter M Bennett or any future husband of the said Adelia. Third.- I give and bequeath to my daughter Aramenta Bond wife of John A Bond, the following named Slaves viz: Lucky, Henry, Charlotte, Lewd, Solomon and Mary, and the children and future increase of the females. also one hundred & sixty acres of land upon which they now reside, also forty acres of land lying in Chickasaw boggue bred & Swamp adjoining the land and plantation of William Langford on the west side and (numbers not recollected) the said two hundred acres of land and the above named negroes and their increase, I give and bequeath to my said daughter Aramenta, for her sole & separate

use benefit and support during the term of her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among her children. said land and negroes not to be subject to the Contracts debts and liabilities of the said John A Bond. or to be disposed of by him or any future husband of the said Aramenta.- Fourth.- I have heretofore given to my Daughter Susan Huff wife of Wiley Huff four Hundred acres of Land which I value at ten dollars per acre, also a negro Girl Rosetta which I value at six hundred dollars.- In addition thereto I give and bequeath to her a negro man named Nat. The said land and negroes and the children and increase of the said Rosetta. I give and bequeath to my said daughter, Susan, for her sole and separate use benefit and support during the term of her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among her children. the said property not to be subject to any Contract debts or liabilities of the said Wiley Huff or to be disposed of by him in any manner whatever, nor by any future husband of the said Susan.- Fifth.- I will and bequeath to my son Richard Green the following named negroes, Lewis, Ida, Robinson, Eliza and her child Josiah, John, Adam, Jake, old Martha & Bill, the children and increase of the families.- Sixth- I will and bequeath to my daughter Virginia Green the following named Slaves towit: Gilbert, Rose, Milly, Jack, Henry, William, Tom, Polly Ann, Nancy and her child Portland, Betty, and Lucinda, and the children and future increase of the females- for the sole and separate use benefit and support of my said daughter Virginia for and during the term of her natural life, and at her death to the heirs of her body then living, to be equally divided among them. said property not to be subject to the debts, contracts or liabilities of any Husband of the said Virginia nor disposed of in any way by him.- Seventh- I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaretta Green, the following named Slaves towit: Ageline, Anna, Matilda, Toney, Emily, Ann, Susan her child Paralee, Henry & Martha and the children & future increase of the females. for the sole and separate use and benefit of my said daughter during the term of her natural life, and at her death then to the Heirs of her body. said property, not to be subject to the debts contracts & liabilities of any Husband of the said Margaretta.- Eighth- It is my will and desire that my wife Frances G Green, shall have her dower allotted and set apart to her out of all my lands (not hereinbefore bequeathed) according to Law, and that the said dower shall at the death of my said wife shall descend to and become the property of my son Richard Green.- Ninth- It is my will and desire that the remainder of my lands and plantation shall remain undivided and be used and cultivated in connection with my wifes dower for the joint use and support and benefit of my said wife and my three youngest children, Virginia, Richard and Margaretta, until they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years, or Marry. It is also my will and desire that all of my household and kitchen of all kinds, Stock of grain and provision, Stock of mules, Horses, Cattle, Sheep and hogs, plantation tools, and all other Tools and implements, Wagons, Oxen and Carriage, shall remain on the plantation for the use and support of my wife and three youngest children aforesaid, until the death of my wife, and until the said chil-

last named shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, or marry, when the same shall be equally divided between them.— Tenth. It is my will and desire that all my lands exclusive of the two hundred acres, given to my daughter Araminta Bond, and exclusive of my wifes dower shall be equally divided between my two daughters Virginia and Margaretta when they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry.— Eleventh. It is my Will and desire that the slaves herein bequeathed, to my my said three younger children shall be kept upon the plantation together with their increase property, and the plantation in connection with my wifes dower to be cultivated with their negroes in connection with my wifes negroes, for the joint use support and benefit of my said wife and three younger children Virginia, Richard, and Margaretta Green, during the lifetime of my wife, and until the said children shall respectively arrive at the age of Twenty one years or marry. Twelfth. It is my will and desire that all of my household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and implements, stock of all kinds, provisions &c. together with ~~every~~ any and ~~every~~ any article and description of property remaining on said plantation at the death of my wife, shall belong to and be equally divided among my said three younger children Virginia, Richard & Margaretta Green, and to be sold by my Executor for that purpose if necessary.— Thirteenth.— I hereby give and bequeath to my gold watch and chain to my son Richard Green. Fourteenth— I give and bequeath to my Grandson Francis L Cathey one Saddle Horse and a negro Slave named Lemuel with her future increase, and in case the said Francis L Cathey should die without issue it is my will and desire that the said slave Lemuel shall belong and become the property of my daughter Adelia Bennett, upon the same conditions and restrictions as the other property bequeathed to her in the second Article of this will: Fourteenth I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Thomas J Woolf Sole Executor to manage my Estate and to execute and to carry into effect the provisions and injunctions of this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Fourteenth day of August A.D. Eighteen Hundred and fifty two.

Richard + mark Green Seal

Signed Sealed and published in our presence as witnesses by the above named Richard Green as his last will and testament on the day & year therein mentioned— Wm J Kittrell.
R D Chambers. Alx Houston.

Probate of Will.

Probate Court } October Term 1852 A.D.
Marengo County }

The testimony of Wm J Kittrell one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument being first duly sworn deposes and says, that he does not recollect any distinctly any circumstance connected with the Execution of said instrument, and that if the signature of his name is genuine, and that he thinks the

name of Richard Greene is in his hand writing, and that he has no doubt that Mr Greene signed his mark in his presence, and that he attested the same as witness in his presence, but has no distinct recollection of it nor of the other witness being present. He further says that at the period of the will Mr Green was to the best of his knowledge and belief of sane mind and memory.

Wm J Kittrell.

I certify the foregoing Testimony of Wm J Kittrell was taken before me as above stated and after being reduced to writing was by him signed and the Probate of said will Continued until the 2nd monday in November next for further testimony. October 15th 1856.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Probate Court Marengo County— November Term 1856.
The testimony of Robert D Chambers who being first duly Sworn in open Court deposes and says, he was present on the day said instrument bears date, and saw Richard Green sign the same by making his mark, who then and there declared the same to be his last will and Testament, that he together with Wm J Kittrell and Robert G Houston the other subscribing witnesses at the request of said Green signed the same as subscribing witnesses and in the presence of said Green and of each other, he further says said Green was at the time of signing said ~~witness~~ instrument of sound and disposing mind and memory. He further says that the name of Richd Greene was written by said Kittrell, and that said Greene could not write.—

Robert D Chambers.

On the foregoing Testimony it is ordered by the Court that said instrument be admitted to Record as the Last Will and Testament of said Richard Green dec'd November 18th 1856.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Filed for Probate August Term 26th & Oct for Oct Term 1856.

Jas A Young Judge.

Bond of I J Woolf.

The State of Alabama— Marengo County— Know all men by these presents that we Th J Woolf, James B Woolf, Edward J Watling and Thos Fitts and Henry A Woolf are held and firmly bound unto James A Young Judge of Probate Court for the County of Marengo and his successors in office in the sum of one hundred Thousand dollars, to the payment of which sum to be made we bind our selves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 18th day of November in the year one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty six. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Thomas J Woolf has this day been duly appointed

Executor of the Will of Richard Green deceased. Late of Marengo County. Now if the said Thomas J Woolf shall and do well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him, as such Executor then the above obligation to be void: otherwise to remain in full force. Thos J Woolf (Seal) Jas R Woolf (Seal) E. T. Watthington (Seal) Winfield Woolf (Seal) Henry A. Woolf (Seal)

Approved November 10th 1856.

Jas A Young Judge

Last Will & Testament of James Longgon Dec.

See Minutes Entry Book F page 527 & 571.

Citation.

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court September Term 1854. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite. John Williamson and Williamson his wife. if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Orphans Court, at a court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of October 1854. and contest the ~~proceeding~~ probating of a paper filed in said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of James Longgon Dec. if they see proper and according to Law in such cases made and provided: Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 11th day of September 1854. Issued 11th day of September 1854.

J. A. Young Judge &c.

Rec'd in Shff. 12th September 1854. Executed on John Williamson & wife 2nd October 1854. N B Lesueur Sheriff By Robt Kennegay D.S.

Citation.

The State of Alama Marengo County. Estate of James Longgon dec.

Probate Court June Term A.D. 1854. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite John Williamson and Lucinda Williamson his wife. Mary Longgon. Margaret Longgon, B. Fuller and Eliza Fuller his wife James Whitley Alfred Hatch. W. Garrett if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo. on the second monday of August 1854 and shew cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Longgon late of said County deceased should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 26th day of June 1854. Issued the 26th day of June 1854. J. A. Young Judge &c.

Rec'd in Sheriff's Office 20th day of July 1854. & Executed on B Fuller & wife Eliza Fuller. August 7th 1854. W C Oliver Sheriff By J Havery D.S. Executed on Mary Longgon and Margaret Longgon July 14th 1854. N B Lesueur Sheriff By R D Whitley D.S. John Williamson and Lucinda Williamson not found in my County. July 26th 1854. G W Thagard Sheriff of Butler County. — Executed on W J Garrett. ~~Alfred Hatch James~~ July 14th 1854. Alfred Hatch July 14th 1854. Raffin not found July 1854.

N B Lesueur Shff.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. I James Longgon of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind, make and ordain this my last will and Testament. I give to my two daughters Mary and Margaret as tenants in common my house and lot in Arcola. all the house hold and kitchen furniture appertaining to the same. all the provisions that

Executor of the Will of Richard Gunn deceased late of Marengo County. Now if the said Thomas J Woolf shall and do well and truly perform all the duties which now or may be by law required of him, as such Executor then the above obligation to be void. otherwise to remain in full force. Thos J Woolf (seal) Jas R Woolf (seal) E. T. Washington (seal) Winfield Woolf (seal) Henry A. Woolf (seal)

Approved November 15th 1856.

Jas A Young Judge.

Last Will & Testament of James Longgon Dec'd

See Minute Entry Book D. pages 537 & 571.

Cita'n. The State of Alabama Marengo County. To Probate Court September Term 1852. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting. You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite John Williamson and Williamson his Wife. if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable, Judge of the Orphans Court, at a court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of October 1852. and contest the proceedings probating of a paper filed in said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of James Longgon Dec'd if they see proper and according to Law in such cases made and provided:- Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 11th day of September 1852. Issued 11th day of September 1852. J.A. Young Judge &c.

Rec'd in Sheff 12th September 1852. Executed on John Williamson & Wife 2nd October 1852. A.B. Lemmon Sheriff By Robt Kennedy D.S.

Citation. The State of Alama Marengo County. Estate of James Longgon dec'd. Probate Court June Term A.D. 1852. To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite John Williamson and Lucinda Williamson his wife. Mary Longgon. Margaret Longgon. B. Fuller and Eliza Fuller his wife & Lydia Ann Clarke Sarah James & Wm Garrett if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo. on the second monday of August 1852 and shew cause if any they have why an instrument of writing filed in said Court purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Longgon late of said County deceased should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 26th day of June 1852. Issued the 26th day of June 1852. J.A. Young. Judge &c.

Rec'd in Sheriff's Office 20th day of July 1852. & Executed on B Fuller & wife Eliza Fuller. August 7th 1852. W.C. Oliver. Sheriff By J Lavery D.S. Executed on Mary Longgon and Margaret Longgon July 16th 1852. A.B. Lemmon Sheriff By R.D. Whitley D.S. John Williamson and Lucinda Williamson not found in my County. July 26 1852. Wm Haggard Sheriff &c. Butler County. Executed on W.J. Garrett. Alfred Clarke James Lydia Ann Clarke July 16th 1852. Alfred Clarke July 14th 1852. Sarah James not found July 1852.

A.B. Lemmon Sheff.

Will. In the name of God, Amen. I James Longgon of the County of Marengo State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind, make and ordain this my last will and testament. I give to my two daughters Mary and Margaret Longgon in common my house and lot in Arcola. all the house hold and kitchen furniture of & pertaining to the same. all the provision that

That may be on hand. the stock of hogs and cattle - the horse - and the growing crop. I also allow them the use of the servants now on the Lot until the end of this year. - I give this to my two daughters Mary & Margaret. in consideration of their loving faithfull and affectionate devotion to me during years of helplessness and affliction. - The remainder of my property consisting entirely of Negroes. I desire to be equally divided among my four daughters viz. Eliza Fuller. Lucinda Williams, Mary Longgon and Margaret Longgan. - I appoint Samuel Strudwick Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this 17th day of April 1852.

James his mark Longgon.

Attest James S. Ruffin. Alfred Hatch. W. J. Garrott.

Probate of Will: The State of Alabama Marengo County } Probate Court November Term 1852 Wm J Garrott being first duly Sworn According to Law. Says that he knew James Longgon in his lifetime. that on or about the 17th day of April 1852 he saw James Longgon Execute the foregoing instrument as his last Will by making his mark thereto - that said James Longgon called upon deponent to sign the same as a witness of the fact of its being his last will that deponent did sign the two name to it. in the presence of James Longgon and Alfred Hatch and ~~as~~ James S Ruffin, and that he saw the other witnesses also sign their names thereto. as witnesses in the presence of said Testator. that the said James Longgon appeared to be perfectly rational and spoke about his business as if he understood what he was doing. - W. J. Garrett

Probate Court November Term } one the foregoing testimony of W J Garrett one of the subscribing witnesses. It is ordered that the foregoing instrument be admitted to record. as the Last Will of James Longgon dec^d. - Jas A Young Judge.

The State of Alabama Marengo County } To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate Court of said County &c The undersigned would represent unto your honor that that James Longgan late of said County died in said County at his residence in Arcola. on or about the 28th day of May AD 1852. leaving a paper purporting to be his last will and Testament which is hereto appended. whereby the undersigned is appointed the Executor of the said Last Will. and the undersigned hereby declines to act as such Executor of said last will. the said James Longgan left the following named persons who are his children and heirs at Law viz. Eliza Fuller aged over 21 wife of Fuller & residing at Durfens Landing in Greene County. Lucinda Williamson aged over 21. wife of John Williamson residing in Butler County Mary Longgon aged over 21. and resides in Marengo County and Margaret Longgon aged over 21 years and resides in said Marengo County.

S Strudwick.

Filed for Probate the 26th June 1852. & set for August Term 1852.

J A Young Judge &c.

Last Will & Testament of Robert C. Morrison Dec^d. } See Minute Entry Book G page 173.

Citations. The State of Alabama Marengo County. Estate of A.C. Morrison dec^d. } Probate Court October Term 1856. Tony Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting You are hereby commanded without delay to cite N G Phillips & his wife Prudence Philips, Catarina M Morrison, Andrreon H Sample. and Milly Sample his wife, W J A Russell & Mary J Russell his wife and James J Morrison if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the third monday and 17th day of November AD 1856. and shew cause if any they have why an instrument propounded this day as the last will and Testament of Robert C Morrison dec^d should not be admitted to Probate as such. - Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 29th day of October 1856. & in the 81st year of the independence of the united States.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Issued 29th day of Octo. 1856. We acknowledge legal Service of the within Citation this 3rd day of November AD 1856. Mary Jane Russell. James J Morrison, W J A Russell. Milly Sampler A H. Sample, N G Phillips P S Phillips - C Morrison.

Will. In the name of God. Amen. I Robert C Morrison of Marengo County State of Alabama. do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following - First I resign my Soul into the hands of Almighty God. hoping and believing in the remissions of my sins. by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors. hereinafter named. I desire my body to be decently entered and after my death that my funeral expenses including a suitable monument to my Grave. be first paid and all the just debts that I may be owing at the time of my death. - First. I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Matilda Morrison the following described Land to wit. The South East quarter of Section Seven (except thirty acres of the north side. west half of South West quarter of Section seventeen, South East quarter of North west quarter. twenty two acres of the south end. and bounded by the Ridge Road of west half of South west quarter of section eight. North East quarter of section Eighteen. except about twenty eight acres which lies South of Dry Branch. containing in all about four hundred and four acres. all of Township Twelve. of Range. four East - also a negro woman by the name of Harriet & her children. Lydia. John & Nelson. together with all their natural increase. - two feather Beds. full furniture. all all the other extras and fixtures. that she has had appropriated to her own use. since she has been to the years of maturity. also one good gentle horse or

Mule, and my Buggy and harness. and the said Catharine Matilda Morrison. is to be taken care of by Robert C Morrison Jr. during her life time, and to treat her kindly during her life — should the said Robert C Morrison die before the said Catharine M Morrison shall be at liberty to choose her home with whom she may wish to live, and her expenses to be paid out of any property she may have except the above described Land, which the said Robert C Morrison Jr is to have, and the said Catharine M Morrison is to have six sitting chairs and as much of the cupboard furniture as she may want, or may be on hand at the time. ~~or~~ and such Books as she may select out of what is on hand at the time and at the death of the said Catharine M Morrison, the said Robert C Morrison Jr is to ~~all~~ have all the personal and Real Estate that she the said Catharine M Morrison may be left to her by me, and the increase, for the expenses, care and attention he may have been at with her the said Catharine M Morrison. 2nd I give and bequeath to daughter Milly wife of Anderson H. Sample, one negro girl Fanny and her two children, Alex & George, and her increase, to her and the heirs of her body. — 3rd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Prudence S. wife of N. G. Philips Nancy & Dine. — 4th I give and bequeath to son Robert C Morrison one negro boy Tom. — 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Jane, wife of W J A Russell, one negro Boy Martin. — 6th I give and bequeath to my Grandson James M Morrison two hundred and fifty Dollars, to be paid to the ~~said~~ Guardian of J. M. Morrison. — Also I desire that my trusty old negroes, Caty, Dine, Arthur and Flora to be put up among my heirs, to the Lowest bidder who shall be bound to the rest of my heirs, to support the said slaves in decent manner and at their deaths to be buried decently. — 7th I wish and desire the balance of my property may be sold at public sale, and after my funeral expenses and my just debts paid — I wish three discreet and disinterested persons to be selected to value all the property that I have given to my heirs and make each heir equal with other with the exception of my daughter Catharine M Morrison's part, is to remain as is heretofore named and my grandson James M. Morrison is only to have the two hundred & fifty Dollars before named, And do revoke and ~~annul~~ make null and void all former wills: And do appoint my son Robert C. Morrison my sole Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This 24th day of February in the year of our Lord and Saviour One thousand Eight hundred and fifty six.

Robert C. Morrison. (Seal)

Attest James Kimbrough Malinda Porter, Harriet Loftin.

Probate of Will.

Probate Court, Marengo County held Novr 17th 1856 The testimony of Jas Kimbrough one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument

who being solemnly sworn deposes & says that he wrote the foregoing will for Robt C. Morrison at his request & according to his instructions that said Morrison signed & published the same as his last will & testament in his presence & in the presence of the other witnesses Malinda Porter & Harriet Loftin on the day the same bears date & that he the deponent & the said M Porter & Harriet Loftin subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence & at the request of said testator & in the presence of each other. And he further says that said Morrison was of sane & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing said will.

Jas Kimbrough

I certify that the foregoing testimony of Jas Kimbrough one of the subscribing witnesses to said will was this day taken before me in open Court & signed by the said Kimbrough

Attest Jas. A. Young Judge

Filed for Probate Oct 29th 1856. & set for hearing the 17th Novr 1856.

Jas A Young Judge

Last Will of John McRae dec'd

See Minutes Entry Book. F pages 536 & 539. —

Citation. The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of John McRae. Dec'd

Probate Court. July Term 1854.
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting: — You are hereby commanded without delay to cite. John S. Adele Louise. Josephine Ravisees. Wm Frederick. Henry Chapron. Pauline Beatrice. Eloise Helena. & Corrine Emma. McRae minor children of said John McRae. late of said County deceased. if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden. for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd monday of August 1854. and shew cause if any they have. why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and Testament of said John McRae should not be admitted to Probate: Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation. with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at Office. this 22nd day of July 1854. and in the 79th year of the independence of the United States. Issued 22nd day of July 1854.

Jas A. Young, Judge &c.

Rec'd in Sheriffs Office 24th day of July 1854 & Executed John S McRae Adele Louise McRae. J. R. McRae. W F McRae. H C McRae. P B McRae. E. H. McRae. C. E. McRae. July 28th 1854. N B Lesueur Pr'ff By R Kornegay

Petition To the Honorable. James A Young Judge of the Probate Court for Marengo County. in the State of Alabama. — Your petitioner Mary Josephine McRae, widow of the late John McRae, who at the time of his death. was a citizen of said County — represents that on or about the 15th day day of June last the said John McRae departed this life. in the City of Philadelphia — leaving a Last will and Testament which is hereto attached. and filed in Court dated May 6th 1854. in which said will your petitioner is appointed Ex trix. Your Petitioner further represents that said John McRae left the following children. Victoire Saunders wife of Turner Saunders who resides near the Town of Aberdeen in the State of Mississippi. John S McRae. Adelle ~~Louise~~ McRae. Josephine Ravisees — William Frederick — Henry Chapron. Pauline Beatrice. Eloise Helena. & Corrine Emma McRae, all of whom are minors, and reside with your petitioner in said County. — Your petitioner now propounds said Will for Probate, and asks that letters Executory be duly issued to her. —

Mary Josephine McRae. By her Counsel Lyon & Prince.

Answer The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court August. Term 1854
The undersigned duly appointed by said Court Guardian ad Litem for the minor heirs of the Estate of John McRae dec'd. to defend their interest in the matter of the Probate of an instrument in writing on file in said Court purporting to be the Last will and Testament of said deceased. comes and for answer in behalf of said minors denies that the instrument

is the last will and Testament of said John McRae dec'd. and prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same —

Henry A Woolf Guardian ad Litem for said minors —

Will. I. John McRae of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do make publish and declare my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: First — It is my will and desire, and I hereby direct that any and all just debts ~~be paid~~ I may owe at the time of my death be paid and discharged. Second — Will devise and bequeath to my wife Mary J McRae. all my property effects estate & choses in action of every kind and description. whether the same be real personal or mixed property & Estate. I do this the better to enable my said wife to maintain and support herself. and to raise and Educate our children in such manner as she may deem suitable and best by keeping ~~our~~ my Estate together if she think proper so to do. or in the event of such change in the ~~event of su~~ Situation and circumstances of the country as would in her Judgment render a sale of my Estate expedient to enable her to sell and convey the same, and and to invest and use the proceeds. for her benefit and also for the benefit of our children as aforesaid. In making this provision by which I devise and bequeath my entire Estate. to my wife as aforesaid. I do not intend to be understood as wanting in affection for my children. or as unwilling to make suitable provision for them. — I have great Confidence in the judgment and prudence of my wife. and am satisfied therefore that she will do whatever may be ~~xx~~ necessary for the benefit of our children: If she should dispose of the property & Estate by gift or will, I feel assured that she will not fail to do equal Justice to all our children. and if she should die without making such disposition, the law makes what I regard a fair just and equal distribution, and with this all should be content. I hereby appoint my wife the said Mary Josephine McRae Executrix of this my Last will and Testament, and devise and bequeath to her the custody ~~of her ch~~ and tuition of my minor children And I hereby request and direct that she be exempted from giving ~~any~~ Bond, and security in either capacity, and being satisfied that my wife will manage my Estate. justly & properly not only for herself and my children. but for any creditor I may leave. I request that she be excused from rendering to the court any inventory or appraisement of my Estate. — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal — this 6th May 1854

John McRae (Seal)

Witnesses — F. I. Lyon. O H Prince.

Probate of Will &c. Testimony of Oliver H Prince one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who being duly sworn says that he saw the said John McRae ~~sign and~~ seal the foregoing will on the day the same bears date. that the same was so signed and sealed in the presence of the other subscribing witness F I Lyon. And that the other ~~subscribing~~ said witness Oliver H Prince and the other subscribing witness F I Lyon signed the same as witnesses at the request

is the last will and Testament of said John McRae dec. and prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same.

Henry A Woolf Guardian ad Litem for said minors

Will.

I. John McRae of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do make publish and declare my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: First — It is my will and desire, and I hereby direct that any and all just debts ~~be paid~~ I may owe at the time of my death be paid and discharged. Second — I will devise and bequeath to my wife Mary J McRae, all my property effects estate & choses in action of every kind and description, whether the same be real personal or mixed property & Estate. I do this the better to enable my said wife to maintain and support herself, and to raise and educate our children in such manner as she may deem suitable and best by keeping ~~our~~ my Estate together if she thinks proper so to do. or in the event of such change in the ~~event of su~~ situation and circumstances of the country as would in her Judgment render a sale of my Estate expedient to enable her to sell and convey the same, and and to invest and use the proceeds for her benefit and also for the benefit of our children as aforesaid. In making this provision by which I devise and bequeath my entire Estate, to my wife as aforesaid, I do not intend to be understood as wanting in affection for my children, or as unwilling to make suitable provision for them. I have great confidence in the judgment and prudence of my wife, and am satisfied therefore that she will do whatever may be necessary for the benefit of our children. If she should dispose of the property & Estate by gift or will, I feel assured that she will not fail to do equal justice to all our children, and if she should die without making such disposition, the law makes what I regard a fair just and equal distribution, and with this all should be content. I hereby appoint my wife the said Mary Josephine McRae Executrix of this my last will and Testament, and devise and bequeath to her the custody ~~of her ch~~ and tuition of my minor children and I hereby request and direct that she be exempted from giving ~~any~~ Bond, and security in either capacity, and being satisfied that my wife will manage my Estate, justly & properly not only for herself and my children, but for any creditor I may leave. I request that she be excused from rendering to the court any inventory or appraisement of my Estate. — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal — this 6th May 1854.

John McRae (Seal)

Witnesses — F. I. Lyon. O H Prince.

Probate of Will &c.

Testimony of Oliver H Prince one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who being duly sworn says that he saw the said John McRae ~~sign and seal~~ the foregoing will on the day the same bears date, that the same was so signed and sealed in the presence of the other subscribing witness F I Lyon. And that the ~~other subscribing~~ witness Oliver H Prince and the other subscribing witness F I Lyon signed the same as witnesses at the reqn

of the said John McRae at the time he signed and sealed the same as aforesaid and in his presence — that said McRae was perfectly sane and rational at the time he sealed & signed the said will. —

O H Prince.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, August 14th 1854 in Open Court.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Probate Court

Marengo County, August Term 1854. It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be recorded as the last will and Testament of John McRae deceased on the testimony of Oliver H Prince one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Jas A Young
Judge &c.

Filed July 22nd 1854. Jas A Young
Judge.

of the said John McRae at the time he signed and sealed the same as aforesaid and in his presence - that said McRay was perfectly sane and rational at the time he sealed & signed the said will. —

O H Prince.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, August 14th 1854. in Open Court.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Probate Court
Marengo County, August Term 1854. It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be recorded as the last will and Testament of John McRae deceased on the testimony of Oliver H Prince one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Jas A Young
Judge &c.

Filed July 22nd 1854. Jas A Young
Judge.

Last Will of Truhart Tucker Dec'd

See Minutes Entry G. pages 122-163.

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
Truhart Tucker

Probate Court October Term 1856
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Richard H Tucker, David L Tucker, Wm H. Tucker, and Frances J Raley wife of James Raley, Mary Ann Glass and Johnathan Glass her husband and Amanda A Dunning and John A Dunning her husband, if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the second monday of November 1856. and shew cause if any they have why a certain instrument propounded by Jeremiah L Tucker as the Last will of Truhart Tucker dec'd should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge Judge of ~~Probate~~ said Court at Office this 11th day of October 1856. and in the 81st year of the independence of the United States.

Jas A Young Judge.

Issued 11th day of October 1856. Rec'd in Sheriff Office 11th Oct 56. Executed on Johnathan Glass and & Wife. & J A Dunning & wife 25th October 1856. E T Wallington Sheriff By J Glass D. S. Executed on Richard H Tucker. Wm H. Tucker. D L Tucker and James Raley & Wife October 18th 1856. E T Wallington Sheriff By J Glass.

Citation.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County.
Estate of
Truhart Tucker dec'd

Probate Court October Term 1856.
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Lemuel T Tucker if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo ~~at the Court H~~ on the second monday of November 1856. and shew cause if any he have why an instrument propounded in by Jeremiah L Tucker as the Last will of Truhart Tucker Dec'd should not be admitted to Probate as such. Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said court at office this 20th day of October 1856. and in the 81st year of the year of the independence of the United States.

James A Young. Judge.

Issued 20th day of October 1856. Rec'd in Sheriff office 20th day Octo I acknowledge legal service of the within citation Octo 20th 1856 Lemuel T Tucker. attest J A Young. —

Will.

In the name of God. Amen. — I Truhart Tucker of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make ordain, and publish and declare this to be my last will and

Testament - That is to say, I have deeded to Francis J Raley my daughter, three forty acres of Land and to James Raley one forty acre Lot. I give unto Jeremiah L Tucker East half of North West quarter - the west half of north east quarter, both of section thirty four township fourteen, of range three east - I give to my son Lemuel T Tucker the east half of South west quarter, and west half of south east quarter, of section thirty four, of township fourteen, of Range three east. - I furthermore desire and it is my will that the balance of my land which I have be sold, and the proceeds arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst the balance of my heirs - those first named that I have given lands to, to receive no share of the proceeds. - I further I desire all my live stock, plantation tools house hold and kitchen furniture to be sold. Also the crop of provisions that may be on hand, and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my heirs - I further desire all my servants to be equally divided among all my heirs, by three disinterested persons, to be chosen by my children - I likewise make constitute and appoint my son Jeremiah L Tucker to be my Executor of this my last will and testament. -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 22nd day of August in the year of Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifty six. (1856) Truhart Tucker (Seal)

Attest J C Jones. W. T. Hosea. W P Jones. -

Probate. Will. - Probate Court - Marengo County. - November Term 1856.

The testimony of J C Jones. W T Hosea and W P Jones the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument - who being duly sworn in open Court, severally depose and say, that they were present on or about the day said instrument bears date, viz: the 22nd day of August 1856 and saw Truhart Tucker execute said said instrument who then & there declared the same to be his last will and Testament that they severally signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Truhart Tucker - They further depose that said Truhart Tucker was of sane and disposing mind & memory, and that, ~~and~~ they know of no undue influence being used to procure said will. - J C Jones. W. T. Hosea. W. P. Jones.

order On the foregoing testimony of J C Jones. W T Hosea. and W P Jones. the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is ordered by the Court that the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the last Will and Testament of Truhart Tucker deceased. November 10th 1856.

Jas A Young Judge &c.

Filed Octo 11th 1856. admitted to Probate Novr 10th 1856.

Jas A Young

Last Will & Testament of Mary F McCartney. Decd

Citations. The State of Alabama Marengo County Estate of Mary F McCartney decd

Probate Court October Term 1853.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Virginia Drummond Mary A Swilley wife of John S Swilley - Thomas M Drummond Hamson Manley and Sarah Manley if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the second monday of December 1853 and show cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said court purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mary F McCartney deceased. should not be admitted to Probate. - Hereinfail not and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court, at Office, this 11th day of October 1853. and in the 78th year of the independence of the United States. Issued 11th day of October 1853. Jas A Young Judge By Sam Gholson

Executed on Virginia Drummond. Mary A Swilley wife John S Swilley 7th day of November 1853. J H Short Sheriff Sumter Co. By G H Ball. D.S.

Executed on Thomas M. Drummond Hamson Manley. Sarah Manley not found Novemr 17th 1853. U B Lesueur Sheriff By Kornegay

Will. Marengo County Ala - October 7th 1853.

Give to H. F Drummond, State of Ala Marengo County Mary F McCartey share in the Plank Road at Demopolis, and as much money as will make in value $2000. - Give to Thomas M. Drummond half the Lot of Land belonging to Mary F McCartney that is, half of the estate of Land of Henry Drummond decd and as much money as will make in value $2000. Give to Eblice M Swilley, the smallest Boy Bill as long as he will go in value, and the balance of the $2000 in money out of the estate of Mary F McCartney - and also the boy Bill will remains her her lifetime, and after her death will go to her heirs of her body. - I want Virginia A Drummond one half of the Share of the Land, belonging to the Estate of H. Drummond Decd now belonging to Mary F McCartney and as much money as will make up the two thousand dollars. I want Sarah and Harrison Manley to live with C M. McCartney, and to be guided by him in every respect, and also their property as long as he lives, or as long as he is able. - If there is any trade to be made for the above named children he has the power granted him by Mary F McCartney to do so. - The Land over and by the crak that is, the Grayson Land, shall be divided equally between them Sarah and Harrison - The notes given in name or copartnership for Mary F McCartney ~~will be~~ by C M McCartney will be settled by C M McCartney and of the Estate of Mary F McCartney - And the negroes of the Estate of Mary F

McCartney shall be valued and divided equally between Sarah and Harrison.— Mary F. McCartney.
Witness Thos M Drummond. Charles M McCartney.

Probate of Will.

Probate Court - Marengo County. December Term AD 1853.
Testimony of Charles M McCartney who upon oath duly administered says that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument - That said instrument was written by Thomas M Drummond. at the request and according to the directions of Wm Mary F McCartney - that the same was then read over to her. within her hearing and assented to by her. - that she signed the same in his presence and that of the said Thomas M. - And that he and the said Thomas M. signed their names thereto as witnesses at her request. and in her presence on the day the same bears date. he further testifies that said Testatrix was at the time of sane and disposing mind. -

C. M. McCartney.

Last Will & Testament of Brittan J Pope Dec'd

See Minute Entry Book F page 238

Will.

I. Brittan J Pope of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being in my right & proper mind. do hereby make my last will and Testament which reads as follows:- First - I will that all my property shall be kept together on my present plantation, and worked as one common Stock. and the proceeds to go pay all my just debts, and educate my children. - Second - As I have given my daughter Araminta E Thomas, formerly Araminta Elizabeth Pope. one negro Girl worth about five hundred dollars. I will and desire that the rest of my children shall have the same amount in money or negroes - to be given out of my Estate as they become of age or marry. in order that they may have alike of my property - the remainder to remain on my plantation during my wife Hermian Popes natural life. and the proceeds of the labour of the hands after the debts being paid. to be equally divided amongst all children. - Third - I do make and appoint my son Vastine J Pope sole Executor to this my last will and Testament, without giving Bond and Security in any way or shape whatever. - In short he is invested with the authority to manage the effects of my Estate as fully as I do at this time - sue or be sued as the case may be. - And at the death of my wife Hermian Pope. he Vastine J Pope. is to have my property both real Estate and personal equally divided amongst all my Children, observing the part that each of them may have already received. - This the 8th of February 1852. as such, I hereunto set my hand and seal.

Britton J. Pope. (Seal)

Filed March 7th 1852.
Attest G B Jones. John C Williams
Filed March 7th 1852.

Will

Last Will & Testament of Maria S. Hogan. dec'

In the name of God. Amen: I Maria S. Hogan of the County of Marengo. and State of Alabama. being of sound mind. and being duly admonished that it behooves all persons, in life, to prepare for death: do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament: when the Spirit ascend to God, who gave it the body I wish consigned to the grave at Bethsalem Church. in Greene County. near the remains of my beloved Sister, Frances F Minor, with a simple monument indicating my name age &c.

I wish and desire all my property be kept together, except my house hold furniture while I hereby authorize and empower my Executors to sell: and my plantation cultivated until all my just debts and legacies hereinafter specified are paid off and satisfied, after which I give and bequeath as follows.

Item 1st. I promised Erastus Smith Esqr of Hartford Ct agent for the house of Manuf Co. that if the said Manuf Co would suspend or stay the collection of a Judgment they have against Wm James G. Lyon of Mobile. as security for my late husband Col Wm B Hogan - untill I could get this all my own liabilities. I would provide for its payment - The original amount I understood to be between $700 or $800. but interest has accumulated since. and I hereby authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter named. after paying all my individual debts. to pay the sum of Eleven hundred Dollars towards the satisfaction of the said judgement against the said James G Lyon - I provide for the satisfaction of this judgement solely to protect Mr Lyon from loss, and not because I feel legally or morally bound to for it. except so far as the promise to Mr Smith goes -

2nd I have executed and delivered to Wm G Jones and Alexander McKinstry of the City of Mobile. a Deed conveying all my right title and interest in & to certain real Estate lying and being in the said City. and known as the wharf property formerly owned by my late husband Wm B Hogan. - In trust forever to secure the payment of certain debts in said deed fully described, to Caseaway B Lamar & William B Shepherd out of the rents and profits of or sale of said Real Estate alone: said deed bears date the 9th day of June AD 1847. And I wish its provisions fully carried out - Need so soon as and if the said debts or claims to Lamar & Shepherd are paid and satisfied out of the rents and profits of said real Estate and without a sale thereof. I give and devise to Sarah J & Lucy B. Hogan each, one of the two Story brick Stores, on Commerce Street, known as part of the said Wharf property, to them and their own separate use and benefit, and free from the control of their husbands, should they have husbands - And the residue and remainder of said Estate real Estate lying and being in Mobile I devise my Executors to take possession of and rent out the same and pay over annually to John B Hogan Jr one half of said rents, until Ann Maria Hogan Bayard shall marry. die or become twenty one years of age; and invest the other half of said rents in some safe way at legal interest under the Control or management of George G Lyon Esqr, or he may think most profitable for the said Ann Maria H Bayard: And he the said George G Lyon is kindly to use the interest of the portion allotted to Ann Maria Hogan Bayard. in educating her of he thinks it advisable - And at her marriage or majority. I devise and hereby authorize and empower my said Executors to her the said Ann M H Bayard a complete and full title to all the said Real Estate lying in Mobile - Lane Pier. two Story brick Store Houses, I have directed to Sarah & Lucy Bethune & Shard

sole and separate use. & benefit & free from the liabilities or control of her husband. should she have one - And in the event of the said Ann Maria dying without issue then I give and devise all that portion allotted to her as above, to John B Hogan. said Jr Hogan & Lucy B Hogan share and share alike, and free from the liabilities of the husbands of the said Sarah & Lucy. should they have husbands -

3rd My good and faithful Flora, the Mother of several, all my Negroes I leave to the especial tenderness of my nieces and Cousin Jane F Honeston. hoping they will provide for her comfort - And I wish my Executors to retain sufficient monies in their hands to allow and pay over to the said Flora an annuity of Fifty dollars -

4th To Lucy B Hogan I give and bequeath the sum of Fifty dollars per annum until she marries, or receives the possession of the two Story Brick Store House. -

5th I give and bequeath to Ann Mariah Hogan Bayard for her sole and separate use and free from the liabilities of her husband, should she have one, all the set of silver marked "S Bett" which I bought at the sale of my late husband Estate - And I hereby request that my Executors George G Lyon, wife keep it safely deposited for her until she attains the age of maturity or marries: and if she should die without issue, then I give the said set of Silver to John B Hogan Jr. -

6th To the Rev William Devin and to each of my Executors I give and bequeath a Mourning Ring. to be selected by George G Lyon Esqr. and to cost not less than Fifty dollars as a Slight Memento of my high regard for them - And I give and bequeath to my mother-in-law Lafayette Minor my own Library of Books - And to John B Hogan Jr I give and bequeath all the Law Books, formerly owned by his Father & now in my possession. -

7th I desire and hereby authorize and empower my Executors to apply the indebtedness of the Presbyterian Church of Demopolis amounting to I believe, four hundred Dollars, and pay it out of the means appropriated to the payment of my own debts.

8th After the payment of my just debts and Legacies as aforesaid. I wish as soon as convenient to my Executors, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars sent to Judge Fowlis of Henderson, Kentucky. to purchase a negro Girl a piece for each of my four nieces, the daughters of my late beloved Sister Ann M Fitch, viz: Mrs Maria Mitt. Julia Fitch Helen Fitch & Ceah Fitch, and settle the said negroes on my said nieces, in such a way, that they will not be subject to the liabilities or control of their respective husbands

9th After all my just debt and Legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Jane F Honeston, wife of Luther G. Honeston. the following Slaves, viz: Fannie. Amanda Bob. Abert. Betsey. Walter. Elmira. William John. Emma. James. Dick. Judy. Elizabeth. Daniel. Lucan. Arthur & Tom, to her and her sole and separate use and benefit free from the liabilities and Control of her said husband. - And in the event of Mattie paying to my two Nieces aforesaid Dollars (as hereinafter provided) to my said Cousin Jane I hereby request her to emancipate the wife and Children as named above. viz: Fanny her wife and Albert. Betsey. Walter. Elmira. William. John & Emma & their future increase according to the Laws of the State of Alabama. And in the event of the said Jane F Honeston dying without issue. then I give and bequeath upon the same condition. the said negroes to Ann Maria, & Wm R Strode, her brother and sister. -

10th After the payment of all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid. I give & bequeath unto Maria Rochelle. wife of Dr Ezra Rochelle the following negroes. viz: Chaney Patsy. Dick. Ann. Mary. James. Harry. Ann. Phillip. Anthony. Nancy. all my Silver marked "M S R" to her own and sole and separate use and benefit. and free from the liabilities or control of her said husband. - And in the event of her dying without issue. then I give the said negroes and Silver marked "M S R" to Ann & Friend and her children. -

11th After all my just debts and Legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give & bequeath to my niece Frances Minor the following negroes viz: Maria - Young Flora. Bayard. Tom - Isaiah & Reuben - to her sole & separate use and benefit. and free from the liabilities and control of her & her husband should she have one: and in the

Sole and Separate use, & benefit free from the liabilities or control of her husband. should she have one.— And in the event of the said Ann Maria dying without issue then I give and devise all that portion allotted to her as above, to John B Hogan, Sarah P Hogan & Lucy B Hogan share and share alike, and free from the liabilities of the husbands of the said Sarah & Lucy, should they have husbands.—

3rd My good and faithful Flora, the Mother of nearly all my Negroes I leave to the especial tenderness of my nieces and Cousin Jane F Hometon, hoping they will provide for her Comfort— And I wish my Executor to retain sufficient monies in his hands to allow and pay over to the said Flora an annuity of Fifty dollars.—

4th To Lucy B Hogan I give and bequeath the sum of Fifty dollars per annum until she marries, or receives the possession of the two Story Brick Store House.—

5th I give and bequeath to Ann Mariah Hogan Bayard for her sole and separate use and free from the liabilities of her husband, should she have one, all the set of silver marked "I B H" which I bought at the sale of my late husband Estate & Revd Sherry request that my Executor George G Lyon will keep it safely deposited for until she attains the age of maturity or marries: and if she should die without issue, then I give the said set of Silver to John B Hogan Jr.—

6th To the Rev William Henry and to each of my Executors I give and bequeath a Gold Snuff Case, to be selected by George G Lyon Esqr. and to cost not less than Fifty dollars as a slight memento of my high regard for them.— And I give and bequeath to my nephew Lafayette Minor my own Library of Books and to John B Hogan Jr I give and bequeath all the Books formerly owned by his Father & now in my possession.—

7th I decree and hereby authorize and empower my Executors to assume the indebtedness of the Presbyterian Church of Demopolis amounting to I believe, four hundred Dollars, and pay it out of the means appropriated to the payment of my own debts.

8th After the payment of my just debts and Legacies as aforesaid, I wish as soon as convenient to my Executors, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars each to Judge Rhodes of Hendersons, Kentucky, to purchase a negro Girl a piece for each of my four nieces the daughters of my late beloved Sister Ann M Field, viz: Mrs Maria Watt, Julia Ann Rhein East & Cecil Clark, and settle the said negroes on my said nieces, in such a way, that they will not be subject to the liabilities or control of their respective husbands.

9th After all my just debts and Legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Jane F Hometon, wife of Luther G Hometon the following slaves viz: Fannie, Minerva, Albert, Betsey, Walter, Elmira, William, John, Emma, James, Dick, Judge, Elizabeth, Daniel, Lucian, Arthur & Tom, to her and her sole and separate use and benefit free from the liabilities and Control of her said husband.— And in the event of Watt paying to my two Nieces and Dollars (as hereinafter provided) to my said Cousin Jane I hereby request her to emancipate the wife and children as named above. viz: Fanny his wife, and Albert, Betsey, Walter, Elmira, William, John & Emma & their future increase according to the Laws of the State of Alabama.— And in the event of the said Jane F Hometon dying without issue, then I give and bequeath upon the same condition, the said negroes to Ann Maria, & Wm R Rhodes, her brother and sister.—

10th After the payment of all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid. I give & bequeath unto Maria Rouchelle, wife of Doc Ezra Rouchelle the following negroes viz: Nancy, Perry, Dick, Ann, Mary, James, Harry, Ann, Phillip, Anthony, Nancy, all my Negroes marked "M S R" to her own and sole and separate use and benefit, and free from the liabilities or control of her said husband.— And in the event of her dying without issue, then I give the said negroes and Silver marked "M S R" to Ann F Friend and her children.—

11th After all my just debts and legacies are aforesaid are paid off. I give & bequeath to my nieces Frances Minor the following negro slaves viz: Maria, Young Flora, Bayard, Tom, Israel, Rhesbon, to her sole & separate use and benefit, and free from the liabilities and control of her & her husband should she have one: and in the

event of her dying without issue, then I give and bequeath said negroes to Ann F Friend and her children.—

12th After all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath to my niece Lucy Minor the following slaves viz: Louisa & Child & Ned & Polly, to her sole & separate use and benefit, and free from the liabilities or control of her husband should she have one.— And in the event of her dying without issue then I give and bequeath the said slaves to Ann F Friend and her children.—

13th After all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath to my Nephew a negro named Minor Phillip, Minor a negro man named Madison.

14th After my debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off, I decree and hereby authorize and empower my Executors, to sell and convey as they shall think proper, All my real Estate lying and being in Marengo County and Greene Counties, and known as my plantations.— And in the event of Ann Maria Hogan Bayard not obtaining a good title to the part of the Real Estate allotted to her as in item 12th I decree the proceeds of the sale of my said plantations to be invested at legal interest by George G Lyon Esqr as she may deem profitable for the said Ann Maria, until she arrives at the age of maturity or marries.— then to convey it to her in such away as that she will retain the sole and separate use and benefit of it.— but if the said Ann Maria shall obtain a good title to the real Estate in Mobile then or that portion allotted to her in item 12th then and in that event: I give and bequeath the proceeds of the sale of my plantation to my niece Maria Rhodes.

15th In the year 1846 I executed and delivered to Watt Richardson a negro man, who I purchased of Cyrus Dickens, a conveyance release or memorandum &c &c whereby in consideration of his faithful services to me, and the receipt by his Master of $2500 to have released, and by said Conveyance did release and relieve the said Watt from the bonds of slavery, so far as I was capable of under the laws of Alabama.— And I hereby desire and request my Executors to protect the said Watt so long as he shall live in this State, and if the said Conveyance shall not have the effect to emancipate him whenever he shall desire it, I wish and request my said Executors to do any act on the premises, by which the said Watt may be emancipated or released from slavery.— And I have also promised the said Watt upon his paying or causing to be paid to my Cousin Jane F Hometon, or in the event of her dying without issue then to her brother Wm R Rhodes, and her sister Ann Maria Rhodes, the sum of $2500.00 then to emancipate his wife Fannie and her future increase, and his children viz: Albert, Walter, Betsey, Elmira, William, John & Emma and their future increase, and his children viz to accompany the State with him.— I hereby request if the said $2000 or which I consider a fair valuation of Watt wife and children is paid, that my said Executors and Jane F Hometon will leave the said Fannie— Albert— Walter— Betsey, Elmira, William, John & Emma, and their future increase emancipated according to the laws of this State of Alabama.

16th After my debts and Legacies are paid off— I wish, in consideration of the faithful services of my two boys Henry & William that they be emancipated, if they request it.— and I hereby request my Executors to have them emancipated according to the laws of Alabama if they request it, and furnish each with fifty dollars out of my Estate to defray their expenses.— but if they do not desire or request to be emancipated, then and in that event, I give and bequeath them to my Cousin Jane F Hometon, in the same way as the portion I have allotted to her in item 9th.—

17th Miller a mulatto woman, now hired in the City of Mobile, formerly owned by my late husband John B Hogan, purchased by me of the time she was sold under mortgage by the bank of Mobile: was bought by me under a promise that she should be hired allowed to buy herself, she pays me ten dollars per month wages, and all over that amount she applies to paying for herself— I gave $520.00 for her, but now value her at $250 and if she will cause that amount to be paid to my Executors, I hereby and hereto request them to have her emancipated according to Law.—

event of her dying without issue. then I give and bequeath said negroes to Ann F. Friend and her children.

12th after all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath to my niece Lucy Minor the following slaves viz: Louisa & child & Ned & Polly: To her & Co and separate use and benefit. and free from the liabilities or control of her husband should she leave one. And in the event of her dying without issue then I give and bequeath the said slaves to Ann F. Friend and her children.

13th After all my just debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I give and bequeath to my Nephew a negro named Minor Phillips minor a negro man named Madison.

14th After my debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I desire and hereby authorize and empower my Executors, to sell and convey as they shall think proper. All my real Estate lying and being in Marengo County and Greene County. and known as my plantations. And in the event of Ann Maria Hogan Ogards not obtaining a good title to the part of the Real Estate allotted to her as in item 8th I desire the proceeds of the sale of my said plantation to be invested at legal interest by George & Lyon Esqr. & the money thereby arising to be applicable for the said Ann Maria. until she arrives at the age of maturity or marries. then to secure it to her in such away as that she will obtain the sole and separate use and benefit of it. but if the said Ann Maria shall obtain a good title to the real Estate in Marengo then or that portion allotted to her in item 8th then and in that event. I give and bequeath the proceeds of the sale of my plantation to my niece Maria Thorntwitte.

15th In the year 1846 I executed and delivered to Watt Richardson, a negro man, who I purchased of Egmon Aikin, a conveyance release or memorandum acknowledging in consideration of his faithful services to me, and the receipt by his labor of $2500 to have released and by said Conveyance did release and relieve the said Watt from the bonds of slavery, so far as I was capable of under the laws of Alabama. And I hereby desire and request my Executors to protect the said Watt so long as he may live in this State, and if the said Conveyance shall not have the effect to emancipate him whenever he shall desire it, I wish and request my said Executors to do any act in the premises, by which the said Watt may be emancipated or released from slavery. And I have also promised the said Watt upon his paying or causing to be paid to my Cousin Jane F. Houston, or in the event of her dying without issue then to her brother Wm R. Rhodes, and her sister Ann Maria Rhodes, the sum of $2500.00 then to emancipate his wife Fannie and her future increase, and his children viz: Mark. Walter. Betsey. Elma. William. John & Emma. and their future increase emancipated according to the laws of the State of Alabama.

16th After my debts and legacies as aforesaid are paid off. I wish, in consideration of the faithful services of my two Boys Henry & William that they be emancipated. if they request it. and I hereby request my Executors to have them emancipated according to the law of Alabama if they request it, and furnish each with fifty dollars out of my Estate to defray their expenses. but if they do not desire or request to be emancipated. then and in that event. I give and bequeath them to my Cousin Jane F. Thornhaven Houston in the same way as the portion I have allotted to her in item 9th.

17th Miller a mulatto woman. now hired in the City of Mobile. formerly owned by my late husband John B. Hogan. purchased by me at the time she was sold under mortgage by the bank of Mobile. was bought by me under a promise that she should be sold allowed to buy herself. she pays me ten dollars per month wages, and all over that amount she applies to paying for herself. I gave $500.00 for her. but now value her at $1000 and if she will cause that amount to be paid to my Executors. I hereby authorize and request them to have her emancipated according to Law.

18th I leave as a dying request to my Cousin Jane F. Houston D. that she will take Care of Mrs Cater. and allow her forty dollars per annum for her wardrobe.

19th I hereby appoint Luther R. Houston & George S. Lyon my Executors. of this my last will and testament. having the most implicit confidence in their integrity. and the fidelity with which they will perform the trust.

20th In the event of Milly's not being able to have the said $1250.00 as required in item 7 then I desire that she go to Wm Jane F. Houston. as the other negroes allotted to her. until she can pay for herself.

21st I wish my old man Jim to select for himself an owner among the Children of my late husband Col Hogan. and I hereby give and bequeath the said negro man Jim to the person he may so select as aforesaid.

22nd I give and bequeath after the payment of my just debts and legacies as aforesaid to my Cousin Jane F. Houston, my negro man Isaac. alias Ike in the same way and upon the same Conditions already made to said Isaac.

The words which I bought at the sale of my late husbands Estate in item 8th erased before signing this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal. this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and forty seven. — Maria S. Hogan (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Maria S. Hogan, in the presence of us. — E. A. Taylor. W. Heim. R. H. Gayon.

In the Matter of the Last will of Maria S. Hogan Deed. } Orphans Court Marengo County. December Term 1847. Held the 18th day of December 1847. In this Case Ann Maria S. Ogard. Lucy Minor and Phillip Minor - Sarah S. Hogan & Lucy B. Hogan. all minors and parties interested. failing to appear and Choose Guardian ad litem to represent them. It is now here ordered that Wm Byrd Esqr. be appointed Guardian ad litem to represent them at the hearing of instrument propounded as the last will and Testament of Maria S. Hogan dec'd.

E. A. Young. Judge &c.

Probate of Will. In the Matter of the Last Will of Maria S. Hogan Deceased } Orphans Court Marengo County. At a regular Term thereof begun and held the second monday & 13th day of December A.D. 1847 and days following.

At this day being the 15th day of December A.D. 1847 and third day of said Term, came on for hearing and probate the instrument heretofore produced by Luther R. Houston and George S. Lyon, as the last will of Maria S. Hogan: and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all the parties interested in the Estate of said Maria S. Hogan, and all the legatees under said will who reside within the State of Alabama have been cited to appear before the Court and that all those who reside without the State as set forth in the petition of the proponents have been notified by advertisements published in the Marengo Patriot to appear & show Cause why said Instrument should not be admitted to probate. Now the day comes the said proponents, and likewise comes Egmon Bonchillon and Maria Minor jr. and Francis Minor, Contestants, by their attorneys, and upon the motion of the said proponents their said petition is heard. And it now here appearing that William one of the subscribing Witnesses to said instrument, is beyond the jurisdiction of the State. And it further appearing upon the testimony of Edward A. Taylor and Doctor Robert H. Gayon who were the family physicians of the said Maria S. that the said Instrument propounded as aforesaid was signed by the said Maria S. Hogan, and published by her as her last will and testament. And that they and the said William the other subscribing witness, signed the same as witnesses in her presence and at her request. And that said Testatrix was of sane and disposing mind at that time which was the day the same bears date. It is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that said instrument be received as the last will & Testament of said Maria S. Hogan & that Luther R. Houston & George S. Lyon Executors &c. And it is ordered that the hearing of the Codicil to said will propounded [illegible]

18th I leave as a dying request to my Cousin Jane F Houston D. that she will take Care of my Estate, and allow her forty dollars per annum for her wardrobe.—

19th I hereby appoint Luther B Houston & George B Lyon my Executors of this my last will and testament, having the most implicit confidence in their integrity, and the fidelity with which they will perform the trust.

20th In the event of Milly's not being able to have the said $1250.00 As required in item 7 thereof I desire that she go to Wm Jane F Houston, as the other negroes allotted to her, until she can pay for herself.—

21st I wish my old man Jim to select for himself an owner among the children of my late husband Col Hogan, and I hereby give and bequeath the said negro man Jim to the person he may so select as his owner.

22nd I give and bequeath after the payment of my just debts and legacies as aforesaid to my Cousin Jane F. Houston, my negro man Isaac, alias Ike in the same way and upon the same Conditions already made to said Jane.—

The words "which I bought at the sale of my late husbands Estate" in item 8th erased before signing this my last will and testament.—

Given under my hand and seal, this 10th day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and forty seven.— Maria L Hogan (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named Maria L Hogan, in the presence of us:— E A Taylor, W Flinn & H Gayon.

In the Matter of the Last Will of Maria L Hogan Deed } Orphans Court Marengo County December Term 1847. Held the 15th day of December 1847. In this Case Ann Maria L Bryant Lucy Minor and Sarah L Hogan & Lucy B Hogan all minors and parties interested failing to appear and Choose Guardian ad litem to represent them— It is now here ordered that Wm Byrd Esqr. be appointed Guardian ad litem to represent them at the hearing of instrument propounded as the last will and Testament of Maria L Hogan dec'd.

C A Young Judge &c.

Probate of Will. In the Matter of the Last Will of Maria L Hogan Deceased } Orphans Court Marengo County at a regular term thereof begun and held the second monday & 13th day of December 1847 and days following.—

At this day being the 15th day of December A D 1847 and third day of said Term, Came on for hearing and probate the instrument heretofore propounded by Luther B Houston and George B Lyon, as the last will of Maria L Hogan. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all the parties interested in the Estate of said Maria L Hogan, and all the legatees under said will who reside within the State of Alabama have been cited to appear before the Court and that all those who reside without the State as set forth in the petition of the proponents have been notified by advertisements published in the Marengo Patriot to appear & Shew Cause why said Instrument should not be admitted to probate— Now this day comes the said proponents, and likewise comes Eyon Bouchelle and Maria Murphy, and Francis Minor, Contestants, by their attorneys, and upon the motion of the said proponents their said petition is heard. And it now here appearing that W Flinn one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument, is beyond the jurisdiction of the State— And it further appearing upon the testimony of Edward A Taylor and Doctor Robert H Lawson who was the family physician of the said Maria L. that the said Instrument propounded as aforesaid was signed by the said Maria L Hogan, and published by her as her last will and testament— And that they and the said Flinn the other subscribing witness, signed the same as witnesses in her presence and at her request— And that said Testatrix was of sane and disposing mind at that time which was the day the same bears date— Whereupon, adjudged, ordered, and decreed that said instrument be received as the last will & Testament of said Maria L Hogan (that letters testamentary issue thereon— And it is ordered that the hearing of the Codicil to said will propounded therewith

be continued until the next regular term of this court to the intent that parties interested may have notice thereof, failing to appear— James A Young Judge &c.

Codicil. I Maria L Hogan, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make & Execute this Codicil to my will heretofore made and Executed; that is to say I authorize and request my Executors Luther Houston & George B Lyon, to convey in trust to William B Sheppard the property owned by me in Mobile and known as the Athens property, in pursuance of an agreement made with said Sheppard, said conveyance to substitute that the said William B Sheppard is to manage, control rent and release said land property from year to year, and out of the rent arising therefrom to pay and satisfy first as claim or debt due to Mrs Lamar from John B Hogan in his life time, for which the said Lamar holds a mortgage on the property to secure the payment of the same, secondly to pay and satisfy the debt due to John B Hogan in his life time for borrowed money and other monies of mine used by him secured by mortgage or deed of trust upon said property, and lastly to pay and satisfy the debt due to himself by the said John B Hogan in his life time secured by mortgage or deed of trust upon said property, and after satisfying and discharging the claims above referred to, then the said Wm B Sheppard to be required to release and convey said property to the heirs of John B Hogan mentioned in my will, and in the manner disposed of in the will. I desire that the debt referred to above, due to me, shall be paid to George B Lyon, one of my Executors and by him loaned at interest for the benefit of my adopted daughter Ann Maria Beard in pursuance to the provisions of my said will heretofore made—

Given under my hand and seal this the 20th day of July A D 1847. Maria L Hogan (Seal)

Attest H H Lawson. Elizabeth F Soniere B D Record

be continued until the next regular term of this Court. two of the witnesses thereto failing to appear.

James A Young. Judge &c.

Codicil. I, Maria S. Hogan. being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make & execute this Codicil to my will heretofore made and executed; that is to say I authorize and request my Executors Luther Houston & George G Lyon. to convey in trust to William B Sheppard the property owned by me in Mobile and known as the wharf property. in pursuance of an agreement made with said Sheppard, said conveyance to stipulate that the said William B Sheppard is to manage, control rent and release said lead property from year to year. and out of the rents arising therefrom to pay and satisfy first a claim or debt due to G. B. Lamar from John B Hogan in his life time. for which the said Lamar held a mortgage on the said property to secure the payment of thereof. secondly to pay and satisfy the debt due by John B Hogan in his life time to me for borrowed money and other monies of mine used by him secured by mortgage on ~~deed of trust upon~~ on said property. and lastly to pay and satisfy the debt due to himself by the said John B Hogan in his life time secured by mortgage or deed of trust upon said property. and after satisfying and discharging the claims above referred to, then the said Wm B Sheppard to be required to release and convey said property to the heirs of John B Hogan mentioned in my will, and in the manner disposed of in the will. I desire that the debt referred to above, due to me shall be paid to George G Lyon. one of my Executors and by him loaned out at interested for the benefit of my adopted daughter Ann Maria Biard. in pursuance to the provisions of my Will heretofore made.

Given under my hand and seal this the 20th day of July A D 1857. Maria S. Hogan (Seal)

Wm A Carson. Elizabeth F Jones. B W Glover.

Last Will & Testament of John D Cattin. dec'd } See Minutes Entry Book 4 page

Petition To the Honorable James A Young Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama: The application of James L Terrell and Richard R Pickering respectfully shewith to your Honorable Court that John D Cattin Sr died on the 22nd day of July 1857. that he was at the time of his death an inhabitant of the said County, and that he left assets to a large amount therein. Your applicants further shew to your Honorable Court that the said Cattin left him surviving. Elizabeth F Terrell (formerly Cattin) daughter of the said Cattin. being next of kin to said Cattin who has heretofore intermarried with your applicant James L Terrell. both of whom now reside in said County.

5 Your applicants further shew to your Honorable Court that the said Cattin at the time of his death left a last will and testament bearing date 5th day of 1857. and by the provisions of the same appointed your applicants Executors thereof. In consideration whereof your applicants as such Executors pray your Honorable Court that the same may be proven by them as by law in such cases made and provided and that a time may be set for the hearing of the same and that notice may issue to the said James L Terrell and Elizabeth F Terrell and Thirza June Cade who resides in said County, thereof in order that they may come forward and contest the same if they think proper. and further that letters testamentary issue to your applicants by the said James A Young as Judge of the said Court and your applicants will ever pray &c.

Clarke L Terrell atty for applicants.

Filed July 27th 1857. J A Young Judge &c

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County. } Probate Court July Term A D 1857.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama.

Estate of John D Cattin Sr Deceased. ( ) Greeting: You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Thirza J Cade James F Terrell and Elizabeth F Terrell his wife if to be found in ~~in~~ your County to be and appear before the Hon'l Judge of the Probate Court ~~of Marengo~~ at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th monday of July 1857. and then Cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of John D Cattin Sr Deceased should not be admitted to Probate: Herein fail not. And have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at office this 27th day of July 1857. and in the 81st year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 27th day of July 1857.

Jas A Young Judge.

Return Executed on James L Terrell & wife Elizabeth F Terrell August 10th 1857. Thirza J Cade not found. September 12th 1857.

E T Wattington Sheriff

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County.
Estate of
John D Battin Sen.
Deceased.

Probate Court July Term 1857.
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are hereby Commanded without delay to
Cite Thirza Slade if to be found in your
County to be and appear before the Hon.
Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden
for the County of Marengo on the 4th monday of August
A.D. 1857. and shew Cause if any she has why an instru-
ment on file in said Court purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of John D Battin Sr deceased should
not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not and have
now then and there this Citation with your endorsement
thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at office
this 21st day of July A.D. 1857. and 82nd year of the Independ-
ence of the United States. Issued 27th day of July 1857.

Ja.s A. Young Judge.

Return

I hereby acknowledge legal service of the within notice and
waive all further notice August 1st 1857. Thirza Slade.

Order on Probate of Will.

In the matter of the
Probate of the Will of
John D Battin Sr.
Deceased.

Probate Court Marengo County Alabama —
September Term held the 2nd monday & 14th day
of September 1857.

The testimony of Joseph L Browning one of
the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing instrument propounded as the
last will of John D Battin Sen.r deceased by James L Pinelle and Richd
R Pickering the Executors therein nominated who being first duly sworn
in open Court - testifies and says that he was present on the day the
said instrument bears date, and saw the said John D Battin Sen.r sign
and heard him declare and publish said instrument as his last will &
testament. That at the request of said Battin he and Wm E Clarke they
signed the said instrument as witnesses in the presence of said Battin and of
each other. He further testifies that said Testator was of sound sane and
disposing mind at the time of signing and publishing said instrument
as his last will and testament aforesaid. J.L. Browning.

The probate of the instrument heretofore propounded as the last will
of John D Battin Sen.r coming on this day to be heard and it appearing
that all the legal heirs of said John D Battin have been duly cited
to appear. and it further appearing from the testimony of Joseph L
Browning one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument, now
here in Court, reduced to writing and signed by him. that said instrument
was duly executed by said John D Battin Sen.r on day of its date.
It is therefore ordered and decreed that said instrument be entered of
as the last will and testament of said John D Battin Sen.r deceased and
that Letters Testamentary thereon issue to Richard R Pickering and James
L Pinelle. the Executors therein nominated.

Ja.s A Young Judge &c.

Will.

Last I John D Battin. of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama. being
of sound mind, and conscious of the uncertainty of this life, do hereby make,
publish, and declare this my last will and testament as follows. to wit. —
1st I desire that my body be decently interred, and that my funeral be
conducted in such manner as my Executors shall direct. My Soul I resign
to God, who gave it: And my property, Real personal and mixed, of every
description I devise and bequeath as follows: — To my daughter Elizabeth F
Pinelle. I devise all of my real Estate not hereinafter disposed of, for
and during her natural life, and at her death to such child or
children of hers as may survive her, and the descendants of such
child or children as may then be dead. share and share alike. excepting
the said descendants shall take the share to which their deceased parent
would have been entitled if alive; I also give and bequeath unto
my said daughter Elizabeth all of the slaves I may own at the time of my death
Excepting such as I hereinafter specifically dispose of, to be
held and enjoyed by her for and during her natural life, and at
her death to such child or Children as she may leave her surviving
and to the descendants of such child or children as may be dead
such descendant to take the share to which their deceased parent
would have been entitled if living: I further give to my said
daughter the remainder of my property not hereinafter specifically
disposed of, subject to the payment of such specific legacies
as I shall hereinafter create. 2nd If my said daughter Elizabeth
shall die leaving no child or children surviving, nor the descendant of
any such child or children, and descendants of such child or
children shall die before attaining the age of twenty one years
leaving no lineal descendant him, her or them surviving. I devise
and bequeath all of the property hereinbefore devised and
bequeathed to my said daughter. to the daughters of children
of my daughter Thirza Jane Slade which she now has or may
hereafter have, and the descendants of such children of said
children as may then be dead. such descendant to take
the share to which their deceased parent would have been be
entitled if living. 3rd To my said daughter Thirza Jane
Slade in addition to what I have heretofore given her. I
devise my tract of land in Marengo County known as the
Pennington tract containing about 240 acres: I also give
and bequeath unto my said daughter Thirza Jane the
sum of Ten Thousand dollars in cash to be paid her by my
Executors. 4th To my adopted son John D Battin Junr.
who has recently removed to the State of Mississippi. I give and
bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand dollars in cash to be
paid him by my Executors. 5th To the children of my said
daughter Thirza Jane now born to her. I give and bequeath the
following named slaves. being those belonging to my
plantation situate on the Road from white Hall to Linden
in Marengo County known as Antioch town. Bacchus.
Alfred. Bob. Jim. Battis. Dick. Batts. Wagoner Dick. Albert
Henry. Armistead. Caleb. Peter. Pembroke. Clifford Anderson
James. Spencer. Bill. Sidney. Leaird. Rachel. Mary Battis.
Mary Manuela. Mary Matthews. Sarah. Linda. Sarah Ann —

Savinia - Sophronia - Governor - Amanda - Mariah - Dianna - Betsey -
Hermella - Jane - Jimmy Susan - Oliver - Laura, William - George -
Lettie Stafford - Toney - Malinna - Isaac - Moses - Louisa - Sylvester -
Washington - Harriet - Josephine Sarah Ann of Dayton and Emeline
of the Terrell place both of whom are children and little Sam of
Dayton who is the son of Mary Murrell, together with the horses
Mules and other stock on said plantation at my death.
(excepting the Sheep and hogs) also all of the Corn, fodder, oats
and planting utensils - Wagons - Carts - Gear &c. then on said
plantation "Antioch" the foregoing property and all other
property hereinbefore given to the daughters of my said
daughter Thirza Jane, I give, bequeath and devise to them, for
and during their natural lives, and at the death of either of them
to such child or children as she may leave her surviving, and
the descendants of such child or children as may then be dead,
and such descendant to take the share to which their deceased
parent would be entitled if alive - And if any of the daughters of
my said daughter Thirza Jane die, leaving no child her surviving
nor the descendants of any such child, or if the child so surviving
or the descendant of a deceased child shall die before attaining
the age of twenty one years, leaving no child him or her surviving
the property hereinbefore given and devised to the such
daughter of the said Thirza Jane, is to be equally divided
between the children of the said Thirza Jane as are then alive,
and the descendants of such as are then dead, share and share alike
except the said descendants are to take the share to which the
deceased parent would be entitled if living: I hereby further
direct that the said slaves, Mules, horses, cattle, corn,
fodder, wagons - Carts &c on said plantation "Antioch"
shall be kept together until the present growing crop is saved,
whom my Executors are hereby directed to divide the same between
the said children of my said daughter Thirza Jane.
6th To my Grand Son John Cattin Leade - son of my said
daughter Thirza Jane - I devise my plantation hereinbefore
described as "Antioch", giving and reserving however to my
grand daughter Adolpha, the sister of said John Cattin
Leade, the right to work her hands jointly on said plantation
with the hands of the said John Cattin Leade - and the right
to such share of the proceeds of said plantation as her number
of hands will entitle her to, until she marries or attains the age of
twenty one years, if her Guardian shall think proper to work her
hands on said plantation, If however her Guardian shall
decline so to do, then the said plantation ~~shall~~ is to be enjoyed
by the said John Cattin Leade alone; My object is to provide
Land for the said Adolpha's hands to cultivate and reside
on, till she marries or attains 21 years of age, and as there
is enough often Land on said plantation to work her negroes
and the negroes of ~~said~~ John Cattin Leade I think it better
that they should be worked together jointly on "Antioch"
In furtherance of this object I give and bequeath to the said
John Cattin Leade and Adolpha, all of my stock of Sheep and

Hogs on said "Antioch" at the time of my death. Except 20 head of
pork hogs to be selected by my Executor, for the use of my Estate
out of those to be fattened for pork for the coming year. Said
Sheep and hogs to be kept together on said plantation for the
use thereof, until the said Adolpha marries or arrives at 21
years of age, when the same are to be equally divided. If however
her said Guardian declines working her hands on said planta-
tion, or abandons the same before the said Adolpha attains
the age of 21 years or marries, then the said stock of Sheep &
hogs ~~are~~ is to be equally divided between them.
7th To my Son in Law James L. Terrell, as a token of my esteem
I give, bequeath and devise, all of that portion of my plantation
in said County, known as the "Cherry place", lying north of the
fence dividing said "Cherry place" from my "Brame place" which
said fence commences at the line of the Sands of Edward Baptist
and runs West to the Land of Richard G. Napier, and is known
as the "dividing fence" between said "Cherry & Brame place"
and the following named slaves to wit: Solomon & his wife
Hagar, and their children, and Paul & his wife Polly and their
children.
8th To my Executors hereinafter named I give and bequeath - Robert
the child of my house servant Lucy and the sum of Four thousand
dollars in cash - upon the following trusts - that my said Executors
as soon after my death as they can conveniently, shall remove
said Robert to some ~~st~~ nonslaveholding state - where he can
enjoy his freedom and then emancipate him, and place him
in a comfortable condition, and give him a good English
Education - and the means to defray the expenses of
removing him to such non slave holding state as my
Executors may carry him to, are to be paid out or sup-
plied from the funds of my Estate: The said sum of
four thousand dollars my said Executors are hereby directed
to loan out at legal interest the State of Alabama, and the
interest arising therefrom, to apply to the support, education
and maintenance of the said Robert - until he attains the
age of twenty one years - and when he arrives at twenty
one years of age, my said Executors are hereby directed
to pay over to him the said sum of four thousand dollars
and any interest thereon remaining unexpended: If
however the said Robert shall die before attaining 21
one years of age, leaving no child him surviving
then the said sum of Four thousand dollars, with
such interest thereon as remains unexpended, are to
and shall become a part of the Estate of my said
daughter Elizabeth, subject to the same condition and
restriction as the other property hereinbefore given
and devised to her.
9th I hereby direct my said Executors to allow my
said house servant Lucy, to select a master or
mistress from my children to wit: Elizabeth, Thirza Jane
Leade - or John D. Cattin Junr. and the one: she so selects,
shall be allowed to take her at a reasonable valuation

by two any two disinterested persons, appointed by my Executors for that purpose - I am advised that this bequest is in violation of the laws of Alabama - but as no one but my daughter Eliza-beth can interpose an objection - I make it in full confidence that she will see it carried out - I further desire that should the said Lucy become dissatisfied with the master or mistress she so selects, and desires to go to either of my other children that they will allow her to do so, and that such other of my children will ~~do~~ ~~do~~ receive her, and refund her value. My object is to secure her a comfortable home in her old age. I leave this as a dying request to my children, which I trust and believe they will not disregard.

10th To my Nephews, John D Cattlin who resides in Montgomery and Sanford E Catterlin who lives at Mount Sterling, I give the sum of one thousand dollars Each, to be paid them by my Executors;

11th I hereby nominate and appoint my said son in Law James L Terrell, and my esteemed and truly friend - Richard R Pickering Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this the Fifth day of May AD 1857.

J. D. Cattlin Senr. (Seal)

We the undersigned subscribing witnesses hereby certify that the above named John D Cattlin signed and delivered the foregoing instrument as his last will and testament in our presence, on the day and year therein mentioned, and that we sign our names hereto as witnesses at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, this 5th day of May AD 1857. J L Browning. W. E. Clarke.

Filed July 27th 1857.
J A Young Judge.

Last Will & Testament of William H Campbell. Deceased

See Minutes Entry on Book G page 322.

Will Filed May 20th 1857 J A Young

I Wm H Campbell of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make and publish this my last and only will by me made at any time as followeth my will is, and I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife wife Emma Campbell all my Real and personal property which I now own and am in possession of, and give her full power and control to use sell and convey any part of my Estate she may deem necessary for her support, and for the raising and educating my children: And I appoint that my dear wife shall have the guardianship and tuition of them during their minority so long as she shall continue ~~single~~ sole, and in case she should marry again, my will is and I appoint that a fair appraisement be made by three disinterested neighbors, and a fair and equal division be made by them between my beloved wife, giving them equal share with my children, all equal share alike: and my will is that my said wife shall not be required to give Bond, and that the Probate Court, or any other Court shall have no power or control over any part of my Estate whatsoever; In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and and affix my seal, this the 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven.

W H Campbell. (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us who have subscribed in presence of each oth. Geo Barkley. M Pruitt. John Hale. his mark

The State of Alabama Marengo County. I George Barkley an acting Justice of the Peace in said County hereby certify that I saw Wm H Campbell sign the within instrument, and he acknowledged before me that the same fully contained his will, and also saw the within subscribing witnesses sign said will in presence of each other on the day the same bears date. Witness my hand & seal this May 18th 1857. George Barkley (Seal) J.P.

order on probate of Will.

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Probate Court June Term 1857. The testimony of Meshack Pruitt one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument, who being first duly sworn in open Court deposes & says, that he was present on the 2nd day of May 1857. & saw Wm H Campbell sign and publish the foregoing instrument as his last will & Testament, that he together with George Barkley & John Hale the other subscribing witnesses subscribed the same as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said Campbell. That the the other witnesses were present and saw said Campbell sign & publish said instrument as his last will & testament, and that the same was read over in the hearing of said Campbell before signing, witness further says that said Campbell was of sane mind at the time of the execution of said Will.

Meshack Pruitt.

And upon the foregoing testimony of M Pruitt it is ordered by the Court that said instrument be admitted to record as the last will & testament of said Wm H Campbell, and that letters testamentary thereon be granted — J A Young Judge

Last Will & Testament of Wm R Drinkard. (Decd) — See Minutes G page 318.

Will. State of Alabama Marengo County — Knowing that it is allotted to all persons to die; I hereby ordain and Constitute this my last Will and testament being in a sound and disposing mind. 1st After all of my just debts shall have been paid I give and bequeath to my dear wife Drinkard for her use and service her life time, and at her death to descend to my children, my whole Estate both Real and personal. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, This 29th April 1857.

Wm R his mark Drinkard (seal)

Witness Gideon Coward. E Drinkard. J S Cunninghame.

Order on Probate of Will. The State of Alabama Marengo County. — Probate Court held May 28th 1857. The testimony of Doct James S Cunninghame of the subscribing witness to the foregoing instrument, who being first duly sworn to tell the whole truth deposes & says that he was present at on the 29th day of April 1857. and saw Wm R Drinkard whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument sign the same by making his mark, and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament. That he and Gideon Coward & Ellington Drinkard the other subscribing Witnesses were all present and signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testator. and in the presence of each other, that said Will was read over to testator before signing and was fully understood by him; Deponent further says that said testator was at the time of signing the same of sane and disposing mind & memory.

J S Cunninghame.

Probate Court held May 28th 1857. Upon the testimony of J S Cunninghame one of the subscribing witness it is ordered that the foregoing instrument be admitted to Record as the Last will of Wm R Drinkard deceased. and that letters of Administration be granted thereon.

Jas A. Young Judge &c.

Filed for Probate May 28th 1857
J A Young

Last Will & Testament of Marion N Greer decd. — See Minutes Entry Book G. on page 321.

Will. State of Alabama Marengo County. — Whereas, I Marion N Greer being now in my proper mind and senses do make this my last will and testament to wit I give and bequeath all my property, consisting of Land Negroes, stock of all description, monies, notes, household and kitchen furniture and every thing I may be possessed of to my wife Pernesia E Greer, to be held and kept by her without rendering any account of it to the Court, and without having to go through with the formality of administration, and without having to give any bond and security, But to be held and kept together by her for the use of herself and children, until each one marries or becomes of age, at which time each shall receive one fifth or an equal portion of my property; But provided my wife should marry again I then want my property to be divided equally between her and my children each receiving the same amount. Furthermore should my place become sickly or unprofitable. and three disinterested persons advise that it should be sold. I want my wife to have perfect liberty to sell and by another if she chooses. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of May AD 1857.

M N Greer. (seal)

Signed & Witnessed at the request of M N Greer in the presence of each other the day and year above named.

Saml Pruitt (seal) J Roberts (seal) John W Smith (seal)

Order on Probate of Will. Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama June Term held June 8th 1857. The testimony of Saml Pruitt one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument who being duly sworn and examined in open Court deposes and say that he was present on the 5th day of May AD 1857. and saw Marion N Greer sign and publish the foregoing instrument as his last will and testament: that he and Joseph Roberts and John W Smith the other subscribing witnesses subscribed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Marion N Greer and in the presence of each other. and that said instrument was read over in the hearing of said Marion N. before being signed by him. Witness further say that said Marion N Greer was at the time of signing the said will of sound & disposing mind & memory.

Saml Pruitt. Jr.

And upon the foregoing testimony of Saml Pruitt subscribed by him in open Court. that said instrument be admitted to Record as the Last Will and testament of said Marion N Greer And that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

Jas A Young Judge.

Filed May 28th 1857. for Probate in my office
J A Young Judge

Petition

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said
Marengo County } County

The petition of David B Bush, represents unto your Honor that Mary E Bush the wife of your petitioner, who was with your petitioner, a resident of said county and state, at the time of her death, departed this life on the first day of November 1857. leaving a last Will and testament, duly signed and published by her, and attested by L B Bush, Dr Joseph Moore & W Jacob Parker all resident citizens of said County at this time – in which said last will and testament, your petitioner is named as the legatee therein – and is interested in the estate of said decedent, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner shows that the said Mary E Bush left surviving her an infant son, a few days old named Richard Caleb Bush, who is her only heir and next of kin. Your petitioner further states, that the next of kin of said decedent are her brothers and sisters of the whole and of the half blood to wit, Camilla A, wife of Allen G Waters Caleb J Williams, a minor brother, and William C Williams a minor brother all residents of said county, and of same mind, and of the whole blood – and Louisa J Williams & Evant Williams, minor children of the half blood, and reside with their mother in said County. In consideration of all which, your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition; that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on said appointed day – that due notice of this application may be given to the above named and described next of kin of said deceased; and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises, as may be requisite and proper to effect the due Probate and record of said will according to law, and as in duty bound he will pray &c David B. Bush by his attys Siddons & Woolf

Citation

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Novr Term 1857
Marengo County } To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
Estate of Mary E Bush } Greeting. You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite Louisa J Williams & Evant Williams if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 28th day of November 1857 and show cause if any they have why an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Mary E Bush decd propounded this day by David B Bush, should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon Witness J A Young clerk of said Court at office, this 6th day of Nov 1857

and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States J A Young Issued 6th day of Novr 1857 James A Young Executed in full 24th Nov 1857. E T Wattington Shff By J Glaf D.S.

Citation

The State of Alabama } Probate Court November Term 1857. To any
Marengo County } Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting
Estate of Mary E Williams } You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite Camilla Waters & Allen G Waters her husband, and William Cain Williams & Caleb J Williams if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 2 Monday of December, 1857. and show cause if any they have why an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary E Bush deceased, propounded this day by David B Bush, should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said court at office, this 6th day of Novr 1857 and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 6th day of Novr 1857 J A Young Executed on Allen G Waters & wife 18th Novr 1857. Wm C Williams & Caleb J Williams not found 18th day Novr 1857 E T Wattington Shff By J Glaf D.S.

Citation

The State of Alabama } Probate Court November Term 1857
Marengo County } To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting
Estate of Mary E Bush } You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite Richard Caleb Bush infant heir of Mary E Bush if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 5th day of December 1857. and show cause why an instrument propounded as the last will of said Mary E Bush by David B Bush, should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young. Judge of said Court at office this 30th day of December 1857. and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States J A Young Judge. The Sheriff will serve the within citation upon Allen G Waters in whose case the said infant is J A Young Issued 30th day of Novr 1857. Executed Novr 30th 1857 E T Wattington Shff by S Hylton D.S.

Order on Probate of Will

In the Matter of the } The State of Alabama Marengo County
Will of } Probate Court held Decr 5th 1857
Mrs Mary E. Bush } Testimony of Doctor Joseph Moore and Doctor Lewis B Bush taken in this cause in open Court on the 5th day of December 1857 upon Examination of Counsel for proponent and cross examination of W. E Clarke Esqr guardian ad litem for Richard Caleb Bush infant child of Testatrix. The said witnesses being first solemnly sworn to tell the truth and the whole truth depose and say as follows to wit the said Joseph Moore deposes and says that he was present on the friday the 30th day of October 1857 as a practising physician in attendance upon the said Mary E Bush that the paper propounded as her will here to annexed being dated the 13th of October 1857 which was already signed with her name was presented to him and she requested him to sign it as a witness. That he did so sign it in her presence, and in

The presence of Doctor C B Bush one of the other subscribing witnesses. He further deposes that she was at the time of same & disposing mind, and that she died on the ensuing morning following execution of said will. He further testifies that he saw no effort made by any one to influence her to make said will, and did not hear of any such being made Joseph Moore. And Doctor C B Bush testifies and says that he was present on the said 31st day of October 1857 and at the request of the said testatrix who was his daughter-in-law got the instrument proponnded and delivered it to her that she signed the same in his presence and requested him to sign it as a witness & that he did sign it in her presence. He further says that she was of as sane and disposing mind as he ever saw her. He further says that she had before that conversed with him upon the subject of the disposition of her property and said she wished her property all to go to her husband, That he told her if such was her wish and intention she would have to make will, as it must be done in writing. He further says that she told him that the her husband had no knowledge of the instrument or that she had ever penned such an one until the day before its execution. He further says her infant son is in the care of Allen G Waters & wife, and has been in their care since the death of Mr Bush. C. B. Bush

In the Matter of the Will of Mary E Bush decd

In Probate Court Marengo County. Held the 3rd day of December A.D. 1858 —

On this case it is ordered by the Court that William E Clarke Esq be appointed guardian ad litem for Richard C Bush a Minor & sole child of said Mary E Bush to defend against the probate of the instrument propounded as the last will of said Mary E Bush, and the said William E Clarke comes and accepts said appointment and denies that said instrument is the last will and testament of said Mary E Bush and Now this day comes the said Davis B Bush the proponent and the Probate of said instrument being heard it appears to the satisfaction of the Court from the testimony of Doctor Davis B Bush and Doctor Joseph R Moore that said instrument was duly and properly Executed by said Mary E Bush as her last will and testament and that she was of sane and disposing mind at the time, the testimony of said witnesses being reduced to writing & signed by them and appended to said will. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be admitted to Record as the last will and testament of said Mary E Bush

Jas A Young
Judge &c

1857

Will

State of Alabama, Marengo County Oct 15th 1857

Know All Men by these Presents that I C B Bush do give my soul to God and I bequeath in My Testator and Mother, undivided estate. Wherefore I will to him Mary Maria and Joseph, Negroes That I have in my possession at this time, to dispose of in any manner which he sees proper, Mary E. Bush attest C B Bush Joseph Moore W Jacob Parker

Last Will
of
R B W Kirksey
Deceased

Petition

To the Honorable the Judge of the probate court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama — The petition of Hester M Kirksey a citizen of Green County in said state sheweth unto your Honor that Robert B W Kirksey late of a citizen of & residing in Marengo County aforesaid departed this life on the 8 day of February 1857, then being of sound and disposing mind and memory made published and declared his last will and testament in writing in the presence of three subscribing witnesses who attested the same as such in his presence wherein & whereby the said testator among other things appointed your petitioner sole executor thereof & the testamentary guardian of his children which said last will and testament is herewith filed and proponnded for Probate in your Honorable Court — and your petitioner further sheweth unto your Honor that the said Robert B W Kirksey after the making of said last will & testament on the 11th day of October 1857, without having revoking or in any way altered the same departed this life at his residence in said County leaving a considerable estate real & personal therein and also leaving him surviving Ann Kirksey his widow — and the following named children his only heirs at law, that is to say, Susan Ella Kirksey — Mary Elizabeth Kirksey — Ann Parker Kirksey, & Roberta Kirksey all of whom are minors under the age of fourteen years and residing together in Marengo County, with their mother the said Ann Kirksey. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honor to order citation issue as required by law, and on the final hearing of this petition that your Honor will be order & decree that the said paper herewith proponnded be admitted to Probate and Established & Recorded as the last will & testament of the said Robert B W Kirksey — and that your Honor would make all such other and further orders & decree as may be necessary and proper in the premises & as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Filed 14th Nov 1857
J C Young

Hester M Kirksey
By J H Hale his
Attorney

Filed 14th Nov 1857
Jas Young

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
R. B. W. Kirksey
Decd

Probate Court December Term, 1857
To any sheriff of the State of Alabama - greeting
You are hereby commanded without
delay, to cite Ann Kirksey widow
of R. B. W. Kirksey deceased and
Susan Ella Kirksey, Mary Elizabeth Kirksey, Ann Parker Kirksey
& Roberta Kirksey Minor children of said deceased if to be
found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable
Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 4th Monday of December
1857 and show cause if any they have why an instrument
in writing ~~purporting to be the~~ on file in said Court -
purporting to be the last will and testament of said R. B.
W Kirksey Decd should not be admitted to Probate.
Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation
with your endorsement thereon. Witness Jas A Young, Judge
of said Court at office this 9th day of Decr 1857 and in the
82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 9th
day of Decr 1857. James A. Young Judge &c
Received in Sheriffs office the 10th day of Decemr 1857 Executed
Decr 15th 1857 on Ann Kirksey Susan E. Kirksey, Mary E
Kirksey, Ann P. Kirksey, Roberta Kirksey. E. T. Wallington
Shff by S Hytton D.S.

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
R. B. Kirksey Decd

Probate Court November Term 1857
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting
You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite
Ann Kirksey widow of said deceased, Susan
Ella Kirksey, Mary Elizabeth Kirksey, Ann Parker Kirksey and
Roberta Kirksey Minor children of said deceased, if to be found
in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the
Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County
of Marengo, on the 2 Monday of December 1857 and show cause
if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will and testament of R. B. W. Kirksey
deceased should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail
not, and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness Jas A Young Judge of said Court, at
office this 14 day of November 1857 and in the 83d year of the
Independence of the United States. Issued 14th day of Nov 1857
Jas A Young Judge &c
Not Executed December 10th 1857 E. T. Wallington Shff

Foster M Kirksey Ex
of the Est: R. B. W. Kirksey decd
Vs
Susan Ella Kirksey
Mary Elizabeth Kirksey
Ann Parker Kirksey
& Roberta Kirksey
Minor Heirs of said R. B. W.
Kirksey deceased

In the Matter of the Probate
of Last Will & Testament
Pending in the Probate Court
of Marengo County Alabama
On Petition of Foster M Kirksey
To the Honorable James A Young
Judge of the Probate Court of
said County -
The undersigned appointed
by your Honor to act as guardian ad litem for said
Minors in the hearing of the ~~Cause~~ above entitled

cause on the petition of Foster M Kirksey, accepts said
appointment and waives notice and comes & denies all
the allegations contained in said petition which are
against the interest and advantage of said minors and
prays your Honor to hold the said petition to strict and
legal proof of the same, and as in duty bound for the
interest of said minors will even pray &c. Robt D Hart
Guardian ad litem for said Minor heirs of Robt B W Kirksey decd

The State of Alabama Marengo County

In the Matter of the
last will of
Robert B. W. Kirksey

In the Probate Court of said
County at a term held the 10th day of
January A D 1858

The testimony of Samuel Chapman one of the subscribing
witnesses to said will who being first duly sworn in
open court deposes and says that he was present on the
8th day of February A D 1857 the day said instrument bears
date and saw said Robert B W Kirksey sign and publish the same as his last will & testament, that he
& Dr S J Harris and Mary McQuellen all subscribed their
names to said instrument as witnesses at the request &
in the presence of said testator, and in the presence of each
other, he further testifies that said testator was at the time
of same and disposing mind and memory
S. E. Capman

Order on Probate of Will

This day came F M Kirksey the Executor nominated
in the instrument propounded as the last will of Robert
B. W. Kirksey and likewise came the minor heirs of said
testator, by Robert D Hart Esqr their guardian ad litem
and the Probate of said instrument being heard It appeared to the satisfaction of the court that said will was legally & properly Executed by said R. B. W. Kirksey on the day
the same bears date as will more fully appear by reference
to the testimony of Samuel E. Chapman one of the subscribing witnesses, which testimony is reduced to writing
& signed by him & appended to said will. It is therefore
ordered and decreed by the court that said instrument
be admitted to record as the last will & testament of said
Robert B W Kirksey, and that letters testamentary issue
thereon

Jas A Young
Judge &c

Cause on the petition of Walter M Kirksey, accepts said appointment and waives notice and comes & denies all the allegations contained in said petition which are against the interest and advantage of said minors and prays your Honor to hold the said petition to strict and legal proof of the same, and as in duty bound for the interest of said Minors will ever pray &c. Robt D Hart Guardian ad litem for said Minor heirs of Robt B W Kirksey dd

The State of Alabama Marengo County

In the Matter of the Last Will of Robert B. W. Kirksey } In the Probate Court of said County at a term held the 1st day of January A D 1856

The testimony of Samuel E Chapman one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will who being first duly sworn in open Court deposes and says that he was present on the 6th day of February A D 1857 the day said instrument bears date and saw said Robert B W Kirksey sign and publish the same as his last Will & Testament, that he & Dr J G Harris and Mary McQueen all subscribed their names to said instrument as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said Testator, and in the presence of each other, he further testifies that said testator was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory

S. E. Chapman

Order on Probate of Will

This day came W M Kirksey the Executor nominated in the instrument proponded as the last will of Robert B. W. Kirksey and likewise came the Minor heirs of said testator, by Robert D Hart Esq their guardian ad litem and the Probate of said instrument being heard & appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said will was legally & properly Executed by said R. B. W. Kirksey on the day the same bears date as will more fully appear by reference to the testimony of Samuel E. Chapman one of the subscribing witnesses, which testimony is reduced to writing & signed by him & appended to said will. It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that said instrument be admitted to Record as the last will & testament of said Robert B W Kirksey, and that Letters testamentary issue thereon

Jas A Young
Judge &c

Will

The last Will & Testament
of Robert B W Kirksey
of Marengo County Ala

I Robert B W Kirksey being of sound Mind and disposing Memory, do Make, ordain, publish and declare this My last Will & Testament in Manner and form following, that is to say;

Item 1st I order and direct My Executor hereinafter named to pay My just debts and funeral expences out of the first Monies that may come to his hands out of My estate

" 2nd My will and desire is, that My estate real & personal shall be kept together That My slaves be employed in the cultivation of My plantation consisting of about twenty four hundred acres of land, under the Control and Management of My Executor that he raise Crops and dispose of the same, and in all things conduct the business of the estate in the same Manner as I My self would do were I living That My wife & Children be properly supported as well than now or as those that may hereafter be born either before or after My death, and they all well educated out of the proceeds of My estate My first object being to provide liberally for My family, and that My said estate shall be kept together until the happening of some one of the contingencies hereinafter provided for Provided however that it shall be wholly discretionary with My Executor as to Manage & conduct My estate as to promote the best interests both of My family and estate.

" 3rd Should My wife Ann Kirksey at any time desire it done, it is hereby made the duty of My Executor to allot off & set apart to her one equal child's part of My estate real and personal, or should she at any time marry, it shall be his duty to do so without her request; the balance of My estate still to continue under the Management of My Executor as above provided for the support, maintenance and education of My children

" 4 Whenever any of My children shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, or marry, then My Executor shall allot off and set apart to it, his or her equal part of My estate real & personal, which part or share shall then vest in such child and so continue to do as each of My children shall arrive of the age of twenty one, or marry, and I hereby declare it to be My will and intention that the support of My wife, so long as she remains unmarried and does not require her share of My estate to be allotted off to her, and the Maintenance and education of My Children shall be a common charge upon My estate and no separate accounts kept against any of them therefor, and that each one shall have an equal share of My estate, estimating each share at the time it shall be allotted off as above provided provided that if either one of My children shall die before its share is allotted off to it, then the share of the

Will

The last Will & Testament
of Robert B W Kirksey
of Marengo County Ala

I Robert B W Kirksey being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, ordain, publish and declare this my last will & testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item 1st I order and direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay my just debts and funeral expences out of the first monies that may come to his hands out of my estate

" 2nd My will and desire is, that my estate real & personal shall be kept together — that my slaves be employed in the cultivation of my plantation consisting of about twenty four hundred acres of land, under the control and management of my Executor that he raise crops and dispose of the same, and in all things conduct the business of the estate in the same manner as I myself would do were & living that my wife & children be properly supported as well those now born as those that may hereafter be born either before or after my death, and they all well educated out of the proceeds of my estate — my first object being to provide liberally for the support of my family, and that my said estate shall be kept together until the happening of some one of the contingences hereinafter provided for — Provided however that it shall be wholly discretionary with my Executor as to manage & conduct my estate as to promote the best interests both of my family and estate.

" 3d Should my wife Ann Kirksey at any time desire it done, it is hereby made the duty of my Executor to allot off & set apart to her one equal childs part of my estate real and personal, or should she at any time marry, it shall be his duty to do so without her request; the balance of my estate still to continue under the management of my Executor as above provided for the support, maintenance and education of my children

" 4 Whenever any of my children shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, or marry, then my executor shall allot off and set apart to it his or her equal part of my estate real & personal, which part or share shall then vest in such child — and so continue to do as such of my children shall arrive of the age of twenty one, or marry, and I hereby declare it to be my will and intention that the support of my wife, so long as she remains unmarried and does not require her share of my estate to be allotted off to her, and the maintenance and education of my children shall be a common charge upon my estate and no separate accounts kept against any of them therefor, and that each one shall have an equal share of my estate, estimating each share at the time it shall be allotted off as above provided: provided that if either one of my children shall die before its share is allotted off to it, then the share of the

one so dying shall go to my other children, and the share of my wife be ther increased or diminished thereby.

Item 5th as long as my estate be kept together under the foregoing provisions and no division thereof made, and no part allotted off, it shall be the duty of my Executor to provide a suitable house for the residence of my wife and children either on the plantation or elsewhere as my wife shall desire the same to be furnished and provided with servants and all things else in a manner suitable and proper to their condition in life, having reference to the size of my estate the expences thereof to be paid out of the income and profits of my estate, as above provided in reference to their support and maintenance.

" 6th I authorize and direct my executor to loan out the surplus of the proceeds and profits of my estate after carrying into effect the foregoing provisions in reference to the support and education of my family as well as any other funds that may come into his hands under the provisions of this will.

" 7th I authorise and empower my executor to sell and convey at his discretion any real estate of which I may die seized & popeped other than the plantation which I now cultivate on such terms as he may think proper — also to sell and dispose of any slave, if from its bad conduct or other cause he should think the interest of my estate required it.

" 8th At any time it should be necessary, in the opinion of my executor, for the profitable employment of my slaves in agriculture to have more lands than my present plantation, he is hereby fully authorised and empowered to purchase the same either in Marengo or Wilcox counties in Alabama and pay for the same out of any funds in his hands arising from my estate

" 9th If all my children should die, leaving no child or children or descendants them surviving at the time of their death — then it is my will and desire that their portions or shares of my estate shall be divided between my wife and my brothers and sisters my wife taking two shares and each brother & sister then living a share, and the descendants of any brother or sister that may then be dead taking among them the share of their ancestor

" 10th It is my will and desire that my nepew E. J. Kirksey shall be allowed the sum of seven hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my estate to be paid him by my executor in two equal annual instalments for the purpose of completing his education

" 11th I hereby nominate and appoint my brother, Foster M Kirksey executor of this my last will and testament and testamentary guardian of my children. Thereby revoking all other wills by me made

R. B. W. Kirksey (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as his last will and testament by Robert B. W. Kirksey in our presence this 8th day of February A D 1857. The word "executors" was interlined in the last line of the proceeding page before signing

Mary McGuellen.
Samuel E. Chapman
H. J. Harris

Petition

Est of Nancy Beasley dec'd } The state of Alabama Marengo County } Probate Court

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of the Probate Court of said County and State —

Your petitioner would represent unto your Honor that Nancy Beasley late of said County departed this life in said County on or about the 28th day of September leaving a paper, which is hereto attached, & prayed to be taken as a part of this petition, purporting to be her last will and testament. That the said Nancy Beasley left no husband or children surviving her but left the following persons as her next of kin, who are her brothers and sisters of half blood and who are as follows viz: Sarah Cushon wife of Elisha Cushon over 21 years of age and reside in Covington County state of Alabama — Polly Horton wife of your petitioner James Horton who is over the age of 21 years and reside in Marengo County aforesaid LeRoy Beasley who is over 21 years of age and reside in Marengo County aforesaid — Frank Beasley who is over 21 years and reside in Morehouse parish in the state of Louisiana — and Martha Beasley and Edith Melissa Beasley who are both over the age of 21 years and reside in Covington County in said state of Alabama. And your petitioner would further represent that James M Bragg and Joseph M Bell are subscribing witnesses to said will and they reside in said Marengo County state of Alabama — and your petitioner now here, propounds the said paper, as the said last will of Nancy Beasley as in duty bound he he will even pray &c

James Horton
by Lyon & Jones
atty

Filed Oct 13/56

The State of Alabama

To any sheriff of the state of Alabama — Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Jasper M Bell & James M Bragg to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the court to be holden for the County of Marengo, at the court House thereof in Linden, on the second Monday of November 1857, on the 1st day of said term, as also to be and appear from term to term, and from day to day of each term of said Court, to testify and give evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court, between Jas Haughton Plaintiff, and Carter & wife Et al defendants on the part and behalf of the said plff and have you then and there this writ, with your endorsement thereon Witness J A Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 12 day of Oct A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven and 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 12 day of Oct 1857 J A Young Judge &c

Received in office the 12 day of Oct 1857. Executed Oct 28th 1857 on Jas Bragg and Jasper M Bell E T Wattington Shff by S. Hylton dis

The State of Alabama

To any sheriff of the state of Alabama — Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Jasper M Bell & James M Bragg to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court, at the court to be holden for the County of Marengo, at the Court House thereof in Linden, on the second Monday of November 1857 on the first day of said term as also to be and appear from term to term, and from day to day of each term of said Court, to testify and give evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court, in the Matter of the probate of the will of Nancy Beasley, and have you then and there this writ, with your endorsement thereon Witness James A Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 13th day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven and 81 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 13th day Oct 1857 J A Young Judge &c

Executed on Jasper M Bell Oct 28th 1857.

Citation

The state of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
Nancy Beasley } Probate Court Sept Term 1857

To any sheriff of the state of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite Claiborne Alsebrook & Edith Alsebrook his wife and LeRoy Carter and Martha Carter his wife, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2 monday of October 1857 and show cause if any they have why an instrument heretofore propounded as the last will of Nancy Beasley dec'd should not be admitted to probate. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon Witness J A Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 22nd day of Sept. 1857 and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 22nd day of Sept 1857

J A Young Judge &c

Received in sheriff's office the 26th day of Sept 1857. Executed Sept 29th 1857 on LeRoy Carter and wife Martha Carter. Executed Oct 7th 1857 on Claiborne Alsebrook and wife Edith Alsebrook. E. T. Wattington Shff By S Hylton D.S.

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
Nancy Beasley dec'd } Probate Court October Term 1856

To any sheriff of the state of Alabama Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite LeRoy Beasley, if to be found in your county to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 4th Monday of November 1856 and show cause if any he has why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will & testament of Nancy Beasley late of said County deceased should not be admitted to probate. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon

Witness J A Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 31st day of October 1856 and in the 81 year of the Independence of the United States Issued 31st day of October 1856 J A Young Judge &c
Received in Sheriffs office 31st day of Oct 1856 Executed November 1st 1856. E T Wallington Sheriff

Order on Probate of Will

The testimony of Jasper M Bell. And the said Jasper M Bell being first duly sworn says that he saw Nancy Beasly in her life time — that he said her sign the foregoing or within paper as her last will and testament and he also saw James M Bragg the other subscribing witness sign the same that this deponent signed the said will as a subscribing witness & that he & said Bragg signed the same as such witnesses in the presence of said Nancy Beasly and at her request, that it was done at the date mentioned in said will and that said Nancy was then of sound mind — that this witness read over the said will to said Nancy & she seemed to understand it fully &c — Jasper M Bell
Subscribed before me Jas A Young Judge of Probate Probate Court Marengo County November Term A.D. 1857. Let the foregoing instrument be admitted to Probate & Recorded as the last will of Nancy Beasly J A Young Judge &c

Last Will of Nancy Beasly Decd

I Nancy Beasly of Marengo County in the state of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and testament.

1 My will and desire is that all of my just debts be paid and that any property I may have at my death may be sold and applied to this purpose 2 All my land lying on the Tombigbee River in said Marengo County known as the "Beasly land" and described as the South west quarter of section thirty (30) Township eighteen (18) Range two (2) East containing eighty three 27/100 acres more or less, and the actional section twenty five (25) of Township eighteen (18) Range one East containing two & half acres. I bequeathe and devise to my brother in law James Horton, to have and to hold the same for and during his life, exercising such control and ownership over it as he pleases — with power to sell the same if he shall see fit, and to make a good, perfect & complete title thereto to the purchaser. I desire that he may sell the above described land at public auction as at private sale as to him may seem best — provided he see proper to sell it at all. If he the said James Horton shall sell the said land I desire that he shall have full power and authority to use the proceeds of such sale as he pleases, to reinvest them in other property if he so desires, and to have and to exercise the same authority and control over such other property as is hereinbefore conferred upon him in respect to the above described and devised tract of Land.

If the said Horton shall die seized and possessed of the above described and devised land I devise that the same shall go to his daughter Mary Elizabeth Lyon Horton to be owned and possessed by her in fee simple. If however he shall have sold the said land before his death I desire the proceeds of said sale or so much as may remain of the same at his death to go to his said daughter Mary Elizabeth Lyon Horton, or if he shall have invested such proceeds in other property I will and bequeathe such other property or what remains of the same at the time of his death to his said daughter Mary Elizabeth Lyon Horton 3 I hereby nominate, appoint and constitute the said James Horton my sole executor of this my last will and testament, and I desire that he may exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of his office without being required to give bond Nancy her mark Beasly signed and published in our presence
J M Bragg
Jasper M Bell

Last Will of William C Lipscomb decd

Petition

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County State of Alabama

The petition of Joel L Lipscomb shows to your Honor that Wm C Lipscomb late of said County departed this life on the 14th day of December 1857 at his Residence in said County, that previous to his death and on the 25th day of June 1857 said Wm C Lipscomb Executed his last will and testament (which is hereto annexed) in the presence of John Bestuler, J B Smith and John W Smith who attested the same as witnesses and appointed your petitioner Executor of his said last will. Your petitioner further shows that said William C died leaving a widow Elizabeth Lipscomb who resided in said County & is of the age of twenty one years and the following named children by 1 Albert L Lipscomb who is over twenty one years of age and resides in Montgomery County Texas 2 Abner E Lipscomb who is over twenty one years & resides in Washington County Texas
3 Mary E Westbrook who is over twenty one years of age & resides in Marengo County aforesaid
4 Jane A D Brasfield wife of Milton Brasfield both over the age of twenty one years, and residing in the County of Green in the state of Alabama.
5 James L Lipscomb who is over twenty one years of age & resides in Houston County Texas
6 Rebecca C Lipscomb who is about 16 years of age & Resides in Marengo County aforesaid
7 And your petitioner who is over 21 years of age & Resides in said County of Marengo. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honor to set a day for the probate of said will now here propounded and to issue citations to the next of him

residing in the State of Alabama as aforesaid, and to make publication of the non residents next of Kin to appear if they think proper & such other & further orders as shall seem meet &c. & your petitioner will ever pray &c J. Q. Lipscomb propounded for Probate Dec 14th 1857

citation

The State of Alabama - Marengo County

Last Will of William C. Lipscomb } Probate Court Decr. Term 1857

To any sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite Elizabeth Lipscomb widow of William C Lipscomb decd and Mary E Westbrook & Rebecca C. Lipscomb children & next of Kin of said deceased, if to be found in your county, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the county of Marengo, on the 2 monday of January, 1858. and show cause why if any they have why an instrument bearing date 25 June 1857 and purporting to be the last will of said William C. Lipscomb, propounded by Joel Q. Lipscomb, should not be admitted to Probate as such. Herein fail not and have you then & there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness James A Young Judge of said court at office, this 16th day Decr. 1857. and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 16th day of Decr 1857 J A Young. Executed 23d Decr 1851 in full E T Wallington Shff By J Glass D.S.

citation

The State of Alabama - Marengo County

Last Will of Wm C. Lipscomb } Probate Court Decr. Term 1857

To any sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Jane A D Brasfield & Melton Brasfield her husband if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2 monday of January 1858 & show cause if any they have why an instrument bearing date the 25th June 1857 and purporting to be the last will of said William C. Lipscomb decd propounded by Joel Q. Lipscomb should not be admitted to Probate as such Last will. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 16th day of Decr. 1857 and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 16th day Decr. 1857 J A Young. Received in Sheriff's office 19th day Decr 1857 Executed 23d of Decr. 1857 Wm R Hardaway Shff By B. W. Hood D. S.

Probate Court January Term 1858 } The testimony of John Besteder one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, who being first duly sworn deposes in open court that he was present on the day said instrument bears date & saw William C Lipscomb execute said instrument as his last will & testament that he and J R Smith and John W Smith the other subscribing witnesses sign the same as witnesses at the request of said testator & in his presence and in the presence of each other, he further deposes that said William C Lipscomb was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time. John Besteder.

Order on Probate of Will

Probate Court Marengo County } January Term A D 1858 }

This day came on for Probate the within instrument heretofore propounded as the last will of said William C. Lipscomb, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the next of Kin of said deceased resident within the state of Alabama have had legal notice of the time & place of taking said probate & that publication has also been made for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian newspaper published in Marengo County, for the non resident heirs to appear & contest said probate if they think proper, and it further appearing from the testimony of John Besteder one of the subscribing witnesses to said will, that the same was duly & properly Executed & published by said testator, as will more fully appear by reference to said testimony reduced to writing & signed by said witness and annexed to said will. It is therefore ordered by the court that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will & Testament of said William C. Lipscomb, and that letters testamentary be granted thereon. Jas A Young Judge &c

Will

Last Will of William C Lipscomb Decd.

Marengo County } June 25th 1857

State of Alabama } Know all Men by these presents that I Wm C. Lipscomb of the County afore said do make this my last will & Testament, being in good health and sound mind. Item 1st. It is my will and desire that my wife Elizabeth keep possession of the tract of land where on I now live as long as she may live and at her death the land to be sold and divided between all of my children. It is further my will that my wife shall have my carriage & Buggy one waggon two yoke of oxen six horses or mules, as many of the plantation tools as she may need together with all the household and kitchen furniture and one years provision.

Item 2 It is further my will that I give unto my wife ten negroes such times as she may select to do as she pleases with forever.

" 3 Where as I have given to some of my children the following amounts of money or property to that amount, trivit, to my son Albert

L Lipscomb the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to my son Abner E. Lipscomb twelve hundred dollars, to my daughter Mary E Westbrook twelve hundred dollars, to my daughter Jane A D Brasfield eighteen hundred dollars to my son Joel Q. Lipscomb fifteen hundred dollars, to James L Lipscomb my son, I have given fifteen hundred dollars, to my daughter Rebecca C Lipscomb I have given my Pianno a negro girl Matilda a negro boy named Henry all of which I value at one thousand dollars. It is my will and desire that all of my children shall be made equal and then all my remaining property not heretofore given away to my wife and children, be equally divided between my children namely Albert L. Lipscomb, Abner E. Lipscomb, Mary E. Westbrook, Jane D. Brasfield, Joel Q. Lipscomb, James L Lipscomb and Rebecca C. Lipscomb. It is further my will that my son Joel Q. Lipscomb act as Executor to this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

Wm C. Lipscomb (Seal)

Test
John Besteder
J. R. Smith
John W. Smith

State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that at a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the county of Randolph and State aforesaid, at the Court house in the 1st town of Asheboro, on the first Monday, the 3rd of August 1857

Last Will of Elizb Hogan Seed

Present
Isaac H Frost
Micajah Cox } Esquires
Simon McMaster

The following record is made to wit. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Hogan was produced in open court by Dr William B Holt one of the Executors therein named and offered it for probate, and upon the Examination of Dempsey Brown and John Dorsett the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and of James B Alford by whom it appears that the name of the said testatrix was signed in her presence and by her direction the court doth adjudge and declare that the said paper writing is duly executed to pass both real and personal estate, and that she did thereby devise and bequeath and it is therefore ordered that said will be recorded in the office of the clerk of this court; and that the Executors therein named be admitted to take the usual oaths for the qualification of Executors. Whereupon William B. Holt one of the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court and took the oath prescribed by law and entered upon

the discharge of his duties of an Executor. Which will is in the words and figures following to wit.

I Elizabeth Hogan of the county of Randolph and state of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding but of feeble health have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all other wills heretofore made, 1st I will and desire a decent burial and a suitable memorial. 2nd I will that all my just debts be paid 3d I will and desire that one hundred dollars be given by my Executors to each of my living daughters Elizabeth J Davis, Louisa A Holt and Eugenia A Minnis each and separately to be applied by them to the purchase of a remembrance gift. And I further will and desire that my Executors place in the hands of my daughters Elizabeth J Davis and Louisa A Holt a sum sufficient in their judgement to purchase a suitable memorial for each of my Grand children, as follows, viz. William H Jones, Nathaniel Jones Julia A Holt, William M Holt, James M Holt, Franklin A Holt, Claudia C Holt, Eugene P Holt, Frances A Holt, Amelia L L Holt, Louisa Hogan Holt, children of my daughter Louisa A Holt, William G Humphrys and Robert G Minnis children of my daughter Eugenia A Minnis. William G Hogan and Jesse H Hogan children of my deceased son Alexander W Hogan, my other Grand Children being heretofore provided for. 4th I will and desire that all portions of my estate that may come into the possession of my son Pleasant H Hogan or which I have already placed in his possession be placed in the hands of a trustee to be appointed by the Judge of the Court circuit in which he now lives, and the uses, proceeds and profits be applied yearly to the support of his family and the education of his children during his life and during the widowhood of his wife and after their deaths to be equally divided among their living children. This is the disposition I wish made of the household and kitchen furniture he now has in his possession and also of that which I have directed to be distributed herein by my daughters Elizabeth J. Davis and Louisa A Holt. 5th I will and desire that my beds bedding and household furniture be distributed by daughters Elizabeth J Davis and Louisa A Holt among my living children ~~namely~~ viz. Elizabeth J Davis, Louisa A Holt, Eugenia A Minnis and Pleasant H Hogan, the latter to go into the hands of a trustee as aforesaid 6th I will and desire and hereby direct that the compromise made between my son Pleasant H Hogan and my self drawn up by George C. Mendenhall Esquire, of which each of us holds a copy shall be faithfully observed and carried out in every particular by my Executors as therein agreed upon by us. 7th I will and desire that the legacy or the part of it unpaid given by the ~~[illegible]~~ of my late husband William Hogan of which I am Executrix, to Nathaniel Jones my Grand son be paid out of lands in Alabama belonging to the estate of my deceased husband and the balance if any after deducting advancements made, out of any estate I may have coming to me from the estate of my ~~[illegible]~~ deceased son Franklin H Hogan and if

I get nothing from his estate or not sufficient then out of any estate I may leave behind me. 8th I will and desire that the balance of an unpaid legacy to my daughter Louisa A Holt in the will of my late husband Col William Hogan be paid by my Executors 9th I will and desire that the full amount of a certain note paid by Dr William R Holt as security for Franklin H Hogan, John A Hogan and Alexander H Hogan to Henry A Shultz of Salem dated May 31st 1843 for $651. I will that the full amount paid by Dr Holt of said debt shall be repaid to him by my Executors together with the interest thereon out of any estate coming to me from my deceased son Franklin H Hogan. 10th The residue of my property I will and desire to be sold by my executors and proceeds to be applied first to the payment of my aforesaid legacies, and the balance to be divided between Elizabeth J Davis, Louisa A Holt, Eugenia A Minnis, the two children of Alexander H Hogan Dec'd to wit William G Hogan and Jesse H Hogan and Pleasant H Hogan as follows, to my son Pleasant H Hogan according to the Compromise alluded to between us, and to go into the hands of a trustee as above provided to my daughters Elizabeth J. Davis, Eugenia A Minnis and Louisa A Holt one share each, and to A W Hogans children one share, they to represent their father 11th I nominate and appoint Dr William R Holt of Lexington and W A Davis of Salisbury NC Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. The foregoing last will and testament of Elizabeth Hogan, was dictated by her committed to writing, and carefully read over to her in her hearing and presence, and she did acknowledge it to be her last will and testament and as she directed it to be written, and she directed it to be signed with her name by her Physician Dr J B Alford for her and we signed it as witnesses at her request and in her presence Signed and sealed this 24th July 1857 Elizabeth Hogan by Jas B. Alford Dempsey Brown. John Dorsett

State of North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I Benjamin F Hoover, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby testify that the foregoing contains a full, true and perfect transcript of the record of said Court admitting the last will and testament of Elizabeth Hogan Dec'd to probate, and also a copy of said last will and testament as appears from the original will on file in my office In attestation whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed the seal of our said Court at office in Asheboro on this

the 2nd day of January A.D. 1858 B F Hoover C.C.C

State of North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I Isaac H Foust chairman and presiding magistrate of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions of the County of Randolph and State aforesaid do hereby certify, that Benjamin F Hoover, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that his said attestation is in due form of law. Given under my hand and private seal having no seal of office, on this the 12th day of January A.D. 1858 I H Foust chairman & presiding Magistrate

State of North Carolina }
Randolph County }

I Benjamin F Hoover, Clerk of the court of Pleas and Quarter sessions in and for the County and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Isaac H. Foust whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Certificate is now, and was at the time when he subscribed the same, the Chairman and Presiding Magistrate of said Court duly commissioned and qualified, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of our said Court, at office in Asheboro on this the 12th day of January A.D. 1858
B F Hoover C.C.C

Cost.

Copy & Record of William Cains Will } North Carolina. Orange County — I George Laws Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Orange County the same being a Court of Record do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of William Cain deceased taken from the original on file and recorded in my office. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Hillsborough this 4th day of December A.D. 1857. Geo Laws C.C.C

Filed Feby 23. 1858 J. A. Young

State of North Carolina } I Cadwalader Jones Presiding Magistrate
Orange County } of the court of Please and Quarter session for Orange County do hereby certify that George Laws whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Court Please and Quarter session for the County of Orange and the keeper of the records and seal of said Court duly sworn and that the above certificate and attestation by him made is in due form to authenticate the records files & proceedings of said Court.
Given under my hand this the 4th day of December A.D. 1857
Cad Jones Chr & P.M.

State of North Carolina } I George Laws Clerk of the Court of Pleas
Orange County } and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid do hereby ~~acknowledge~~ certify that Cadwalader Jones whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same Presiding Magistrate in our said court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Orange County duly commissioned and sworn. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Hillsborough this the 4th day of December A.D. 1857

Geo. Laws C.C.C.

Copy & Record of William Cains Will Filed Febry 23 A.D. 1858 J. A. Young } I William Cain of Orange County in North Carolina do Make this my last Will & testament —

Will

In Order to provide for the early payment of my debts & the convenient division of my estate. I will and devise all my lands in Alabama & Tennessee & my half of the house & ground in Hillsborough, which is held by Mr John W Kirkland & myself to be sold in convenient time after my death & turned out & out into personality and also my negroes in Alabama & all my crops on hand or growing at my death, stocks & all other personal estate wherever situate excepting slaves in North Carolina and I authorize my Executors or that one of them who may act under my will — to make said sale & to convey to the purchaser or purchasers and if necessary I require my heirs at law to concur in such sales of real estate by joining in conveying the same so as to assure the same effectually to the purchaser or purchasers and as one of my Executors may wish to purchase some of the land or other things & it may conduce to enhance the price to allow him to bid & purchase at public sale I do order and direct that my Executors may respectively do so & that such purchases by open bidding at auction shall be valid and proper conveyances shall be made by the one Executor to the other so purchasing & if need be by my heirs at law. If my Executors should die before making such sales or refuse or fail to act under my will — I empower the person or persons to whom for the time being administration of my personal estate may be committed in North Carolina to make or complete such sales & conveyances. Out of the proceeds of the sales aforesaid & all money on hand or owing to me, I order the charges of administration & my debts to be paid in the first instance The residue of the said proceeds of sale money & debts & my slaves in North Carolina & all other lands & other things & right belonging to me. I give & divide amongst the different members of my family as follows, The lands in Orange on which I reside containing about nineteen hundred & fifty (1950) acres & all my lots houses & real estate in Hillsborough except that held by Mr Kirkland & myself & except those hereinafter devised to Dr Pride Jones I give & devise to my son James H. Cain in fee simple and I also give him & his heirs all my right

legal & equitable in & to a certain house & grounds on the Oxford road east of Hillsborough formly belonging to the late P. H. Mangum for the purchase of which I lately contracted with Mr Garrard and also twenty one acres of land out of my tract adjoining to be laid off so as to include the prices I purchased from Mr Cameron & Dr Long containing about thirteen acres & to include also eight acres more by a line running from the corner of the said prices next to the house in which I formly lived to the Oxford road I am aware that the value of the said real estates thus given to my son James somewhat exceeds nine thousand dollars, yet, as he is my oldest son now living & I have hitherto made but inconsiderable advancements to him I think it best to estimate it at that sum, and I accordingly direct that he be charged in respect thereof with the sum of nine thousand dollars in the division of my estate hereinafter directed. To my son Thomas R. Cain I give in fee simple my mills on Little river in Orange County & the tract of land on which they are situate containing about six hundred acres & also another tract in Orange on which one Clements lives as a tenant on the Oxford road below my house & containing about one hundred and forty acres and also all my shares & interest of & in a certain tract of land in Guilford County called the coppermine which I hold with James Webb & others and all other lands which I now own in North Carolina legally or Equitably & not herein specifically disposed of and for the same the said Thomas shall be charged with the sum of five thousand dollars in the division of my estate. I have heretofore given to my daughter Manerva or her husband Tod R. Caldwell Esquire in money & the slaves Dennis & his wife Fanny George Margaret & a boy named Cleg who is a child of Oxaty to the value of four thousand and four hundred dollars, and I have given to my daughter Martha or her husband Dr Pride Jones in money & the slaves Lizzy & Susan to the value of five thousand dollars and I do now confirm the said several gifts & will that the said Tod R. Caldwell & Pride Jones respectively have the issue of the said female slaves now born or that may be born & shall be respectively charged with the said several sums in respect of those prior gifts in the division of my estate, and I furthermore give to my son in law Pride Jones in fee simple if he be living at my death & if he be then dead to his wife Martha Ann in his stead the tract of land near Hillsborough which I purchased from David Yarbrough & Mrs Burke containing about six hundred & thirty four acres. Excepting thereout the eight acres thereof before given to my son James and also six town lots in Hillsborough lying between the said land & Mrs Hills and I order that he or she as the case may be, shall be charged in respect of the said land in this clause given with the sum of nine thousand dollars in the division of my estate, I have heretofore given to my son William now deceased money & property of different kinds to the value of six thousand dollars as I estimate it which I mention as having or or bearing on the provision hereinafter made for his family. I have hitherto given to my grand daughter Mary Caldwell a valuable negro girl & I now give to my daughter Manerva Caldwell Piano Forte and to my daughter Mary C. her maid Amy & a girl named Anna a child of Sally & to my son James F my female servant Maria as special legacies for the value of which they are not to be accountable in the division I then give to my daughter Mary C. Cain out of the said general fund the sum of fifteen thousand dollars payable within two years after my death and I order that it be paid without abatement with other pecuniary or

general legacies & at all events provided only that the funds be sufficient therefor after the payment of charges & debts, I further give & bequeath to my son James H. Cain the sum of nine thousand dollars payable within two years after my death in trust for the following purposes that is to say to invest the same in the public debt of North Carolina or in some other secure manner & to receive the interest or dividends accruing thereon & pay the same annually or oftener to Sarah the widow of my son William during her widowhood & during the minority of her son William for the better support of herself & the nurture & education of her two children but upon the death or marriage of the said Sarah during the minority of her said son or upon the coming of full age of her said son which shall first happen then in trust for the said two children William & Elizabeth to be equally to be divided between them. If one of my said two grand children should die unmarried & under full age of twenty one years then the share of him or her so dying shall go to the other provided nevertheless that the annual profits shall as before be paid to the said Sarah for the use of herself & her surviving child until her own Marriage or the coming of age of the child but if both of the said children William & Elizabeth should thus die unmarried & under full age then & in that case the whole fund including both the original share & the accrued share of the surviving child shall upon the death of such survivor go to & be equally divided between such of my children as may be then living & if but one then to that one and if I should have no child living at the said time then & in that case the said fund including both shares shall go to those persons who at that time may be my next of kin according to the statute of distribution & in the proportions therein prescribed my reason for these limitations over is principally that upon the death of her children during infancy the said Sarah would succeed by law to what they derived from their father & might then get about one third of what I gave or intended to give to my son William namely a child's part of my estate and I express the hope that the provision I have thus made for my daughter in law & her children will suffice for them especially while the children are young so that their shares of their father's estate may accumulate & be ready to meet the larger expenses of advanced age & education. I further will that after the payment of charges debts and legacies aforesaid there be made up in money or North Carolina stock at valuation to each of my children Manerva Martha James & Thomas with what he or she hath respectively had or is charged with in this will as aforesaid the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, so to make each of these four equal with Mary if there be a sufficiency for that purpose and then the residue of the fund if any to be equally divided among my said five children now living: In making the division I order that Tom Green the blacksmith & carpenter be allotted to my son James at eight hundred dollars & Ellick at five hundred dollars and that the boy Bluy allotted to my son Thomas at three hundred and fifty dollars & the boy Haywood at eight hundred dollars but these specific appropriations are not to take effect so as in any

degree to defeat the payment of the said legacy of fifteen thousand dollars to my daughter Mary, and I further will that in the said division the children of my woman Maria belonging to me at my death shall be allotted to my son James at a fair valuation in part of his share of the general fund aforesaid but if they should happen to exceed his share then he is to have them at all events specifically as it is my intention not to separate any part of Maria's family but that James should have all of them even if thereby Mary should lose part of her pecuniary legacy. About twenty years ago I sold my sister Mary my plantation on Eno & she has had possession of it ever since but I have never executed a conveyance to her I therefore devise the same to her my said sister in fee simple. Should it so that my negro woman Milly may choose her own owner amongst my five living children & that he or she so chosen shall take her at a fair valuation. I appoint my son James H. Cain & my son in law Jos. R. Caldwell the Executors of this My will dated this 10th Day of April 1856 & with my signature on both sheets signed and published by the testator as his will in presence of us after interlineation.

Jas H. Ruffin }
Thomas Ruffin } Wm Cain seal
Robert Moore }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Cain deceased late of Orange County & bearing date the 10th of April 1856 was propounded for probate by James H. Cain and Jos R. Caldwell the Executors named therein and Thomas Ruffin, James H. Ruffin and Robert Moore the subscribing witnesses having first been duly sworn according to law proved the due and lawful execution thereof by the said William Cain as his last will and testament And thereupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last will & testament of said William Cain and is properly executed to pass both real and personal estate and that the same be recorded accordingly and that the Executors therein named be permitted to qualify as such and that letters testamentary issue to them and thereupon James H. Cain & Jos R. Caldwell the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court and qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Petition

Estate of James Law deed.

The state of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court —

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate of said Court.

The petition of Joseph E Law, James A Law and John T Law. Respectfully represents that James Law departed this life in said County on the 21st day of May A D 1858, that he was at the time of his death an inhabitant of said County, and owned Estate both real & personal therein — That the said James Law left at his death an instrument in writing Executed by him purporting to be his Last Will & Testament — That by the said Will & testament your Petitioners above Named are appointed Executors thereof — That the Widow of said James Law resides in the State and County aforesaid, and is Named Rebecca Law, and the next of Kin of said Testator James Law, are your Petitioners Joseph E Law of Clarke County Alabama, James A Law of Marengo County, and John T Law of said Clarke County, Ann Compton the wife of William J Compton of Marengo County aforesaid Sarah E Christian the wife of Elijah W Christian of Choctaw Co Ala, Priscilla Johnson the wife Wade H Johnson of Courtland Cass County, Texas, Children of said James Law deceased — Also the following Grand Children of said James Law deceased to wit, Jane J Hale of Choctaw County, Ala. son of Jane Hale deceased, who was the wife of Thos Hale deceased & daughter of said James Law deceased, Emma Law, Gabriel M Law, & Theresa Johnson the wife of Marion Johnson who are Residents of said Marengo County, & are the Children of Gabriel Law deceased who was the son of James Law deceased the Testator above Named, Francis Marion Law, Jefferson Law, Monterey Law, Mary Law, Martha Law (the said Mary & Martha being under 21 years of Age) Elizabeth Lamar the wife of Dent Lamar, Eliza Burns the wife of Merritt Burns who are the Children of Isaiah W Law deceased son of James Law deceased and Residents of Pike County of Dallas in the State of Ala. Merrill Law, Josephine Law, Selby Law, Ben Law, Rufus Law and Georgiana Law who are under 21 years of Age, Residents of said Marengo County, and are the Children of Robert R Law deceased, who was the son of James Law deceased. Margarett Johnson of said Marengo County who is the Widow of Henry Johnson deceased, Agness Parten the wife of Asa G Parten of said Marengo County, Sarah Brown of said County, Frederick Brown of the State of Louisiana — Martha Brown who is under the age of 21 years of said County of Marengo, Frances Nichols the wife of Mason Nichols of said County, — Harwell Brown and Harriet Brown of said County, the Harwell & Harriet being under 21 years of age the Children of Fred Brown who was the wife of Frederick Brown and daughter of said James Law deceased. Sarah Ann, Cordelia Law, Willis Law, Kit Law, & Lissy Law who are under the age of 21 years & Residents of said Marengo County and are the Children of George W Law deed. who was the son of said James Law deced. And your Petitioners hereby propounds for Probate the said Last Will & Testament of said James Law deceased hereto annexed, and pray that Citation may issue, and said Will & Testament be proven according to Law — And your Petitioners will ever pray &c

Jas A. Law
Joseph E Law
John T Law

Citation

Estate of James Law. deed

The state of Alabama Marengo County —
Probate Court May Term 1858
To any Sheriff of the state of Alabama Greeting:

You are hereby commanded without delay, to Cite Marion Johnson & Theresa Johnson his wife, Emma Law & Gabriel Law if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of July, 1858 and show Cause if any they have why a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the Last will of James Law deed propounded by James A Law, Joseph E Law & John T Law should not be admitted to Probate as such. (Children of Gabriel Law) Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, Linden 29th day of May, 1858 and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 29th day of May 1858. Received in Sheriffs office 31st day of May 1858. Executed on Marion Johnson & wife, June 1st 58. Emma Law & Gabriel Law not found June 3d 1858. E J Wallington Shff By S Hilton Dep't

Estate of James Law deed

Citation

The state of Alabama Marengo County } Probate Court May Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the state of Alabama — Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to Cite Margaret Johnson (widow of Henry Johnson deed) Asa G Parten & his wife Agness Parten, Sarah Brown, Martha Brown, Mason Nichols & Frances Nichols his wife Harwell Brown, and Harriet Brown if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of July, 1858 and show Cause if any they have why a certain instrument purporting to be the Last will of James Law deed propounded by James A Law, Joseph E Law & John T Law should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 29th day of May 1858, and in the 82 Year of the independence of the United States.

Issued 29th day of May 1858. Received in Sheriffs office 31st day of May 1858. Executed June 1st 1858 on Margaret Johnson, Asa G Parten & wife, Sarah Brown, Harwell Brown & E J Wallington Shff By S Hilton Dep'd.

Estate of
James Law decd

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court May Term 1858.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting:

Citation — You are hereby Commanded without delay, to cite Sarah Law, Cordelia Law, William Law, Robt Law & Elizabeth Law (all Minors) Children of Rev M Law decd if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of July 1858, and show Cause if any they have why an instrument purporting to be the Last will of James Law decd propounded by James A Law, Joseph E Law & John T Law should not be admitted to Probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 29th day of May 1858, and in the 82 year of the Independance of the United States. Decmed 29th day of May 1858 Jas A Young Judge. Rec'd in Sheriffs office 31st of May 1858. Executed June the 15th 1858 on Croasdin Law, George L Law Elizabeth Law & J Millington Shff Per J H Hyden Dept Shff. Sarah Law, William Law Not found July 8th 1858 E T Millington Shff.

Citation — Estate of James Law decd — The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court May Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to Cite Frances Marion Law, Jefferson Law, Sweeney Law, Mary Law, Martha Law, Elizabeth Lamar & her husband Dent Lamar & Eliza Burns & her husband Merill Burns if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of July, 1858, and show Cause if any they have why a Certain instrument purporting to be the Last Will of James Law decd for probate as such by Jas A Law, Joseph E Law & John T Law should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not and have upon then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 29 day of May 1858, and in the 82 year of the Independence of the United States. Decmed the 29th day of May 1858 Jas A Young Judge
Received in Sheriffs office — Executed June 5th 1858 W B Shannon Shff of Dallas County By J B Lewis Dep Shff.

Citation — Estate of James Law decd — The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court May Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to cite Rebecca Law wife now of said James Law deceased, William J Compton & Ann Compton his wife, Elijah M Christian and Sarah E Christian his wife if to be found in your County, to be and Appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of July 1858 and Show Cause if any they have why an instrument in writing purporting and for probate as the Last will & testament of said James Law by James A Law, Joseph E Law, & John T Law should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have upon then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness Jas A Young Judge of said Court at office this 29th day of May 1858 & in the 82 year of the Independance of the United States. Decmed 29 day of May 1858 Jas A Young Judge. Rec'd in Sheriffs office 31st May 1858. Executed June the 1st 1858 on Rebecca Law, W J Compton & wife E T Millington Shff. E B Christian & wife not found July 8th 1858 E T Millington Shff.

Citation. Estate of James Law decd — The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court May Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to cite Rebecca Law, Josephine Law, Sally Law, Rene Law, Rufus Law, and Virginia Law (all Minors & Children of Robt R Law decd) if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday June 1858, and show Cause if any they have why a certain instrument purporting to be the Last will of James Law decd propounded by James A Law, Joseph E Law, & John T Law should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 29th day of May 1858, and in the 82 year of the Independance of the United States. Decmed 29th day of May 1858 J A Young Judge. Rec'd in Sheriffs office 31st of May 1858. Executed June the 3d 1858 E T Millington Shff

Last Will & Testament of James Law decd

I James Law of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do make and declare this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following. Item 1st It is My will and Request that my body be decently buried, in the Church yard of Franafalia. Item 2d It is My will and Request that all My just debts be paid. Item 3d It is My will and Request that all My property of every description remain on the premises under the Control of my son Joseph E Law, until all my debts be paid, for which services he is to receive a Reasonable Compensation. Item 4th I will and bequeath to My Son John T Law the Eighthly acres of land I now live upon, and known as the East half of the North East quarter of Section Six Twenty six of Township Thirteen and of Range one East Said Land I have Valued to him at two 17/100 Dollars per acre. Item 5th I will and bequeath to my son James A Law all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Marengo County and State of Ala, and known as the South West quarter of the North West quarter of Section No Twenty five of Township Thirteen of Range one East Containing forty acres. The said Land I have Valued to him at two 17/100 Dollars per acre. Item 6th I will and bequeath to my son James A Law, and John T Law all the remainder of my Land, lying and being in Marengo County and State of Alabama, and known as the North West quarter of Section thirty six of Township thirteen of Range one East Containing or supposed to contain one hundred and sixty acres. Said Land I have no Value to them at two 17/100 Dollars per acre, and to be divided between them as they may think proper, Just and Equal. And should the Land at the above Valuation come to more than their equal distribution share of all My property, that is to say one twelfth part a piece, then the said James A Law and John T Law is to add to the rest of the ten shares so much of the over plus as will make all the shares equal and should the Land not amount to as much as will make them equal shares, then the said John T and James A Law is to receive so much from the personal property, as to make their shares equal with the rest. Item 7th I will and bequeath to My wife Rebecca Law one Negro Man and her Cash. And Request My sons James A Law, Joseph E Law and John T Law that they will never Sell my wife Negroes. Item 8th I will and bequeath to my Grand Children (viz) The Children of Gabriel M Law decd. The Children of Isaiah H Law decd. The Children of Aaron Brown decd. The Children of Jane Hall decd — The

Children of Robert R. Law decd. The children of Joseph E Law. The children of Nancy Compton. The Children of Sarah E Christian, and the children of Priscilla Johnson all the balance of my property - consisting of my negroes, Horses except the ones willed to my wife - Mules, stock of Cattle, Hogs. House Hold and Kitchen furniture, farming utensils &c All to be equally divided between the above named families of Children and each family of Children drawing one share equal to that of my sons James A. and John T. Law. 9th. The property that I have given to my Grand children is for their exprs benefit and not subject for debts that has been or may hereafter be contracted by their parents, notwithstanding the property may go into the parents possession. Item 10th. I hereby nominate and appoint my sons, Joseph E. James A. and John T. Law my Executors to carry this my last will and testament into effect. Given under my hand and seal this the twenty fourth day of January one thousand Eight hundred and fifty six. James Law Seal

The above instrument consisting of one sheet of paper was now here subscribed by James Law, the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign our names as attesting witnesses

Cornelius McAulay
E W Christian
A R Christian

Probate Court Marengo County
July Term AD 1858

The testimony of Asa R Christian & Cornelius McAulay two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James Law decd being first duly sworn deposes & say that they were present on the day said instrument bears date & saw said James Law sign & publish said instrument as his last will & Testament; that at his request they subscribed their names as did also E W Christian the other witness in the presence of the testator, they further say that said testator was at the time of sane & disposing mind & memory Cs McAulay

A. R. Christian

Probate Court Marengo County
July Term 1858

This day came James A Law Joseph E Law & John T Law, the Executors nominated in the instrument propounded as the last will of James Law deceased, and likewise came the minor heirs at law of said deceased by Esqr. their guardian ad litem, and it appearing that notice of the time & place of taking the probate of the will of said James Law decd by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian newspaper, and also by citations duly served upon all the heirs at law residing in the state of Alabama, and it further appearing from the testimony of Charles McAulay & Asa R Christian two of the subscribing witnesses to said will, which testimony is reduced to writing & signed by said witnesses & filed along with said will, that the said will was duly executed by said testator. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument in writing be recorded as the last will & Testament of said James Law deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon —

At a term of the Probate Court held for Marengo County in the state of Alabama at the Court House in Linden on the 5th day of July AD 1858. Hon James A Young Judge of said Court presiding, the following proceedings were had to wit.

Estate of John Horn Decd.

This day came John A C Horn and filed his petition in writing and under oath, and avers in said petition that said John Horn deceased a resident of Marengo County died about the 11th day of March AD 1858, having before that time executed his last will & testament, attested by William B Modawell, and Dewit C Alexander, a copy in substance as he avers, of which will is annexed to and made part of said petition. He further avers in said petition that he is nominated in said will as the Executor of said Testator, and that since the death of said testator "the said last will & Testament has been lost mislayed or destroyed," so that said "petitioner has not been able to find it and is unable to produce the original thereof for Probate." and the said petitioner propounds the copy aforesaid for probate as the last will and testament of said John Horn. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Narcissa McLockhart wife Charles G. C. Lockhart, Sarah E Lockhart wife of William Lockhart and Mary R McPhail wife of William McPhail heirs at law of said John Horn deceased are now residents of the state of Alabama and residents of the state of Texas, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the petition and probate of said will be set for hearing at the stated term of this Court to be holden on the 2nd Monday & 13th day of September next, and it is further ordered by the Court that notice of the time & place of hearing said petition be given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian for said non resident heirs to appear and contest if they think proper, and it is further ordered that citations issue to Rebecca Horn widow of said deceased, and to Frances L Bryan, and her husband Lunidas L Bryan, and Elizabeth P Dumas the heirs at law of said intestate who reside in the state of Alabama

Jas A Young Judge &c

Petition of Probate of Will

To the Hon Jas A Young - Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County of Marengo, and state of Alabama.

The petition of John A. C. Horn, respectfully shows unto your Honor, that on the 11th day of March 1858, John Horn late of said County then an inhabitant of said County died leaving his last will and testament attested by William B Modawell and Dewit C Alexander who signed their names thereto as subscribing witnesses, at the request of the said John Horn in his presence and in the presence of each other. That said testator at the time he executed said last will & Testament, was of sound and disposing mind, and appointed your petitioner sole Executor thereof. Petitioner further shows that a true & correct copy substantially of said last will and testament is hereunto attached as "Exhibit A" which he prays may be taken as a part of this petition — Petitioner further shows that since the death of the said John Horn he has made diligent search for said last will and Testament among the papers of the said John Horn deceased, and in all places where it was likely to have been ~~found~~ and diligent inquiry among the family and friends of said Decedent, and is unable to find the same, and that the said last will and Testament has been lost, mislaid or destroyed, so that your petitioner has not been able to find it, and is unable to produce the original

thereof for Probate. Your petitioner further shows that the said John Horn left him surviving Rebecca Horn his widow a resident of said Marengo County, Frances L Bryan a feme Covert wife of Leonidas Bryan, resident of said County, Elizabeth P Dumas resident of the County Shelby in the State of Alabama, Your petitioner who is a resident of Wilcox County in said State, and Narcissa M Lockhart a feme Covert wife of Charles J C Lockhart, Sarah A Lockhart a feme Covert wife of William Lockhart, and Mary R McPhail a feme Covert wife of William McPhail all Non residents of the State of Alabama, and residents of the County of Navarro in the State of Texas - his only Children and next of Kin - And hereby propounds said last and will and testament, and prays the same may be admitted to probate in your Hon. Court as the last will and Testament of said John Horn Dec'd; And your petitioner will ever pray &c

John A. C. Horn
By Clarke & Worrell & J W Garrott
his Attys &c

The State of Alabama } Before Me Ameon Springfield a Justice of the peace
Marengo County } in and for said County, personally appeared John A. C. Horn, who being duly sworn, says he has made diligent enquiry among the family and friends of the late John Horn, and diligent search among the papers of the said deceased, and in all places when the said last will and Testament mentioned in the foregoing petition would likely be deposited, for said last will and Testament, and has been, and is unable to find the same & sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2d day of July A.D. 1838

Ameon Springfield J.P. — John A. C. Horn

Copy of the last will & Testament of John Horn Dec'd

Exhibit A

I John Horn of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make and publish the following as my last will and Testament to wit.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Horn all of my property both real and personal of whatever description that I may be seized & possessed of at the time of my death, to have and to hold the same during her natural life

I give and bequeath to my Son John A.C. Horn my home tract of land containing 720 Acres more or less, together with all the improvements thereon, to have and to hold the same absolutely at the death of his Mother -

I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances L Bryan my Negro girl Ramo Ella, to have and to hold the same to her Separate use at the death of her Mother

I give and bequeath to my daughters Narcissa M Lockhart, Sarah A Lockhart E P Dumas, Mary R McPhail & Frances L Bryan, the following tract which is detached from my home place, Containing 240 Acres more or less, to be sold by my Executor on such terms as he may think best, and the proceeds divided equally among my said daughters -

At the death of my beloved wife I will and bequeath all the balance of my property to all my Children to wit John A. C. Horn, Sarah A Lockhart, Narcissa M Lockhart, Mary R McPhail, E.P. Dumas & Frances L Bryan, to be divided equally between them -

If my daughter E.P. Dumas shall die and leave no Child or Children surviving her in it is my will that her portion of my property shall go back to brother & sisters and her descendants or son, pertaining hereto shall have no part of it -

It is my will that in the final distribution of my Estate that the advances which I have heretofore made to my Children shall be charged up to them in said distribution, and I hereby charge to my Children as advances heretofore made the following sums to wit.

John A.C. Horn	$ 1650.00
Narcissa M Lockhart	3400.00
Sarah A Lockhart	4400.00
Mary R McPhail	6300.00
Frances L Bryan	8250.00
E.P. Dumas	8617.00

I hereby appoint my Son John A.C. Horn Executor to this my last will and Testament

Witness W B Modawell, D.C. Alexander

John Horn

John A.C. Horn
for
Elizabeth P Dumas et als

vs

Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County -

To Mrs Rebecca Horn and Frances Bryan -

You and each of you are hereby notified to have present, and produce on the trial of this Cause, the last will and Testament of John Horn late of Marengo County deceased, written by William B Modawell Esqr in the month of May A.D. 1857, Signed by said John Horn, and attested by said Modawell, and Derick C. Alexander as subscribing witnesses thereto

John A.C. Horn
By Clarke & Worrell &
Brooks & Garrott his Attys &c

Sept. 8th 1838

Executed Sept 10th 1838 on Rebecca Horn & Frances Bryan
E.F. Wallington Shff By S Hoyle D.S.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court July Term A.D. 1838
Marengo County }

Citation

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to cite Frances L Bryan daughter of John Horn Dec'd, and Rebecca Horn widow of said Dec'd to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 2d Monday of September 1838, and show cause if any they have why an instrument for probate as the last will of said John Horn dec't should not be admitted to Record as such. Herein fail not, and have you then, and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness, John B Young Judge of said Court at office, this 10th day of August 1838 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 10th day of August 1838

John B Young Judge &c

Executed August the 17th 1838 on Rebecca Horn. Executed August the 27th 1838 on Frances Bryan. E.F. Wallington Shff By S Hoyle D.S.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Aug. Term 1838
Marengo County } To Leonidas Bryan & wife Frances Bryan -

You are hereby Notified that John A.C. Horn has this day propounded for probate in said Court an instrument in writing, as the last will and Testament of John Horn late of Marengo County deceased, and that said application for the probate of said instrument in writing as the last will and Testament of said

Estate of John Horn decd. In the matter of the Probate of the will of said John Horn

This day came John A.C. Horn the proponent by his attorneys, and likewise came Frances R Bryan & Elizabeth P Dumas in their proper persons, and also came William McPhail & wife Mary R McPhail by their attorneys, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all the next of kin of said John Horn deceased residing in the State of Alabama, have had ten days notice of the time & place of taking the Probate of the instrument in writing propounded by said John A.C. Horn as the last will of said John Horn deceased, and that publication has been made for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian newspaper published at Linden in the County of Marengo for the non resident heirs at Law of said John Horn deceased to appear and contest said probate if they thought proper. The Probate of said will was by the Court heard, and at the hearing thereof a motion was made by the proponent to suppress the deposition of Mrs Rebecca Horn the widow of the said testator, taken by and on behalf of the Contestants, which motion after argument of Counsel by the Court was sustained and said deposition suppressed, and thereafter came a jury of Good and lawful men viz. B. O. Riddle and Eleven others who being chosen, tried & sworn well and truly to try the issues made up under the direction of the Court and joined by the parties upon their oaths say that they find the issues in favor of the proponent. They find that the said John Horn deceased duly made and published a will in his life time, and that the following is a substantial copy thereof to wit.

I John Horn of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and publish the following as my last will and Testament to wit

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Horn all my property both real and personal of whatever description that I may seized and possessed of at the time of my death to have and to hold the same during her natural life

I give and bequeath to my son John A.C. Horn my home tract of land containing 720 acres more or less together with all the improvements thereon to have the same absolutely at the death of his mother.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances L Bryan my negro girl named Alla to have and to hold the same to her separate use at the death of her mother.

I give and bequeath to my daughters Narcissa McLockhart Sarah A Lockhart, E P Dumas, Mary R McPhail & Frances L Bryan the following land which is detached from my home place containing 240 acres more or less to be sold by my Executor on such terms as he may think best, and the proceeds divided equally among my said daughters.

At the death of my beloved wife I will and bequeath all the balance of my property to all my Children to wit Jno A.C. Horn, Sarah A Lockhart, Narcissa McLockhart, Mary R McPhail, E P Dumas & Frances L Bryan to be divided equally between them

If my daughter E. P. Dumas should die and leave no child or children surviving her, It is my will that her portion of my property shall go back to her brother & sisters, and her present or any future husband shall have no part of it.

It is my will that on the final distribution of my Estate that the advances which I have heretofore made to my Children shall be charged up to them in said distribution, and I hereby charge to my children as advances heretofore made the following sums to wit — John A.C. Horn $1650 00 Narcissa McLockhart $3400 00 Sarah McLockhart $4400 00 Mary R McPhail $6300 00 Frances L Bryan $8250 00 — E P Dumas $8617 00

I hereby appoint my son John A.C. Horn Executor to this my last will and Testament

(Signed) John Horn

Witness W B Modawell — D.C. Alexander

They further find that the said will has disappeared and been lost or destroyed without the knowledge or consent of the testator, and that it has never been revoked by him, that he was of sound and disposing mind, and that the said will is in truth the last will and testament of said John Horn

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that the said will as above set out and so found as aforesaid by the July be established & recorded as the last will & Testament of said John Horn deceased until the original will or a more authentic copy can be brought in, and it is further ordered that letters Testamentary be granted to John A.C. Horn upon said will —

J. A. Young
Judge &c

Estate of Henry King decd.

The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court

July Term AD 1858

Citation

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting.

You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite H B Boynton and his wife Margarett Boynton, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of September 1858 and show cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will & Testament of Henry King late of said County decd should not be admitted to Probate

Herein fail not and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon —

Witness J. A. Young Judge of said Court at office this 22d day of July AD 1858 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 22d day of July 1858 J. A. Young Judge &c

Received in Sheriff's office 27d day of July AD 1858. Executed the same day W. B. Andrews Shff. By H. D. Andrews D.S.

Estate of Henry King decd.

The State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court

July Term AD 1858

Citation

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite, S. S. King N B Lesueur & his wife Penelope N. Lesueur if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of September 1858 and show cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will & Testament of Henry King late of said County, deceased should not

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Witness. Jas A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 22d day of July 1858 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States Issued 22d day of July 1858 Jas A Young Judge

Acknowledgement of this Notice July 24 1858 S S King N. B. Lesueur P N Lesueur. Executed on all the parties July 28th 1858

E. T. Wallington Shff By J. Clap D.S.

Estate of Henry King Decd

The State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court July Term A.D. 1858

Citation

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to cite Mollie Perkins & Kate Perkins & Annie K Chocheron if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of September 1858 and show cause if any they have why an instrument on file in said Court purporting to be the last will & Testament of Henry King late of said County deceased should not be admitted to Probate.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this citation, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness, Jas A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 22d day of July 1858 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued July 22d 1858 Jas A Young Judge

Received in Sheriff's office 23d day of July A.D. 1858

Executed on all the parties July 23d 1858 E. T. Wallington Shff

Estate of Henry King Decd

The State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court September Term A.D. 1858

Answer of Guardian A.D. Litem

In the Matter of the Probate of the last will & Testament of Henry King late of said County deceased -

I George G Lyon having been appointed the Guardian Ad Litem of Cate Perkins, Mary B Perkins and Annie K, Chocheron minor legatees of the said will, and also minor heirs at law of said decd comes and accepts said appointment, and prays the Court to require strict proof of the Execution of the paper propounded as the will of said decd &c according to law in such cases made & provided

Geo G Lyon
Gar Ad Litem

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Last will of Col: Henry King Decd

Filed for Probate the 22 July A.D. 1858

Jas A Young

Be it Known that I Henry King of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills. First I give and bequeath to my daughter Penelope N Lesueur and her heirs, the following described land to wit: the South west quarter of section thirteen - Township Sixteen Range five East in the County of Marengo in the district of lands subject to entry and sale at Demopolis, together with the following Negro slaves, to wit, Walker, Happy, Wilson, Rutha, Burrell, Anthony, Penelope, Dennis, Jude, Clarissa, Daniel, Nancey, Nelly and infant of Judes, Amelia and her four Children, Minerva and her two Children, Little Sylva and her two Children, Susan and her child, Edy and Fanny - with the increase of the same from the date thereof, to have and to hold the same both land and Negroes to the said Penelope N, and her heirs to their separate use benefit and behoof forever. To my Grand Daughters Ann K Chocheron, Mary B Perkins and Kate Perkins (Children of my deceased daughter Lucretia L Perkins, formerly Lucretia L Chocheron) and their heirs I give and bequeath the following described land, to wit, the North west quarter of section thirteen, also the South west quarter of the South East quarter of section twelve in Township fifteen Range five East in Marengo County and the District aforesaid, together with the following named Negro slaves to wit, Harriet and her children, to wit, Frank, Jacob, Olive, and her child Bella and her child, Sampson, Cicero, Irena and her children to wit, Alfred, Charles, Lily and any others she may have, Lizzie, Gilbert with the increase of said Negroes from the date thereof, to have and to hold the same both land and Negroes to the said Ann K, Mary B, and Kate to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, to their separate use, benefit and behoof forever. The Estates both real and Personal, herein devised to my said daughter Penelope N, and my Grand Daughters Anna K, Mary B, and Kate to be by them severally held separately, wholy discharged, and exempt from all the Marital rights of their husbands, it being my express meaning and positive intention, that the said property both real and personal, and as clearly the rents and profits of the same as the fee thereof, shall in no way or manner be subject to or liable for the debts, contracts or engagements of either of their husbands. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Margarett W. ~~Boynton~~ Boynton wife of H. B. ~~Boynton~~ Boynton the following named slaves to wit, Adaline, Hallas, Soloman, July, Jane, Merton, Felix, Little Handy, Olive, Bell and her three Children, Nick, and Margarett & Ebenezer, Aggy, Henry, Frank, and any other child that Aggy may now have, Sykes, Sylva, Baccus, Stephen, Drew, Joseph, Pheriba, with the increase of said Negroes from the date hereof, also a piano forte which I now have at my dwelling, All the Estate both real and Personal herein devised to my said daughter Margarett, is to be by her separately held, possessed and enjoyed wholy discharged and exempt from the Marital rights of her husband, it being as herein before declared my express meaning and positive intention, that the property, & as clearly the rents and profits of the same, as the fee thereof

thus given and bequeathed to my said daughter Margarett shall in no way or manner be subject or liable to the debts, contracts or engagements of her husband —

To my son Shubal S King and his heirs, I give and bequeath the following named Negro slaves to wit, Edward, and his wife Malinda with their children to wit, Grey, Alick, Washingington, Naamon, Elley Tabitha and her children Bettie Lewis, Malissa, Jim, Barton, Squire Hyatt, Mahla, Kitty and her child Shubal, Isbel and my old man Aram and the increase of the same from the date hereof. also the following lands to wit, the South west quarter of the South west quarter of section Eleven, the North half of the North East quarter of Section fourteen, the North half of the North west quarter of Section fourteen, the North fourth of the South half of the North East quarter of section fourteen (20 acres) and the North fourth of the South half of the North west quarter of section fourteen (20 acres) all in Township fifteen Range five East in Marengo County — The balance of my land lying in section fourteen Township fifteen Range five East not herein before bequeathed to my son Shubal S. King, I desire my Executors to sell on such terms they may think best and divide the proceeds of sale as follows to wit, One half to my daughter Margarett, one fourth to my daughter Penelope N. and one fourth to my grand daughters Anna K. Mary B, and Kate to be equally divided between them.

I also give and bequeath to my son Shubal S. King all the lands which remain undisposed of in the foregoing bequests of which I am now legally seized & possessed

To my grand daughter Anna K Clocheron I give and bequeath the following named Negro slaves to wit, Eloy and her three children named Matilda, Needham, and Abram, Sarah and her two children named Dick and Nicey with the increase of the same from the date hereof, to have and to hold the same to her own seperate use, benefit and behoof forever wholly discharged and exempt, from the debts or contracts of any husband whom she may ever marry

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margarette two Bed steads Beds & furniture, one wash stand and two side tables — to be selected by her out of any furniture I now have, I also give to my said daughter my old Carriage and old Carriage Horses — together with the following named slaves to wit, Carey and her four children to wit, Lewis, Osborn, Francis & Laura together with their future increase under the same provisions and restrictions as in a former bequest in this will —

I give and bequeath to my daughter Penelope my Negro man Hiram — under the same provisions & restrictions as refered to in the preceeding clause of this Instrument —

I give and bequeath to my son Dr S. S. King in addition to the former bequest, the following named slaves to wit Ann and her increase to wit, Tom, Lettitia and her child Mary Ann, Sallie & Merick together with their future increase under the following provisions, that the said slaves with their increase at my death are to be valued by competent persons selected by my Executors — and my son Shubal is to pay one third of the value of said slaves to my grand daughters Anna K, Mary B, & Kate, and one third to my daughter

Penelope — less the third value of the boy Hiram — given in former bequest to my said daughter. It is my will and desire, and I therefore bequeath that the rest or remainder of my ~~property~~ Household & Kitchen furniture together with the remainder of my Stock Horses, Mules, Cows, Hogs, and all other personal property not herein before disposed of, be equally divided between my daughter Penelope N. Lesueur ~~and~~ my son Shubal S. King, and my grand daughters Anna K, Mary B. and Kate. (that is I give to my daughter Penelope one third, to my son Shubal S. King one third and to my three grand daughters one third to be equally divided between the three —

Any property that I have herein before devised, that may have been disposed of at the time of my death shall not pass under this will, and the heir to whom the same was given shall not receive any thing in lieu of the property so disposed of —

All the property that I may have at the time of my death not herein disposed of is to be equally divided ~~between~~ my heirs —

It is my will and desire and intention that my children and grand children shall take a lifetime Estate in all the property given to them in said several bequests, and at their death the same shall go to the heirs of their body if any there be, and in default thereof to their brothers or sisters then living, and should my grand daughters Anna K, Mary B, or Kate die without children, then the property I bequeath to them shall return to my own children or their heirs —

I hereby appoint my son Dr Subal S King and my son in Law N B Lesueur Executors of this my last will and testament —

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of June A D 1858

Henry King

Signed in presence of W B Modawell, R. H Lockhart

Testimony of Wm B Modawell one of the subscribing witnesses delivered in open Court.

Said witness being sworn testified that he subscribed his name as a witness to the foregoing will at the request of the testator and in his presence That the said testator signed said will in the presence of said ~~testator~~ witness and in the presence of R H Lockhart the other subscribing witness and that said Lockhart subscribed his name as a witness to said will in the presence of said testator and said Modawell, and that the testator and said witnesses signed the same on the day the same bear date, and that the testator was of sound mind at the time he signed said will

W. B. Modawell

Probate Court Marengo County
Sept Term 1858

The Probate of the will of Henry King dec^d propounded by N B Lesueur and Sir King coming on this day to be heard & it appearing that all the next of kin of the said testator have had ten days notice of the time & place of taking said probate, and it further appearing from the testimony of Wm B Modawell one of the subscribing witnesses to said will as taken in open Court & reduced to writing & signed by said Wm B Modawell, that said will was duly & legally executed & published by said testator as his last will & Testament. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be recorded as the last will & Testament of said Henry King dec^d & that letters Testamentary be granted thereon.

Jas A Young Judge &c

437 State of Alabama Marengo County

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of the Probate Court of said County

Petition

The petition of Henry A Woolf respectfully Sheweth unto your Honor, that the late William H Bickley who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life in said County on or about the Ninth day of September instant (1858) leaving a last Will & Testament duly signed and published by him, and attested by Benjamin Campbell and William A. Bickley who reside in said County, and by Mary A Stokes who resides as your petitioner is informed in the County of Baldwin in said state, in which said Last Will and Testament your petitioner is named as Executor thereof, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that the only Next of Kin of said decedent is his Sister Mary A. H. Bickley who is of full age, sound mind and resides in said Marengo County. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the Matter of this petition, that Subpoenas may be issued to bring in said Subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day, that due Notice of this application may be given to said Mary A. H. Bickley, and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises, as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound, &c

Sworn to before me by H A Woolf
this 17th day of Sept 1858
Jas A Young Judge &c

H. A. Woolf

Estate of Wm A Bickley Decd

The State of Alabama

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded to summon William A Bickley to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of our Probate Court, at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo, at the Court House thereof in Linden, on the 27th day of September 1858, on the 1st day of said term, as also to be and appear from term to term, and from day to day of each term of said Court, to testify and give evidence in a certain Cause pending in said Court, In the Matter of the last will of William H. Bickley, on the part and behalf of the said Exr and have you then and there this writ with your endorsement thereon. Witness Jas A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 21st day of Sept A D one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight

J A Young Judge

Issued 21 day of Sept 1858 Received in office the 2 day of 1858

I acknowledge legal service of this subpoena 21st Sept 1858

W. A. Bickley

Citation The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court. Sept Term AD 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greetings

You are hereby Commanded without delay, to Cite Miss Mary A Bickley if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 27th day of Sept 1858 and show cause if any she have why an instrument in writing propounded this day by H A Woolf as the last will of Wm H. Bickley decd, should not be admitted to probate.

Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Judge of said Court at office this 17th day of Sept 1858 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 17th day of Sept 1858

J A Young Judge

I hereby acknowledge legal service of this notice, this 21st Sept 1858

Mary A. H. Bickley

Last Will & Testament of Wm A Bickley

The State of Alabama Marengo County

I William H Bickley of said County and state, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, as follows to wit,

First I will that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named

Second I hereby authorize my Executor hereinafter named to sell all my property both real and personal that I may own at my death and make to the purchaser or purchasers thereof a good and sufficient title to the same or any portion thereof that he may sell, and that my said Executor hereinafter named may sell said property real and personal either at private or public sale, as he may think best for the interest of my Estate, and out of the proceeds thereof pay my funeral expenses and just debts as aforesaid

Third That after the payment of my funeral expenses and just debts as aforesaid and costs of administration I hereby will, devise, and bequeath to my beloved Sister Mary A. H. Bickley all the balance and remainder of my Estate of every kind and description whatever, To have and to hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth - It is understood by me and herein set forth, that portion of my real Estate was conveyed by me in two deeds of Trust to S. T. Gohlson Trustee to secure W. B. Lesueur & H. A. Woolf of said County on account of certain liabilities or debts of mine to A. M. Lewis & Mrs Alston, upon which said debts the said Lesueur & Woolf are my securities & it is understood that any lien or preferment that they may now have on said lands are not in any wise to be unpaid hereby, the said deeds of Trust are of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of said County, to which reference is hereby made for a particular description thereof

Lastly - I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Henry A Woolf the Executor of this my last will and Testament, to carry out the provisions of the same

In testimony of which I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 12th day of June A D 1858

Wm H. Bickley Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared as his last will and Testament by Wm H Bickley in our presence this 12th June A D 1858

Benjn Campbell
Wm A. Bickley
M. A. Stokes

445 Testimony of Wm Ashersley - Being duly sworn says that he saw Wm H Bickley sign the foregoing as his Last Will on the day the same bears date. That he and the other subscribing witnesses thereto, to wit B. Campbell and M. A. Stokes, signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator, & in the presence of each other on the day & year aforesaid, and that said Testator was of sound mind at the time.

W. A. Bickley

Petition

State of Alabama } To the Honorable James A. Youngs Judge of the
Marengo County } Probate Court of said County.

The petition of Willis P. King, Executor duly appointed by the last Will & Testament of John Richardson late of said County deceased, respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the said John Richardson, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 4th day of September 1857, near Selma in the County of Dallas in said State of Alabama, leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him, and attested by Gilbert Howson and Samuel Pruett who reside in this County in which your petitioner as he verily believes is named as Executor thereof, and is interested in the Estate of said decedent as legatee and devisee, which said will as he is informed, & believes is now produced to your Honor, and prays allowance for probate and record in this Court.

Your petitioner further states that said decedent left no widow and that the next of kin of said decedent as he is informed resided in Hertford County North Carolina, but that he has no knowledge of the names and ages of them. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, that publication may issue to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day, that due notice of this application may be given to the next of kin of said decedent in said State of North Carolina or elsewhere, and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound &c

Willis P. King

In the Matter of the Will of John Richardson dec'd } Probate Court May Term A.D. 1858
Marengo Co. Alabama

To Hon. James A Youngs Judge of Probate in and for said County. The undersigned Robert A. McCant appointed by your Honor, guardian ad litem for Rebecca Richardson, Emma Alfred Richardson, Edward Richardson, Noah Richardson & Mercedith Richardson minor heirs at law of the said John Richardson dec'd, accepts said appointment & for answer to the petition of W. P. King in the above matter, denies each and every allegation therein contained which is not to the interest of said minors, and says that said instrument is not the last will & testament of said deceased. And prays your Honor to put the said petitioner to strict legal proof of the same. As in duty bound &c

Robert A. McCant
Guardian ad litem for said Minors

Last Will & Testament 445

I John Richardson of Marengo County and State of Alabama, do hereby make my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say: 1st. after the payment of my just debts, and funeral expenses, I give to Willis P. King the following named servants, viz. woman Henrietta, boy Nathan Jackson, girl Louiza, boy William, girl Matilda boy James. 2d. I do will and bequeath unto the above named Willis P. King all the rest and residue of my Estate, both personal and real wheresoever or whatsoever kind for the use, benefit and maintainence of the six above bequeathed servants, viz. Henrietta, Nathan Jackson, Louiza, William, Matilda and James.

And Lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Willis P. King Executor of this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 25th day of August one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven.

John Richardson (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto -

Gilbert Howson
Samuel Pruett -

Sept Term 3d 1857.

Probate Court Marengo County in the State of Alabama
In the Matter of the
Will of John Richardson dec'd

At a term held the 17th day of May A.D. 1858 -

The testimony of Gilbert Howson and Samuel Pruett, the subscribing witnesses to the instrument propounded as the last will of John Richardson, by Willis P. King, and which is hereto annexed taken this day in open Court, And the said witnesses having first duly & solemnly sworn the said Gilbert Howson deposes and says, "that he was present on the 25th of August 1857, and saw the said John Richardson sign said instrument which he declared to be his last Will & Testament, that he and Samuel Pruett the other witness subscribed their names to said instrument as witnesses at the request of said Testator and in his presence, he further states that said Richardson was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory."

Subscribed in open Court Gilbert Howson

And the said Samuel Pruett deposes and says, "that he was present and saw the said Richardson sign & publish said instrument as his last Will & Testament, that he witness wrote said will at the request of said Richardson, and according to his directions, and before it was signed, read it over to him within his hearing & he then assented to & signed the same and witness at his request and in his presence subscribed his name as witness. He further states that said Richardson was of sound mind, and the next day after signing & executing said will left the neighborhood of his residence, and

again returned to it.
Subscribed in open Court before me
Jas. A. Young
Judge of Probate

Samuel Preuet

And thereupon on motion of the said Willis P. King upon the testimony aforesaid, and it appearing to the Court that publication has been made in the Linden Jeffersonian, for three successive weeks for the Non Resident heirs of the said John Richardson to appear and contest said probate, and that said Non residents have failed to appear, And further appearing from the testimony of the subscribing witnesses aforesaid that said will was duly and properly executed by said testator, It is ordered by the Court that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be entered of record as the last will & Testament of said John Richardson, and that letters testamentary be granted thereon to the said Willis P. King the Executor therein nominated

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Last Will of
Elizabeth Hogan decd.
Recorded Feby 1st 1858.
J. A. Young Judge

State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that at a County of Pleas and Quarter sessions begun and held for the County of Randolph and state aforesaid, at the Court House in the town of Asheboro, on the first monday, the 3d of August 1857. Present.

Isaac N. Frost
Micajah Cox
Simeon McMasters
Esquires

The following record is made to wit.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Hogan was produced in open Court Wm. R. Holt one of the Executors therein named and offered it for probate, and upon the examination of Demsey Brown and John Dorsett the two subscribing witness thereto, and of James B. Alford by whom it appears that the name of the testatrix was signed in her presence and by her direction, the Court doth adjudge & declare that the said paper writing is duly executed to pass both real and personal Estate, and that she did thereby devise and bequeath, and it is therefore ordered that said Will be recorded in the office of the Clerk of this Court, and that the Executors therein named be admitted to take the usual oath for the qualification of Executors.
Whereupon William R. Holt one of the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court and took the oath prescribed by law and entered upon the discharge of the duties of an Executor
Which will is in the words and figures following to wit,

Petition The State of Alabama
Marengo County

To the Honorable James A. Young Judge of the Probate Court of said County.

Your petitioner Louisa M. Harrison respectfully represents to your Honor, that Thomas A. Harrison her late husband, late a resident & citizen of said County, died in said County of Marengo on the 5th day of September last 1858, being possessed at the time of his death a large Estate in said County, consisting lands slaves and other property, and leaving your petitioner who was his wife in his life time & is his widow, & one child Louisa Harrison a minor aged about fifteen years his only heirs at law surviving - that your petitioner resides in said County, and the said Louisa Harrison, the daughter of the said Thomas A. Harrison & who is likewise the daughter of your petitioner, resides with your petitioner in said County of Marengo. Your petitioner further shows that said Thomas A. Harrison left a last will & testament, which is herewith filed before your Honor - in which will he constituted and appointed your petitioner as his sole Executrix. Your petitioner therefore pray your Honor to admit said will to probate, & your petitioner will ever pray &c

Louisa M. Harrison
By Lomax & Prince her Sole.

Citation
Estate of
Dr Thos A Harrison
Decd.

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Oct Term A.D. 1858
To any sheriff of the state of Alabama Greeting:

You are hereby commanded without delay, to cite Louisa Harrison a minor child of Dr Thos A. Harrison if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of November 1858, and show cause if any she have why an instrument in writing propounded by Mrs Louisa M. Harrison as the last will of said Thomas A. Harrison decd. should not be admitted to probate as such Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness J. A. Young Judge of said Court at office, this 11th day of Oct 1858 and in the 85 year of the Independence of the United States. Issued 11th day Oct 1858

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Received in Sheriffs office. Executed Oct 13th 1858 E. T. Wallington shff
By S. Hylton D. S.

In the Matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Thomas Harrison decd. propounded by Louisa M. Harrison

Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

To the Honorable James A. Young Judge of Probate of said County -

The undersigned Robt D. Hart duly appointed by your Honor Guardian ad litem for the minor heirs of said Thomas A. Harrison deceased, comes and waiving notice accepts said appointment to represent said minor heirs in the above matter, and says for answer to the application of the said proponent that he denies all the allegations of said application & prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same - Robt D. Hart Guardian ad litem for the minor heirs of Thos A Harrison dec

Last Will & Testament of Thos. A. Harrison decd.

See Minutes G. 582 -

I Thomas A Harrison of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do make, publish and declare My last Will and Testament in Manner and form following to wit.

First. It is My Will and desire that any and all just debts I May owe at the time of My death be paid by My Executrix or such person as May have the legal right to execute the provisions of this My last Will and Testament.

Second. I Will, devise and bequeath to My wife Louisa M. Harrison all My property, Estate and effects of every kind and description with the right to dispose of the same by Will or otherwise as she May deem proper, having entire confidence that she will in any arrangement or disposition she May make of such property and Estate as I May leave, make such suitable & proper provision for our daughter Louise as the Estate I May leave, and the means at our command May authorize -

Third. I hereby appoint My wife Louisa M. Harrison Executrix of this My last Will and Testament, and direct and request that she be allowed to qualify as Executrix, and execute this My last Will and testament without giving security as such Executrix.

Fourth - It is My will and desire, and I hereby vest in My said Executrix ample legal power and authority to adjust, settle, compromise, compound and arrange any and all debts, claims, demands or liabilities or supposed liabilities which May exist against Me, and remain unsettled at the time of My death as fully in every respect as I could do in person if living - and in any such adjustment, settlement, compromise, or arrangement to make, execute and deliver any receipt, release, discharge or conveyance of property & Estate which May be necessary to carry out & perfect any such arrangement - And to the end that My said Executrix herein named & appointed shall have and exercise the most ample legal power to adjust & settle any and all matters of business, debts, claims or demands which May exist or supposed to exist against My Estate, it is My will and desire that she have popep and exercise the power if she shall think proper to exercise the same to sell and convey any & all property, Estate & effects I May leave either at public auction or at private sale as she May deem best - and either for cash or upon credit as she May decide to be best - and the proceeds of such sale after paying & discharging any debts I May owe to go to My said wife as directed in the second clause of this My last Will & Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand this 3d day of July 1854 -

Thos. A. Harrison

Witness is
F. S. Lyon
O. H. Prince

Probate Court held for Marengo County in the state of Alabama on Monday the 22d day of November A.D. 1858

In the matter of the will of Doctr Thomas A Harrison

This day came on to be heard the probate of the last will and testament of Doct Thomas A Harrison late of said County deceased, and now this day comes Mrs Louisa M Harrison the widow of said deceased by attorney, and likewise comes Louisa Harrison only child and heir at law of said deceased by Robert D Hart Esqr her guardian ad litem who accepts said appointment and denies that said instrument propounded for probate is the last will and testament of said Doct Thomas A. Harrison, and Francis S. Lyon Esqr one of the subscribing witness to said will being sworn in open court deposes as follows to wit, that at the request of said Thomas A. he wrote said will according to the directions given him by said testator, that the same was signed and published by him the said Thos A. on the day of its date in his deponents presence & in that of Oliver H. Prince the other subscribing witness, that he and the said Prince subscribed their names at the request and in the presence of said testator, and of each other, and that said Thomas A. Harrison was at the time in good health and of sane & disposing mind & memory. And upon the testimony of said F. S. Lyon as aforesaid F. S. Lyon subscribed by him. It is ordered & decreed that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will & testament of said Thomas Harrison, and that letters testamentary be granted to said Louisa M. Harrison the Executrix nominated in the said Will

J. A. A. Young
Judge &c.

Last Will & Testament of A. G. Vaughan Decd.

In the name of God. I A. G. Vaughan of Marengo County Alabama, do make and ordain this My last Will and testament this 6th day of December 1848. My wish and desire is that My land shall be sold as early as My Executrix can possibly make it advantageously to do so, it is to be sold privately by them on such terms and conditions as they think advisable I wish a smaller tract to be bought and my wife and children settled on it. My wish and desire is that My property is to be kept together and the whole of the proceeds applied to the support and education of My wife and children. If My wife never marries she is to pick out fifteen of My best negroes and keep possession of them during her natural life or her will and pleasure, but the income or profits arising from said negroes which she may select is to be applied to her support and the education of My children, when My children marries or become of age their part of the property is to be given to them with the exception of the land which I wish My wife to keep possession of during her life or widowhood. I do hereby appoint My brother I W Vaughan & Henry Dugger My Executors and I do not require them to give any security for the management of My property, and I do further move notwithstanding the

445 above provisions, wishes and devises have the whole management of my property to their discretion, and that they can sell any part of it and buy other property for my wife and children, except the portion which my wife selects, which they are not to sell without her consent.

In witness I have this 6 day of December 1848 put my hand and seal

Alfred G. Vaughan

In the Matter of the Probate of A G Vaughan's wills — Probate Court January Term 1853

Testimony of Doct H W Rees — Henry W Rees being first duly sworn deposes that he is acquainted with the hand writing of A G Vaughan, having seen him write and having received a great many letters from him, and that he believes the said instrument to be in the hand writing of said Vaughan and that the signature is his genuine signature, and that the said Vaughan was always up to within two months of the time of his death in 1852 of sane mind

H. W. Reese

Testimony of Thos Jeffries — Thomas Jeffries being duly sworn says that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Doct Alfred G. Vaughan decd from having received letters and communications in writing from him, and from his knowledge of the hand of said Vaughan he believes the instrument propounded as his last will to be in his hand writing & that the signature is his genuine signature

Thomas Jeffries —

Probate Court Marengo County — January Term held the Tenth day A. D. 1853

This day came on to be heard the probate of the instrument propounded as the last will of Alfred G. Vaughan decd and it appearing that all the heirs and the Executors therein named have duly cited, and the said heirs appearing by Alexr M McDowell their guardian ad litem, and it appearing from the testimony of Doct Henry W. Reese & Thomas Jeffries that said instrument is in the hand writings of said Alfred G. Vaughan, and that the signature to the same is his genuine signature. It is ordered that said instrument be allowed & recorded as the last will & Testament of said Alfred G. Vaughan Decd

Jas A Young
Judge Probate
M. C.

Last Will & Testament of John Jackson decd — See Minutes G. 357

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In the name of God amen.

I John Jackson of Marengo County and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament

First: After all my just debts paid and discharged I give and bequeath the residue of my property both real and personal as follows to wit. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mildred the quarter section of land on which my present dwelling house & other houses are situated, also Eighty acres of land bounded on the North by the lands of W Massey, on the East by the lands of Dr S. F. Perkins & on the West by the lands of Mrs E Greene, and known as the Perkins Eighty, also the following Negro Slaves to wit. Peter, Eliza & her child, Lizzy & her child, Emily, Hight and Major, also my Cotton Gin & Corn Mill, also all my household and Kitchen furniture also my buggy and her choice of one horse, my four horse waggon and harness, and her choice of four mules, Two turning double plows two one horse turning plows, four broad shovels & four scooters, Two double trees & four single trees, and four set of plantation harness, and two Cotton Scrapers, also her choice of twelve head cattle, twenty head sheep and thirty hogs, also five hundred bushels Corn & four thousand pounds fodder, & twenty bushels oats, and all sweet potatoes I may have at the time of my death, also all the bacon I may have at the time of my death, the foregoing real and personal property which is bequeathed to my beloved wife is given to her during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage the same to be divided equally among my legal heirs after first being sold by my Executor —

Secondly — It is my will that the balance of my property both real or personal shall be divided equally among my heirs except my wife who is herein before provided for, and my Executor is hereby instructed and empowered to sell the said property on a credit of twelve months to the highest bidder, the purchaser required to give good sound security

Thirdly — It is my will that the property which I have heretofore given to my children shall remain their bona fide and have no connection with the division of the property that I may have on hand at the time of my death

Fourthly — It is my will that the property which I have given heretofore and do now give in this will to my daughters Elizabeth Dial and Milly Ann Kelly be and the shall be considered their separate Estate for their own separate use and benefit, and at their death to descend to their children, and should they die without a child living then the property shall come back to my legal heirs —

Fifthly — If I should have a crop planted or growing at the time of my death it is my will that my property be kept together till the first of January

447 Next thereafter. Sixthly - I hereby constitute and appoint my sons David B. Jackson and Samuel B. Jackson my Executors to this my last Will & Testament

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal October 18th 1856. John Jackson (Seal)

Witnesses

W. B. Mosawell. E. A. Steele

In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of John Jackson

Probate Court Marengo County held the 2d Monday & 14th day of September 1857

The testimony of William B Mosawell one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument propounded as the last Will of John Jackson deceased who being first duly sworn testifies in open Court & says that he was present on the day said instrument bears date at the residence of John Jackson late of Marengo County deceased, and saw him execute said instrument as his last Will & Testament, that at the request of said testator he and Elijah A. Steele the other subscribing witness, signed their names as witnesses in the presence of said testator and of each other. He further says that said testator was of same & disposing mind & memory at the time

W. B. Mosawell

Estate of Geo Jackson decd.

This day came on for hearing the Probate of the instrument heretofore propounded as the last Will & Testament of Geo Jackson late of said County deceased, and it appearing to the Court that all the legal heirs of said deceased have had due notice of the time & place of hearing said Probate by publication in the Linden Jeffersonian and by citations to the resident heirs of said deceased, and it further appearing from the testimony of Wm B Mosawell one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument now here taken reduced to writing & signed by him that said instrument was duly executed by said John Jackson on the day of its date. And the Executors named in said instrument also files in Court the written Consent of the widow of said deceased that said instrument be admitted to Probate as the last Will of said deceased which is ordered to be Recorded. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be admitted to record as the last Will & Testament of said John Jackson deceased

Jas A. Young Judge &c

Petition

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court December 8th 1857

To the Honorable James A. Young Judge of the Probate Court of said County -

The petition of David Compton Sr respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Mary E. Compton who was an inhabitant of said Marengo County at the time of her death, departed this life on or about the 1st day of November AD 1857 in the town of Demopolis in said County leaving last Will and testament duly signed & published by her, and attested by Archibald Y. 445 Sharpe Mary Louisa McCaa and C Adelia Jones all of whom reside in said Marengo County - a copy of which said will is appended to this petition "Marked Exhibit A" & prayed to be taken as a part thereof - that

2d the said Mary E Compton at the time of her death had no husband or children, and the only heirs or next of Kin she left her surviving were and are her two sisters and her two brothers viz Louisa T. Moore wife of Charles H. Moore who is of the age of years & resides in Mobile County in said State, and Caroline Simmons wife of William Simmons & David Compton Junior and Robert J Compton all three of whom reside in said Marengo County and are over the age of 21 years - and all of the said heirs or next of Kin are of sound mind -

3d That the legatees named in said will are the same persons mentioned above as the heirs or next of Kin in addition to the undersigned who is also a legatee under said will, and he (the petitioner) is appointed the Executor of said will as will appear by referring thereto -

4 In consideration of all which, your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the Matter of this petition, that subpoenas may issue to bring said subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day & that a Commission may issue to take the deposition of the said subscribing witness when they are females to wit, take the deposition of Misses Mary Louisa McCaa & C Adelia Jones - that due notice be issued to the above named heirs or next of Kin and the legatees of said Mary E. Compton, and that such other proceedings, orders or decrees may be had & made in the premises as may be requisite & proper to effect the due probate & record of said will according to law &c and as in duty bound &c

David Compton Sr
for G G Lyon Atty

Last Will & Testament of Mary E. Compton decd.

See Minute Entry [illegible]

"Exhibit A"

I Mary Eveline Compton of Marengo County State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare my last Will and testament in words and figures as follows.

First - I desire that my Uncle David Compton Sr shall be paid for my board &c for the time I have been living with him, and also that he be refunded and paid all that he has paid for me

Second - I give and bequeath to my Uncle David Compton Sr my Negro Man Jack

Third - I give and bequeath to my brother David Compton Jr my Negro woman Alice and her two children that they may be with their husband and father who is owned by him -

Fourth -

I give and bequeath to my Sister Caroline E. Simmons my Negroes Sylvia and John

Fifth -

449 I give and bequeath to my brother Robert I Compton my negro woman Ann and her child

Sixth - I give and bequeath to my Sister Laura F Morse my negro woman Mary and her four children to her for her sole and separate use free from the Control of her husband

Seventh -

I give and bequeath to my friend Mrs Elizabeth F. Jones any balance that may be left of my Estate, after payment of my debts and legacies mentioned above, provided said balance does not exceed three hundred Dollars, and if said balance does exceed three hundred Dollars, I desire that the surplus over and above the ($300) Three hundred Dollars be appropriated to some Charitable purpose by my Uncle David Compton as he may best

I hereby nominate and appoint my Uncle David Compton Sr. the Executor of this my last will. Witness my hand and seal this twenty third day of October A.D. 1857.

Signed, sealed & published as the last will & Testament of Mary E Compton by her in our presence and we attested the same in her presence and in presence of each other this 23 Oct 1857

Mary E. Compton

A. G. Sharpe
M. L. McCaa
C. A. Jones

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
January Term A D 1858

Estate of
Mary E. Compton
Decd

On the hearing of the Probate of the foregoing paper purporting to be the last will of Mary E. Compton Decd Archibald G. Sharpe being called & sworn to speed the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the premises deposes & says - That on Friday 23d day of October 1857 Miss Mary E. Compton sent for him & he went to see her & she told him she wanted him to write her will - that he got pen, paper & ink & made a memoranda of how she wanted her property disposed of as she dictated it. That he went to Mr Lyon & got his advice as to the proper form of a will & then wrote the foregoing in accordance with her said directions, excepting the person to act as Executor was left blank - That he went back to her & asked her who she desired to act as executor, & she said her Uncle David Compton Senr. he added that; to the will and then read it all over to her, & she signed the will, that is the foregoing paper, in his presence & that he this deponent witnessed it in her presence & in the presence of Miss Mary Louisa McCaa & Miss C. Adelia Jones that he saw Miss McCaa & Miss Jones both sign it in the presence of Miss Mary E. Compton - That at the time of the signing of the said will Miss Mary E. Compton mind was sound or she appeared perfectly rational

and knew what she was doing - That she appeared to be feeble but was capable of attending to such business - That she died about ten days after this said paper or will was signed as aforesaid

A. G. Sharpe

Probate Court Marengo County
January Term 1858

This day came David Compton Senr the executor named in the instrument propounded as the last will of said Mary E. Compton, And likewise came David Compton Junr and the Probate of said instrument being heard. It appeared to the satisfaction of the Court that all the heirs at law of said Mary E. have had due & legal notice of the time & place of taking said Probate. It further appears from the testimony of Archibald G. Sharpe one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument (which testimony is reduced to writing, signed & annexed to said will, that said will was legally & properly executed by said testatrix. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded and recorded as the last will & Testament of said Mary E. Compton and it is further ordered that letters testamentary be granted thereon

J. A. Young Judge &c

Probate Court Special term held the 14th day of January 1859 at Linden George Young presiding -

Estate of
Geo W. Watkins
Decd

This day came Mrs Mary L. Watkins and filed in Court an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will of George W Watkins deceased, dated the 6th October 1854 & attested by A W Wright & James Tate, and it appearing that said George W Watkins died about the 14 day of December AD 1858 in Marengo County wherein was his place of residence leaving a widow the said Mary L, and two children to wit, John F Watkins abn 4 years old & Martha J Watkins about two years old. It is therefore ordered that said will be set for hearing & probate on the 15th day of February next & that citations issue to said Minors. And it is further ordered that H A Wolf Esqr be appointed guardian ad litem for said Minors -

J. A. Young Judge &c

Citation:

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court January Term AD 1859

To any sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite John F Watkins & Martha J Watkins if to be found in your County, to be & appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 15th day of February 1859 & show cause if any they have why an instrument propounded as the last will of George W Watkins decd should not be admitted to Probate -

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation, with your enoorsement thereon -

Witness, J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 14th day of Jany 1859 and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 14th day of Jany 1859

J. A. Young Judge &c

Executed on Jno F Watkins & Martha J Watkins by

reading this Notice to their Mother Jany 29th/57 E. L. Watkins Shff
by F. H. Skinner D.S.

Answer for adm'r

In the Matter of the Petition of the Last Will & Testament of George W Watkins Deceased } Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

To Hon. James A. Young Judge of said Court -

The undersigned Robert H Hart appointed by your Honor guardian ad litem for John F. Watkins & Martha J Watkins Minor heirs of said Geo W Watkins dec'd Com & having Notice accepts said appointment & for answer says, that the said Last Will & Testament is not the Last Will & Testament of said dec'd & that said dec'd died intestate, & prays your Honor to Hold the parties offering said will for Probate to strict Legal proof of the same & will ever pray &c.

R H Hart

G'm ad Litem for Jn F. Watkins & Martha J Watkins Minors -

Order on Probate of Will

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Held March 7th 1857
Marengo County } In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of
George W Watkins } This day came on to be heard the Probate
Deceased } of the Will of George W. Watkins dec'd
and James Sale & Archibald N. Wright the Subscribing Witnesses being first duly sworn, depose & say, that they were present on the day said Will bears date, & saw the same executed & published by said Geo W Watkins as his Last Will & Testament, that they subscribed their Names thereto as witnesses, at the Request & in the presence of said Geo W Watkins & in the presence of each other. they further depose, that said George W. was at the time of Executing said Will of sane & disposing mind and Memory

James Sale
A N Wright.

It is therefore ordered & decreed by the Court that said Instrument in writing be admitted to Record as the Last Will & Testament of said George W Watkins deceased, & that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon.

J. A. Young Judge &c

Last Will of George W Watkins Deceased

In the Name of God amen:

I George W Watkins of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, do Make & publish this My Last Will and Testament, Hereby Revoking and Making Void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore Made, and first I direct that all My just debts be paid out of the first Monies that shall Come into the hands of My Executor hereafter Named also I direct that after Valuation or Appraisement be Made by three Disinterested Neighbors of all My said Estate, including My House - Household Furniture, Corn &c. Ales. I direct that all My Stock be sold at public auction, for gross Current Money, upon a Credit of twelve Months, and that all the Real Estate of which I am now possessed, Shall not be sold unless in Payment of My just debts. Also, My desire is, that all the Slaves I now own, shall be Kept together so long as My wife remains single, or until the youngest Child arrives at twenty one years of age - And I do Hereby Make and appoint My Beloved wife Mary L. Watkins Executrix of this My Last Will and Testament -

In Witness whereof, I George W. Watkins have set My hand and seal, this Oct 6. 1854

Geo. W. Watkins

Witness
A N Wright - James Sale -

Probate Court Special Term Held for Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 1st day of May 1857. Hon. James A. Young Judge of Said County Presiding.

Estate of Warren Massey dec'd } See Minutes B. Page 606
This day came William B Mordecai & Felix Orr Exrs and Instrument purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Warren Massey and pronounced the same for Probate and it appearing that said Massey died about the day of December 1856 in Marengo County, wherein was his place of Residence. It is ordered by the Court that said will be set for probate on the first Monday in February next & that Citations issue to the Next of Kin & Heirs in the petition of the said proponents and that W H Grant Esqr be appointed guardian ad litem for the Minor heirs named in said petition.

James A Young Judge &c

Petition

To the Honorable James A. Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County Alabama -

The Petition of Mary Massey Respectfully represents unto Your Honor, that Warren Massey, late an inhabitant of Marengo County, departed this life on the 15th day of Dec 1856 in said County, leaving a last will & Testament duly signed & published by him, and attested by N. B. Lamont & A. J. King who reside in said County of Marengo, in which said will as your petitioner has been informed & verily believes, is named as Executor thereof, which said will is herewith produced to Your Honor, & your petitioner prays for probate & record in this Court. Your petitioner further states

that he is the widow of said decedent, and that the rest of Kin of said decedent, are his children Wm C. Massey who is of full age. Genan Massey, a Minor under the age of 21 years. Elias C. Massey, Warren M. Massey, John S. Massey & Napoleon L. Massey Minors under the age of fourteen years of age who are Residents of Marengo County, and Mary F. Barnwell, wife of Wm H. Barnwell who resides in Clarke County. In Consideration of all which, your petitioner prays, that a day may be set for the Hearing of the Matter of this petition. That Subpoenas may issue to Marengo & Subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day, and that such order & decrees may be Made in the premises as may be requisite & proper to effect the due and Legal Probate & record of said Will

Sworn to and Subscribed
before Me 29th Jan 1858 } Mary her Mark Massey
Wm H. Gamble J.P.

Citation — The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court January Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are Hereby Commanded, without delay, to Cite William C. Massey, Genan Massey, Elias C. Massey, Warren M. Massey & John S. Massey and Napoleon L. Massey if to be found in your County, to be & appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be Holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 1st Monday of February 1858, and Show Cause if any they have why an Instrument propounded by Mary Massey, as the last Will of Warren Massey dec'd Should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon. Witness, J. A. Conny Judge of said Court at office, this 9th day of January A.D. 1858 & in the 83d year of the Independence of the United States

Return — Executed in full 9 Jan 12/58 E. J. Watkins Shff
By S. Hylton D.S.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court January Term 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:
You are Hereby Commanded, without delay, to Cite Wm H. Barnwell & Mary F. Barnwell his wife, if to be found in your County, to be & appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 1st Monday of February 1858 & Show Cause if any they have why an Instrument propounded as the last Will of Warren Massey dec'd Should not be admitted to Probate as such. Herein fail not & have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J. A. Conny Judge of said Court at office, this 11th day of January 1858 & in the 83d year of the Independence of the United States J. A. Conny Judge &c

Return — Executed 29th January 1858 by leaving a copy of this Citation with W. H. Barnwell and Mary Barnwell his wife - E. P. Chapman Shff
Fee $1.50 P. Martin D.S.

Answer of Guardian ad Litem — The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court Feby Term A.D. 1858

In the Matter of the Probation the instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Warren Massey deceased - The undersigned duly appointed Guardian ad litem to defend the interest of Wm C. Massey, G. Massey, Elias C. Massey, Warren M. Massey, John S. Massey and Napoleon L. Massey Minor children of said deceased Comes into Court & accepts said appointment, and for answer denies that said instrument is the will of said Warren Massey deceased. And prays the Court to require strict proof before admitting the same to probate as the will of said Warren Massey deceased

W. H. Grant
Guard. ad litem -

Order on Probate of Will — The State of Alabama Marengo County
In the Matter of the Probate of
the Will of Warren Massey } Probate Court
deceased } February Term 1858

This day came on to be heard the probate of the will of Warren Massey deceased, and it appearing that all the next of Kin of said deceased have had ten days Notice of the time & place of hearing said Probate, and W. H. Grant Esqr appearing as guardian ad litem for the Minor Heirs of said dec'd and N. B. Pearson one of the Subscribing witnesses to said will, being first duly sworn as a witness, deposes & says, he was present on the day said will bears date, and saw said Warren Massey execute said will - that he and Wm B. Meadows & S. S. Sting the other subscribing witnesses attested said will at the request of the said testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other - He further says that said testator was at the time of same and deposing Sound

N. B. Pearson

It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court upon the foregoing testimony of N. B. Pearson taken and subscribed by him in open Court that said instrument in writing be received and recorded as the last will and testament of said Warren Massey deceased, and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon

State of Alabama Probate Court of said County } A. A. Conny
Marengo County } To the Hon. Jas A. Conny Judge of said Court - J. M. Loye &c

Your Petitioner respectfully represents unto your Honor that she desires to prove the will of [illegible] deceased late [illegible] and that to that end she is desirous to take her oath in the County aforesaid before such person as Probate Court may direct, she therefore prays that she may be allowed to take her oath in the County aforesaid before [illegible] Probate Court may direct

[illegible] Probate Court of said County } To the Hon. Jas A. Conny Judge of said Court - J. M. Loye &c

Your Petitioner respectfully represents unto your Honor that she desires to prove the will of [illegible] deceased late [illegible] and that to that end she is desirous to take her oath in the County aforesaid before such person as Probate Court may direct, she therefore prays that she may be allowed to take her oath in the County aforesaid before [illegible] Probate Court may direct

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[illegible] Probate Court } [illegible]
[illegible] } [illegible]

Last Will of
Warren Massey
Dec'd

In the Name of God - Amen -

I Warren Massey of Marengo County and State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, and being impressed with the uncertainty of life and Certainty of death, do Make, ordain and publish this as My Last Will and Testament as follows, towit.

Article 1st. It is My will that all My just debts be paid by My Executor as soon as possible - Article 2nd I Hereby will and bequeath to My beloved wife Mary Massey all My Property both Real and personal of whatever description or Kind to be held and enjoyed by her during her Natural life or widowhood - Article 3d. It is My will that each one of My Children shall have on their Majority or at the age of twenty one years the sum of one thousand and twenty five dollars in Money to be paid by My Executor as soon as the first Crop Can be sold after such Majority, or arrival at the age of twenty one years, and should the proceeds of such Crop be insufficient to pay said Heir or Heirs the said Sum of one thousand and twenty five dollars, then My Executor is Hereby Requested & Requested to sell personal Property Sufficient to Make up the deficit, and as My daughter Mary E. Baswell has received the sum of one thousand & twenty dollars. She is Hereby Excepted in the foregoing provisions of this Article -

Article 4th It is My will that My son William C. Massey shall not Receive any portion of My Estate, until My Youngest Child became of age, or arrives at the age of twenty one years -

Article 5th It is My will that each and every one of My Children shall be Maintained and Liberally educated in the English Language, and the Expenses thereof paid by My Executor out My Estate, Extra & independant of any other bequests herein Made -

Article 6th It is My will that at the death of My wife or at the time of her Marriage, that My Property both Real and personal of every Kind be divided among My wife and all My Children, according to the statute Laws of the State of Alabama, Not to Conflict with any former bequest in this My Last will and Testament, And in the final division of My Estate, it is My will that all My Property both Real and personal be sold on a Credit of twelve Months purchasers giving good personal security -

Article 7th I Hereby Constitute and appoint My beloved wife Mary Massey, Executrix of this My Last will & Testament -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December A.D. 1858

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Warren Massey as his Last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto -

W. B. Moncrief
D. S. Klein
H. B. Lea

Warren Massey (Seal)

Renunciation by Executrix

The State of Alabama Marengo County

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate of said County -

I Mary Massey the person named in the last will and testament of Warren Massey deceased, to be the Executrix thereof, do Hereby renounce the office and Trust confided to me in and by said will, and all right to letters testamentary upon the same, and pray that this my renunciation may be duly entered of Record

Signed in presence of
Wm H Gamble J Peace

her
Mary Massey
mark

Dec 21st 1858

Samuel B Parker Jr Wit'n.

Last Will of
Nathan N Bryan
Deceased

In the Name of God amen -

I Nathan Bryan of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, and knowing that all Men must die, do Make and Constitute this paper writing to be and Contain my Last will and Testament in Manner and form following - towit. First. It is my will and desire that after My death, the whole of My Estate of every description be held together and worked for the benefit of My beloved wife, Mary Ann C. S. Bryan, and My son Nathan N. Bryan, and that My wife be supported, and My son raised and Educated out of the yearly proceeds of the same -

Secondly - It is My will and desire that when My son Nathan N. Bryan attains the age of twenty one years, or is Married, that the whole of My Estate be equally divided between him and My wife, and should either My son or wife die before My son is twenty one years old, or is Married, then and in that event I give the whole of My Estate to the survivor forever -

Thirdly - It is My will and desire that should My son Nathan N. Bryan aforesaid have any issue, that after the death of My wife said issue shall inherit all the Estate Hereby given to My wife and son -

Fourthly - It is My will and desire that all My just debts be paid out of the yearly proceeds of My Estate, and should there not be enough to meet the payment of such debts I leave it discretionary with My Executor & Executrix Hereafter Named to Make such provision to pay the same out of My Estate as may be best for the interest of My Estate -

Lastly - I Hereby Nominate and appoint My friend and relative Nathan N. Whitfield Executor, and My beloved wife Mary Ann C. S. Bryan Executrix to this My Last will and Testament, and as guardians to My son Nathan N. Bryan, with full power jointly, or singly, to Manage My Estate, and to superintend the Education of My son, and to Execute this trust without bond or security for the faithful performance of the same, without requiring them to render a regular account and account, as is required by law, having

if discretionary with them to manage in any way they may consider to be most advantageous to my Estate - And should it become necessary I hereby invest them with full power & authority to appoint a successor to succeed to this trust -

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 7th day of October in the year of our Lord 1855

Nathan Bryan (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in presence of us -

D. C. Prince - A. J. Bryan

The testimony of A. J. Bryan, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument, who being first duly sworn in open Court, deposes and says that he was present, and saw Nathan Bryan Execute & publish said instrument as his last will and testament - that he and Doct D. C. Prince the other subscribing witness, subscribed their names as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Nathan Bryan, and in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date, and the further deposes that said testator was of sane & disposing mind at the time of the Execution of said will -

A. J. Bryan

Order on Probate of Will

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama
Spring Term held the 19th day of January 1857
On the Matter of the will of Nathan Bryan deceased } This day came on for probate the last Will of Nathan Bryan deceased, and it appearing from the testimony of A. J. Bryan that said will was duly executed as will more fully appear by reference to his testimony annexed to said Will and signed by him. It is ordered & decreed by the Court that said instrument be recorded as the last will and testament of said Nathan Bryan deceased - And it further appearing that Mary Bryan widow of said testator is Nominated as Executrix, and that it is provided that she shall not be required to give Bond as such - And the said Mary having qualified as such Executrix. It is further ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary on said will be granted to the said Mary Bryan

Jas. A. Young
Jas Pope & C

Last Will & Testament of Jemisha A. Dixon dec'd

Notice

The State of Alabama:
To any sheriff of the State of Alabama, Greeting:
You are hereby Commanded to Summon Samuel Powell, Thomas Pope and D. H. Pope to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the Court House thereof in Linden, on the 4th Monday of May 1857 on the 1st day of said Term, as also to be and appear from term to term, and from day to day, of each term of said Court, to testify and give evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court, in the Matter of the probate of the will of Mrs Jemisha Ann Dixon, and have you then and there this writ with your endorsement thereon.
Witness J. A. Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 2d day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, and 83d year of the Independence of the United States -
J. A. Young Judge &c

Return

Executed in full May 13th 1857. E. S. Watlington Shff. By D. H. Skinner D.S.

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court, May Term A.D. 1857
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:
You are hereby Commanded, without delay, to cite Robertus P. Dixon if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 4th Monday of May, 1857 and show cause if any he has, why a certain instrument here purporting to be the last will & Testament of Mrs Jemisha Ann Dixon deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such - Hereof fail not, & have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon.
Witness J. A. Young, Judge of said Court, at office, this 2d day of May 1857 and in the 83d year of the Independence of the United States
J. A. Young Judge &c

Return

Executed May 13 1857. E. S. Watlington Shff. By D. H. Skinner D.S.

Will

I Jemisha Ann Dixon of Marengo County and State of Alabama, do Hereby Make My Last will and Testament in Manner and form following - that is to say: - 1st It is My will and desire, that My bodily be decently interred - 2nd I desire that all My just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of My personal estate - 3rd I will and bequeath to My son Robertus Pennington Dixon all My Real and Personal Estate of whatsoever Kind or quality, after My just debts and funeral expenses is paid during his Natural life, and to be equally divided between his bodily heirs at his death if he should have any - 4th It is my will and desire, if My Son Robertus Pennington Dixon should dy without bodily heirs, that all the negroes bequeathed to him by me, together with their Children, be sold at private sale, at reasonable prices giving them the privilege of selecting their Masters, and all the Monies arising from such sale, together with all the rest of the aforesaid Estate, be applied to building of Churches or Houses for Christian worship, within the Counties of Marengo and Wilcox in the State of Ala by whatever denomination of Christians

Sic 4th

whereof, I have set My hand and Seal, this 28th day

of December 1858 — Jerusha A. Dixon

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said testator as, and for her last will and testament, in presence of us, who at her request, and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto —

Samuel Pruett
Thomas Pope
S A Pope

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court held the 28th day of May A.D. 1859 — Jesse Young presiding —

Order

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the will of Mrs Jerusha Dixon, late of Marengo County deceased, and it appearing that Robertus P. Dixon, the only heir at law of said deceased, has had ten days notice of the time of taking said Probate and Thomas Pope, one of the subscribing witnesses, being duly sworn, deposes that he was present on the day the same bears date — and saw Mrs Jerusha Ann Dixon sign and publish said instrument as her last will and testament, that Samuel Pruett and S. A. Pope, the other witnesses to said will, were present and signed said will as witnesses, and that he and said witnesses all signed the same in the presence of said Jerusha Ann Dixon. He further deposes, that said testatrix was of sane and disposing mind at the time of executing said will — Thomas Pope —

It is therefore ordered and decreed upon the foregoing testimony signed by said Thomas Pope, that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will and testament of said Jerusha Ann Dixon, and that letters of administration upon the Estate of said Jerusha Ann with the will annexed be granted

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Last Will & Testament of Wm. R. Vawter Decd

"Exhibit A"

March twenty ninth 1851
To Cornelius H. Vawter —

Dear Brother —

Perhaps I may never see you again, so I weight you a few lines to let you know what my wishes are respecting my property, if I should die before you get here to see me. I wish you to keep all my negro property yourself, to you your heirs and assigns forever — upon the following conditions First — Pay all my bills incurred in my sickness, Dr Bills and burial expenses. Second — All my my other debts that I am in justice bound to pay — thirdly — Pay over to my brother Alexander Vawter one hundred dollars — Fourth — And if our brother in law Colwell Broom is a lawfull heir, pay him one hundred dollars, if he is not a lawfull heir pay him nothing now, after my land and other property is sold, and all the above stated clauses are complyed with, you must then have my negroes valued by two disinterested persons, pay yourself for your trouble, and expence, then divide the balance of the appraisement in three equal parts, one portion you must pay over to sister Clarissa Vawter

Martha Ann Pritchett Etals by their Next friend Ann H. Parish
ads.
Richard H. Pritchett

Petition for Probate of the last will & Testament of Martha W. Pritchett deceased — pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama —

Interrogatories propounded by petitioners to Mary M. Hewin & Martha Williams witnesses for petitioner whose answers when taken are to be read in evidence on the hearing of said petition —

Int 1st Where do you reside? Were you acquainted with Martha W. Pritchett deceased, the former wife of Richard H. Pritchett, of Marengo County in her lifetime? Where did she reside at the time of her death? Where did she die?

Int 2nd Who are her next of kin? Where does Richard H. Pritchett now reside?

Int 3rd Look at the paper hereto attached as "Exhibit A" and purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha W. Pritchett decd, and say if you signed your names to it as witnesses? If yea, did you sign names in the presence of said deceased? Did she or not ask you to sign it? Did the deceased or not sign her name to said will? Did she or not say she wrote the paper "Marked A" herself, and ask you to sign as witnesses? Did she or not say she wanted you to sign it with her? Are you acquainted with her hand writing? If yea, is the said signature at the bottom of the said will her own? Did or not deceased say after you has signed the will that "it was now fixed" or "she was ready to die", or that "she had now provided for her children"? Did she or not ask you to witness the paper marked "A"? Did she speak of it as her own writing? —

Int 4th How was deceased's health when you signed the paper? Did she speak of dying? Did she or not at any time in your hearing speak of her desire, that after her death she wanted Mrs Parish of Mobile to take charge of her child or children? Was or not her health very bad? And could she have reasonably expected to live long? What did deceased say about dying, and what did she say about her children? Was this at the time of signing the paper "A"? —

Int 5th The witnesses are requested to give direct answers to the Interrogatories? and to state anything further that will benefit Plaintiff

Robt. D. Hart
Attorney for Petitioners

Filed in my office
10th May 1859 Jas. A. Young Judge &c

The State of Alabama

To any sheriff of the state of Alabama Greeting:

Notice You are hereby commanded, without delay, to make known unto Richard H. Pritchett that Martha Ann Pritchett Etals, by their Next friend A. H. Parish, by attorney, this day filed in the clerks office of the Probate Court of Marengo County, interrogatories which are to be propounded to Martha Williams and Mary M. Hewin, whose testimony when taken, is to be read as evidence in the cause now pending in said Probate Court, between Martha Ann Pritchett & others by next friend Plaintiffs, and

one portion to yourself, and the ~~other~~ third portion to be paid over to Margarett Vawter our niece, on condition that she marries a man that you like and approve of as a fitting husband for her - Now be it Known to all whom it May Concern, that if the above instruction is lawfull in Court, I do hereby declare that this is my last will and testament -

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty Ninth of March 1857

Attested - ~~Alexander Brashears~~ ~~Ira B. Brashears~~

Alexander Brashears (Seal) Ira B Smith (Seal) Dennis P. Brashears (Seal)

Personally appeared before me W. J. H. Watts an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Mobile County, Alexander Brashears, Ira B. Smith & Dennis P. Brashears, after being duly sworn, State that the above will & testament is William K. Vawter's last wish and desire, when departing this life on the thirtieth of March A.D. 1857 W. J. H. Watts (Seal)

I Certify that the above is just and true J.P.

Recorded - Since this the 5th of April 1857 M. C.

The State of Alabama Marengo County

In the Matter of the Will of Probate Court held the 10th
Mrs Martha Pritchett Decd day of March, 1857 Judge Young Presiding

Estate of
Mrs M. W. Pritchett
Decd

This day came Bettie Pritchett & others Minors and heirs of Martha W. Pritchett deceased by Ann W. Parish their Next friend and propounded for probate a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of said Martha W. deceased. It is therefore ordered that said Probate be set for hearing on the 2nd Monday in May Next, and that a citation issue to Richard H Pritchett, the husband of said Martha W. to appear and contest said petition and probate if he think proper.

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Will

My last will and testament May 22nd 1857

To Ann W. Parish "Exhibit A"

I do hereby give My daughter Martha Ann to My Sister in law Ann Parish, and the property My Aunt Bransford gave me, and also, the 2 Negroes I have a bill of sale for - Julia and Sarah - Julia to Martha Ann and Sarah to Betty, My oldest daughter - the other property to wit, Cary and wife Coatny, Liddy and three Children, Charles, Allin an Henry to Kept on the farm for the benefit of My husband Richard Pritchett, and three Children Noble, James and Mathew, and after the death of My husband to be equally divided between them all

Martha W. Pritchett

The Bransford property for my two daughters Martha Ann and Betty, Liddy was bought with the Money one of My Negroes was sold for -

Martha W. Pritchett

Mr Gates Executor

Witness - Mary M. Herrin
Witness - Martha Williams

Written by the deceased

Richard H. Pritchett Defendant, on the behalf of Plaintiff; a Copy of this writ, and copies of said interrogatories here with inclosed, you will leave with the said R. H. Pritchett or his attorney - And that you do further make known to the said Pritchett or his said attorney that at the expiration of ten days after the service of this writ, Commission will issue to take the examination & testimony of said witnesses upon the said interrogatories, and such Crop interrogatories as the said Pritchett or his said Attorney may think proper to file within that time, and make due return of this writ as soon as executed - Witness Jas. A. Young, Judge of said Court, at office, in Linden, this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and 59. and of the Independence of the United States the 83d year

Jas. A. Young
Judge &c

Return

Executed and copy of this notice and copy of Interrogs left April 14th 1859

E. T. Wattington Shft
By T. H. Skinner D.S.

The State of Alabama

Commission

To Thomas H. Skinner Esqr.

We reposing full confidence in your prudence and fidelity, have appointed, you, and each of you, Commissioners to take the testimony of Mary M. Herrin and Martha Williams to be read on the trial of a certain Cause pending in our Probate Court, for the County of Marengo, between the heirs of Martha W. Pritchett deceased and R. H. Pritchett. We therefore hereby authorize and require, you or any one or more of you, that you cause the said witnesses to come before you, or any one or more of you, at such time and place as you may appoint for the purpose, and after causing them to be duly sworn as witnesses in said Cause, that you then and there proceed to take their examination upon the Interrogatories, annexed to this Commission, and continue from day to day until the same be completed - and the said Examination reduced into writing, read, to, and caused to be signed by the witnesses, and certify the same to us under the hand and seal of such of you as may take the same: and the said examination so taken on oath, signed and certified as aforesaid, together with the Interrogatories and Crop interrogatories and this Commission, you will then carefully close up and seal, and direct, and transmit the same to the Clerk of our said Court with all convenient speed -

Witness, Jas. A. Young Judge and Ex officio Clerk of said Court, at office, this 28th day of April A. D. Eighteen hundred and 59. and 83d year of the Independence of the United States

Jas. A. Young
Judge &c

The State of Alabama Marengo County —

Answers By virtue of the annexed Commission to me directed from the Judge of the Probate Court of said County to take the deposition of Martha Williams in a certain cause pending in said Court, wherein Martha Ann Pritchett Etals is plaintiff and R H Pritchett is defendant, I have caused the said witness who is personally known to me, (or whose personal identity is made known to me by proof made before me) to come before me at the residence of Mrs Armstead 10th day of May A D 1859. and after causing her to be sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth as a witness in said cause she deposes and answers, as follows — to wit —

Answer to

Int 1st At the residence of Mrs Armstead in Clarke County — I had a slight acquaintance with her in Marengo County. In August or September 1857. I think.

Int 2d Her Children. Their names are Elizabeth, Hobbs, James — Mathew and Martha — I do not know their ages — In Marengo County

Int 3rd From the best of my knowledge and belief I think that is my signature — I signed it in the room where Mrs Pritchett was — She did not. I did not see her sign it — She did not — No she did not — I am not. I do not know — I did not hear her — No — No she did not — No she said nothing about it —

Int 4th Her health was very bad — She did speak of dying at the time I signed the paper — I did hear deceased say that the paper I signed would show that she has given her daughter Martha to Mrs Parish — It was bad, she could not — I have answered all that I heard her say about dying or about her children — It was —

Int 5th I know of nothing more that would benefit the Plffs in this suit — Further witness saith not —

Martha Williams

I Thomas H Skinner Commissioner aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony of said witness was taken down by me in the language of said witness, by me carefully read over to her, and by her fully approved and signed by her in her own hand writing in my presence given under my hand and seal, this day and year above written —

Th. H. Skinner Commissioner (Seal)

The State of Alabama Marengo County —

Answers By virtue of the annexed commission to me directed from the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, to take the deposition of Mary M. Hearon in a certain cause pending in said Court wherein Martha Ann Pritchett Etals is plaintiff, and R H Pritchett is defendant, I have caused the said witness who is personally known to me, (or whose personal identity is made known to me by proof made before me) to come before me at residence of R Hearon on the 11th day of May A D 1859. and after causing her to be sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth as a witness in said cause she deposes and answers as follows, to wit. — Answer to —

Int 1st In Marengo County — I only had a slight acquaintance with her — In Marengo County — She died in Sept 1857 I think

Int 2d Her Children — Their names are Elizabeth, Hobbs, James, Matthew and Martha Ann — In Marengo County —

Int 3rd It looks like my hand writing and they say I write my name, and from the best of my knowledge and belief it is my signature — Yes she was present when I signed it — No she did not — Not in my presence — No she did not — She did not. I am partially acquainted with her writing — It looks like Mrs Pritchett's hand writing — No she did not — No she did not say in my hearing — No she never said so in my hearing — No she did not — If she did I have no recollection of it —

Int 4th Very bad — Yes she spoke of dying — She did not that I recollect of — Yes her health was very bad — No she could not — Not a word in my presence that I have any recollection of — She said that here is an instrument of writing showing that I have given Martha Ann to sister Ann (Mrs Parish) if she should die before she Mrs Parish returned — This was at the time of signing the paper &c —

Int 5th I know of nothing more that will benefit the Plffs in this suit — Further this deponent saith not —

Mary M Herrin —

I Th. H. Skinner Commissioner as aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony of said witness was taken down by me in the language of said witness, by me carefully read over to her, and by her fully approved and signed by her in her own proper hand writing in my presence — given under my hand and seal this day and year above written

Th. H. Skinner Commissioner (Seal)

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Estate of Martha W Pritchett deceased } Probate Court Stated Term held the 2nd Monday in May 1859 Judge Young Presiding. the following order was made to wit — "The Probate of the will of said deceased continued for want Deposition in this case —

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

At a Stated term of the Probate Court held for Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 2nd Monday & day of June A D 1859. the Hon. James A Young Judge presiding the following among other proceedings were had to wit —

Order Estate of Martha W Pritchett Decd } This day came on for Probate the last will & Testament of said Martha W. Pritchett, and it appearing that Richard H. Pritchett & Martha Ann Pritchett who are the next of kin of said deceased have had ten days notice of the time & place of taking said probate & it further appearing from the testimony of Martha Williams & Mary M Herrin the subscribing witnesses to said will, whose depositions are annexed to said will, that the said will was duly executed by said testatrix on the day of its date in their presence, & attested by them as prescribed by law, and it further appearing that said testatrix was at the time of executing said will of same mind. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid, be admitted to record as the last will & Testament of said Martha W. Pritchett deceased

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Last Will & Testament
of
Mary A Glover dec'd

See Minute Entry 6. 576 & 631

Petition

To the Hon James A Minor Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama -

The undersigned would represent unto Your Honor, that Mary A Glover, late of said County, died on the 21st day of October A.D. 1856. leaving the paper hereto affixed purporting to be her last will and testament - that by reference to said paper it will be seen that Benjamin R. Glover & Thomas H. Foster are the subscribing witnesses to the execution thereof - that the said Benjamin R. Glover resides in said Marengo County - and that the undersigned is informed that the said Thomas H. Foster is dead - that the said Mary A. Glover left her surviving, at the time of her death, the following persons who are her heirs at law, viz: Anne E. Lyon, wife of George G. Lyon, Laura L. Bond, wife of Daniel F. Bond, and George F. Glover, all of whom reside in said Marengo County, and are over twenty one years of age, and who are the same mentioned in said will as legatees &c. - all of which is respectfully submitted &c -

Geo. G. Lyon
Geo. F. Glover

Will

The last Will and Testament of Mary A Glover of Marengo County in the State of Alabama -

I Mary A Glover considering the uncertainty of this Mortal Life, and being of Sound Mind and Memory do Make and publish this My last Will and Testament in Manner & form following, (that is to say)

First

I give and bequeath to My Son George F. Glover the sum of three thousand ($3000) Dollars of the portion of My Estate that I received under the will of My late husband Allen Glover dec'd I further give and devise to My daughter Ann E. Lyon, the wife of George G. Lyon, and to the heirs of her body one third of My Estate after payeing the three thousand dollars and interest above devised. I further give and devise to My daughter Laura L. Glover, and to the heirs of her body one third of My Estate after payeing the three thousand dollars and interest above devised. I further give and bequeath to My Son George F. Glover, one third of My Estate, after the payment of the three thousand Dollars and interest devised to him above - and I hereby constitute George G. Lyon & George F. Glover My Executors of this My last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and seal, this 17th day of September A.D. 1852.

Mary A. Glover (Seal)

Signed & Sealed in the presence of -
B. R. Glover
Thos. H. Foster

Probate Court January Term 1857

Order

In the Matter of the Probate of the will of Mrs Mary A Glover dec'd

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the will of Mrs Mary A. Glover deceased: and Benjamin R. Glover one of the subscribing witnesses being duly sworn states that he was present on the day said will bears date, and saw the same executed by Mrs Glover, that he and Thomas H. Foster the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses at the request, and in the presence of Mrs Glover, and in the presence of each other, and that Mrs Glover was at the time of sane and disposing mind, disposent further says he wrote the will, and that the erasures were made by Mrs Glover after the will was executed, and that she informed deponent that she had made the erasures -

B. R. Glover

It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that said instrument in writing be admitted to record upon the testimony aforesaid as the last will and testament of said Mary A. Glover deceased and that letters testamentary be granted thereon -

Jas. A. Minor
Judge &c

Petition

Last Will & Testament
of
Rachel Mitcheson dec'd

See Minute Entry 6. 619

To the Hon. James A Minor Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama -

The petition of the Undersigned Lucretia Mitcheson, who is a citizen and resident of said County, respectfully sheweth - that Rachel Mitcheson, who in her life time was a citizen & resident of said County, departed this life at Tenden, in said County, on the 2nd day of September instant - that the said Rachel Mitcheson on the 16th day of January A.D. 1855 published and declared her last will and testament in words and figures following -

I Rachel Mitcheson of the town of Kenosha in the State of Alabama, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, - In consideration of the kindness and attention of my daughter Lucretia Mitcheson to me for many years past, I give and bequeath to her, and her heirs forever all my personal property of every kind and description whatever which I may leave after the payment and discharge of my funeral expenses - and I appoint her My paid daughter Lucretia, my sole Executrix - And as I owe no debts, I desire that She be not required to give bond as such Executrix -

As witness of My hand and seal this January 16th 1855

(Signed) Rachel her Mark Mitcheson

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said Rachel as and for her last will and testament in our presence who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

(Signed) C. A. C. Pierce - B. R. Glover -

By which said will you petitioner was duly appointed her sole Executrix - And whereas said said will you petitioner has duly filed in this Court and

propounds for probate - that said Rachel left her surviving the following Children and only heirs at law - Zimri Mitcherson a son who is over twenty one years of age, and who as petitioner is informed and believes is a Non resident of this State, and whose residence unknown to petitioner - ~~Lucretia~~ Lauretta Goode, her daughter - who is the widow of Franklin B. Goode dec^d, who is over twenty one years of age, and a Non resident of this State, and whose residence is Memphis Tennessee in the State of Tennessee - Prudence Murray, her daughter, widow of William Murray dec^d, who is over twenty one years of age, also a Non resident of this State, and whose residence is Memphis in the State of Tennessee - Parmelia Keller, wife of George Keller, who is over twenty one years of age, and resides at Linden in said Marengo County - Alice or Ailsey, a grand daughter, wife of Prentice D. Flint, who is over 21 years of age and resides in Choctaw County in the State of Alabama, and also your petitioner, Lucretia Mitcherson, who resides in said County of Marengo. Your Petitioner brings said will into Court, and prays that the same be admitted to Probate -

Lucretia Mitcherson
By Lomax & Prince
her Sols

Will. I Rachel Mitcherson of the Town of Demopolis in the State of Alabama, do hereby make, publish and declare this My last Will and Testament in Manner and form following that is to say - First - In consideration of the kindness and attention of My daughter Lucretia Mitcherson to me for Many years past, I give and bequeath to her and to her heirs forever all My property of every kind and description whatever, which I may leave after the payment & discharge of My funeral Expenses, and I appoint her My said daughter Lucretia, My sole Executrix - And as I owe no debts, I direct that she be not required to give bond as such Executrix

As witness My hand and seal, this January 16th 1855

Rachel her mark Mitcherson

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Testatrix as & for her last will and Testament in our presence, who at her request, and in her presence & in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses -

O. H. Prince
B. N. Glover

Order In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of Rachel Mitcherson dec^d

Probate Court Marengo County
January Term A.D. 1855

The Probate of the will Mrs Rachel Mitcherson Coming on this day to be heard, and it appearing that citations have been duly served upon the heirs at law residing in the State of Alabama, and it further appearing that notice of the time & place of hearing said Probate has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian, and Oliver H. Prince one of the subscribing witnesses being duly

sworn, deposes and says that said will was written by him & was executed by said Rachel in his presence and that of B. N. Glover on the day of its date, that he and the said B. N. Glover subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of, and in the presence of said Rachel, and in the presence of each other - He further says said testatrix was of sane mind at the time of Executing said Will -

O. H. Prince

And upon the foregoing testimony. It is ordered that said instrument be recorded as the last will and testament of said Rachel Mitcherson deceased -

Jas. H. Young Judge &c.

Last Will & Testament of George W. Bainey Dec^d

Petition

See Minutes G. Page 742

To the Honorable James H. Young Judge of the Probate Court of ~~Marengo~~ County in the State of Alabama -

Showeth to your Honor, your petitioner, Mary L. Bainey of said Marengo County - that she was the lawful wife and is the widow of George W. Bainey late of said County, deceased, that the said George W. departed this life on the 14th of June last past, in the year 1853 and was then and long before a resident of said County; that the said George W. Bainey left a last will and testament, or writing, purporting to be such, bearing date, and which was signed and executed by him, on the 16th day of November in the year 1840 - and was all written, dated and signed by his own proper hand; and which writing is herewith filed in your Honorable Court; that at the execution thereof said George W. Bainey was over the age of 21 years; that your petitioner does not know of and although she has examined the papers of the said George W. could not find any other writing purporting or intended by him to be his last will or testament; that the said George W. left no children or child or descendant of any - nor any brother or sister, or descendant of any, him surviving; that the only next of kin of the said George W. of whom your petitioner has any information is George Northey, Newer Lake of Driftwood, in the County of New London in the State of Connecticut, - and perhaps other persons, - (but if any they are unknown to your petitioner,) - of said State or of the State of Rhode Island - and that the said George W. left a large Estate, real and personally situated in the Counties of Marengo and Choctaw, in the State of Alabama. Your petitioner, therefore, propounds the writing aforesaid as the last will & Testament of

said George H Barney and pray Notice thereof be given according to law, to the next of Kin, and that said writing be proven and established as such Last will by your Honorable Court, - and as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Manning & Walker
for Mrs Barney

The above named Mary L Barney being duly sworn, saith that the allegations in the foregoing petition, are according to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, - true in substance and in fact -

Sworn to & subscribed before me as Clerk of my Court & seal of the Probate Court of Noxubee County this 11th day of July A D 1849

Mary L. Barney

Jno A Hitchcock
Jr Clerk

Will

The Last Will and Testament of George H Barney made this Eighteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Forty - To Wit:

I do give and bequeath to my dear Mother and my Estate the sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid to her annually out of My Estate. I do give unto my beloved wife all My Property both real and Personal to her and her heirs forever - I do appoint my friend John M Robards Executor of this my last will

Geo H Barney

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
August Term 1849

In the matter of the Last Will of
George H. Barney
Dec'd

The testimony of Henry A Woolf & Wm Root Charles Irby taken in open Court before the Probate Court of Marengo County aforesaid at the term of said Court held the third Monday & fifteenth day of August A D 1849 in the matter of the Probate of an instrument in writing propounded by Mrs Barney as the Last Will of said George H Barney Dec'd And the said Henry A Woolf being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he has known Col. George H Barney ever since 1845 and has from that time to the present seen his hand writing and thinks he is well acquainted with it that he believes said will is in the hand writing of said Barney, and that the signature is his genuine signature. That Col. Barney has been a resident of Marengo County ever since he first knew him until the time of his death, and that he was on the 18th day of December as witness ever knew or heard of Some mind except the time when he last saw him which was at the May Term of the Circuit Court of Marengo County 1847. thinks Col Barney was about forty five Years of age when he first knew him in 1845 - H A Woolf

And said Charles Irby being also first duly sworn, states that said George H Barney resided in Marengo County, that he and said Barney became acquainted between eighteen or eighteen years ago, that for the last ten or twelve years he has kept an occasional correspondence with Col Barney and is well acquainted with his hand writing, and from his knowledge of his hand writing is well satisfied that said will is in the hand writing of said Barney and that the signature is his genuine signature - that Col. Barney was a strong intelligent man more than commonly so, and that his mind was at all times when witness saw him clear and sound. And that witness never knew or heard of his being or having been otherwise than perfectly sane - that if at any time Col Barney had been of unsound mind witness thinks he would have heard of it - Witness says further that Col Barney was in possession of a large Real and Personal Estate a portion of which is in Marengo County and a portion in Choctaw County in the State of Alabama, and had been in possession of a large Property Real and Personal from the first acquaintance of witness with him - Witness thinks from his appearance when he first became acquainted with Col Barney that he was about forty or forty five years of age when he first became known to witness and considered him a temperate clean man of steady and regular habits.

Charles Irby

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of August 1849

Jno A Hitchcock
Clerk

And James A Young Exqr being also solemnly sworn deposes and states that he is the Judge of the Probate Court aforesaid that he became acquainted with Col George H Barney to the best of his recollection about the year 1841 or 1842 & has known him ever since up to the time of his death, that at intervals during nearly all the time since his first acquaintance he has had Correspondence with him or opportunities of becoming acquainted with his hand writing that about the years 1845 or 1846 while in partnership in the practice of Law with William M Brooke Esqr, the firm of Brooke & Young were employed by Col Barney as Counsel & wrote up Law his hand writing frequently and he believes he is well acquainted with it and with his signature from his knowledge of them believes the said will to be in the hand writing of Col Barney, and that the signature is his genuine signature

He further says that Col Barney was at all times since his first acquaintance with him of clear and strong mind, never was a person of more than ordinary intelligence

Jas A Young

Order of Probate

Probate Court Marengo County
Special Term held August 13th 1859.

this day Came on for Probate the instrument heretofore propounded by Mrs Mary L. Barney as the Last will and testament of said George W Barney decd. And it appearing to the Court that notice of the time & place of hearing said Probate has been given by Publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian, a newspaper published in said County that the non resident heirs of said deceased might appear if they thought proper. And it further appearing by the testimony of Henry A Woolf, Doct Charles Irby, J M Moody and James A Young taken down in writing and annexed to said will and subscribed by them in open Court, that said instrument is in the handwriting of said George W Barney and that he was at or about the time of the date of said will and ever since up to the period of his last sickness of sane mind. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said George W Barney as to his personal Estate, and that letters of administration be granted thereon.

Jas A Young
Judge &c

Last Will & Testament of Robt L Wren decd

See Minute Entry 564 & 565

Petition

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

The petition of Rebecca A. Wren, as widow of the late Robert L. Wren respectfully represents to your Hon: Court that the said Robert L Wren decd died the day of June 1858 - at the time of his death was resident of said County - that he left him surviving as his only heirs at Law, your petitioner, who during the life of the said Wren was legally married to him, and his son William D. Wren, a Minor under the age of 14 years, - that he left a Last Will & Testament which is here offered for Probate - that by the said will, the said Robert appointed James L. Price as his Executor of the same, - who refused to act in that capacity. Your petitioner therefore, offers the said will as one of the legatees under the same to have the same proved in said Court - and your petitioner will ever pray &c

both parties life in said County &c
Clarke & Terrell
Attys for R. A. Wren

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
Oct Term A.D. 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to cite William Wren, a Minor child of Robert L. Wren decd

if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of Nov. 1858, and show cause why a certain instrument in writing propounded by Mrs Wren as the Last will of said Robert L Wren decd should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 11th day of Oct. 1858, and in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States -

Dated 11th day of Oct. 1858.

Jas A Young Judge &c

Return

Executed Oct. 20th 1858.

E. T. Wallington Shff.
By S. Hylton D.S.

Answer of Guardian ad Litem

I hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem to represent the interest of William D. Wren in the propounding of the will of said Robt L Wren, and hereby deny each and every fact as alleged by the proponent in the within petition, - and pray the court that she may be held to strict & legal proof thereof.

L. R. Terrell
Guardian ad litem

Testimony

Probate Court held for Marengo County, the 22d day of November A.D. 1858
Judge Young Presiding

In the Matter of the last will of Robt L Wren decd

the Probate of the will of Robert L Wren late of Marengo County, Coming on this day to be heard, Now this day Comes Mrs Rebecca A. Wren widow of said deceased by attorney & also Comes William D. Wren the only child & heir at Law of said deceased, and the Probate of said will being heard, and Robert Christian one of the subscribing witnesses being sworn, deposes and states as follows, to wit: That he was present & saw said Robert L. Wren sign and publish said instrument propounded, as his last will and testament. that he deponent, & M. F. Stone the other witness subscribed their names at the request of said testator, & in his presence & in the presence of each other, - and that said testator was of sane & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing said will, and further that said will was executed on or about the day the same bears date -

Ro: Christian

And upon the foregoing testimony of said Robert Christian subscribed by him in open Court, It is ordered & decreed that said instrument in writing be entered of Record as the Last Will & Testament of said Robert L. Wren -

Jas A Young
Judge of Probate &c

Will

Marengo Alabama May 1st 1857

I Robert L Wren, being as I believe of sound mind, & fully aware of the seriousness & importance of the subject now under contemplation before me & knowing well that many accidents attend the cause of this life, think it advisable to make arrangements as to the disposition of my property. I therefore, in this my Last will & Testament desire that all my property both Real & Personal be Equally divided between my dear wife, Rebecca Allen Wren & my Child William Deggs Wren. The Drug Store in Camden Wilcox County Alabama, Conducted under the Name & Title of James L. Stone & Co. of which I am one half owner. I wish kept up as long as they may think advisable the balance of my property to do with as they may think proper. I appoint my dear wife Rebecca Allen Wren guardian of my Child William Deggs Wren. I do not require her or my Executor to give

County. I appoint my known James L. Rice to be administrator an Executor under this Will

Test. Rt Christian — M. F. Stone —

Robt L. Rice

Last Will & Testament
of
W. J. Grayson
dec'd

See Minute Entry Pg. 628.

Citation

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
January Term A.D. 1859

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to Cite Mrs Emeline Grayson and her children James G. Grayson, Robert N. Grayson, Horatio B. Grayson and Mary L. Grayson Minors if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable George E. Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 31st day of January 1859. And shew Cause if any there be why an Instrument propounded as the last Will of W.J. Grayson dec'd should not be admitted to Probate. Herein fail not. And have you then, and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon —

Witness James A. Young Judge of said Court at office this 24th day of January 1859. And in the 83 year of the Independence of the United States.

Y. A. Young Judge &c

Return

Executed 24th day of January 1859.

Executed in full Jany 29th 1859.

E. T. Gallion for Sheff
By J. N. Strange D.S.

Order of Publication

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will & Testament of W.J. Grayson dec'd

In the Prob. Court of Marengo County &c

To the Hon. Geo. A. Young Judge &c of said Court —

The undersigned Robert D. Hart appointed Guardian ad litem for Grayson, and Grayson, Minor heirs of the said W.J. Grayson dec'd to represent them in the above matter, comes & having sworn, accepts said appointment & for answer to the petition of H. M. Grayson in the above matter, says he denies that said instrument there propounded is the last Will & Testament of said deceased, & prays (your Honor to hold said petitioner to strict & legal proof of the same — And as will ever pray &c.

Robert D. Hart
Guardian ad litem for Minor heirs of W.J. Grayson dec'd

Testimony

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court Special Term held January 31st 1859.

In the Matter of the Will of W. J. Grayson dec'd

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the Instrument heretofore propounded as the last Will and Testament of William J. Grayson dec'd and it appearing that the heirs at law, and next of kin of said deceased have been legal Notice of the time of holding said Probate and Robert D. Hart having been appointed Guardian ad litem for the Minors in case of said deceased, &

appeared in open Court and accepted said appointment and filed his plea in behalf of said Minors, and Oliver H. Grayson one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will being sworn & Examined in open Court. deposes and says, That he was present on the day said Will bears date and saw said W.J. Grayson Execute said instrument as his last Will and Testament - that he and H. M. Riddle and W.H. Grayson, the other subscribing witness of all signed the same at the request and in the presence of said Testator, and that the name of the Testator was written & signed to said instrument by Dr H. M. Riddle at the request of the Testator he being unable to see how to write his name at the time - Witness further says, that said Testator was of sane mind at the time - He further says, the will was written in pencil because he was & is not near convenient, and was twice read over in the presence of the Testator.

O. H. Grayson

It is therefore, adjudged, ordered & decreed upon the testimony of said Oliver H. Grayson as herein stated & signed by him, that said instrument be established & recorded as the Last Will & Testament of said W.J. Grayson, and it is further ordered that Letters Testamentary thereon be granted to H.M. Grayson the Executor nominated in said Will, upon his entering into sufficient Bond in Ten thousand Dollars

Ja. A. Young Judge &c

Will

The State of Alabama Marengo Co —

I W.J. Grayson being of sound mind, and considering the uncertainty of life do hereby make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament. That is to say. First. It is my wish that my Land, Negroes & all my Stock shall be sold as soon as capable, for the purpose of paying my Lawful debts - The remainder I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Emeline Grayson, as long as she remains my widow. Should she marry then all that I have bequeathed to her in this my Last will and Testament shall be equally divided between my four children, viz: James, Horatio & Mary Likewise I make, Constitute and appoint my beloved brother H.M. Grayson, to be the Executor of this my Last will and Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal, this 6th day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty Nine -

W.J. Grayson (Seal)

H.M. Riddle — O.H. Grayson — W.H. Grayson —

Last Will & Testament

Citation

See Minute Entry Pg 637

The State of Alabama

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Chas McDowell & Alb Brown to be & appear before the honorable Judge of the Probate Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the court house thereof in Linden on the 2nd Monday of November 1858 on the day of said Term as also to be and appear from term to term, from day to day of each term of said Court, to testify & give Evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court, between Wm Statham Plaintiff, & the heirs of the Boyd defendants, on the part

and behalf of said Offr for the Probate of the will of said Boyle shown upon how and when the same, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness Ed A Young Judge of said Court, at office, this 16th day of Oct. A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty Eight & 83 year of the Independence of the United States.

Return. Executed Oct 28th 1858 on Wm B Mordaunt & Ed A Young Judge &c
Wm Mordaunt - E F Billington Sheff By S. Hayslow D.S.

Citation The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } July Term A.D. 1858

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting -

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to Cite Louisiana Boyle widow of George R Boyle dec'd and Elizabeth Boyle, James Boyle, Ruth Boyle and Martha Boyle Minor Children of said George R dec'd if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 3d Monday of September 1858. then there if any they have why a certain Instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of William Boyle deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such Last Will. Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness Ed A Young Judge of said Court at office, this 25th day of July 1858. and in the 83d year of the Independence of the United States.

Return Executed 25th day of July 1858 Ed A Young Judge &c
Not found in My County 16th Sept 1858. W J Kennon Sheff.
P. A Jones D.S.

Citation The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } December Term A.D. 1858.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting.

You are hereby Commanded, without delay, to Cite Louisiana Boyle widow of George R Boyle dec'd and Elizabeth Boyle, James Boyle, Ruth Boyle and Martha Boyle & George R. Boyle Minor Children of said George R. deceased, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2d Monday of January 1859. then and there if any they have why a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will of said George R Boyle dec'd should not be admitted to probate as such Last Will. Herein fail not & have you then & there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon -

Witness Ed A Young Judge of said Court at office, in Linden, this 15th day of Dec. 1858. and in the 83d year of the Independence of the United States -

Issued 15th day of December 1858.

Return Executed Dec 38d 1858 by Reading this Citation to the Louisiana Boyle the Mother of the above Named Minor Heirs Ed A Young Sheff & Ex Officio County

Answer of Guardian ad litem

Estate of George R Boyle dec'd } The State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court.

I William F Buell do hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem to represent the interest of Elizabeth Boyle, James Boyle, Ruth Boyle, Martha Boyle and George Boyle Minor heirs of the said George R. Boyle, made by the said Court on the pounding of the will of the said Geo. R. & hereby deny the Execution of the said will, and prays the Court to repeat the probate of the said will. & discharge the said Minors since both their said heirs incurred. Wm F Buell Guardian ad litem

Testimony Testimony of Wm B Mordaunt one of the subscribing witnesses taken down under oath. The said Witness states that the testator George R. Boyle signed the foregoing will in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness - and that the other subscribing witness, signed his name as a witness to said will in the presence of the testator and said Mordaunt. - that both witnesses subscribed their names at the request of the testator, and that the said Geo R Boyle was of sound and disposing mind and Memory at the time he Executed the foregoing will Wm B Mordaunt

Order of Probate Probate Court Marengo County in the State of Alabama
February Term A.D. 1859.

Estate of George R Boyle dec'd } This day came on to be heard the Probate of the last will & Testament of George R Boyle deceased, and it appearing that the Part of Kin of said deceased in the case have had legal notice of the time & place of taking said Probate & the minor heirs by Wm F. Buell Esq their guardian ad litem having assented the Execution of said will, and William B Mordaunt one of the subscribing witnesses having been examined in open Court & it appearing from his testimony which is reduced to writing & signed by him that said will was duly & properly executed and published by said George R Boyle It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court, that said instrument be established and recorded as the last will & Testament of said George R Boyle deceased.

Ed A Young
Judge &c

Will

In the Name of God Amen:

I George R. Boyle of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing Memory, but being feeble in health, do make & publish the following, as my last will & Testament, that is to say, 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Louisiana Boyle all my property, both real & personal which I now own, or to which I may hereafter become entitled to in any Manner. To have and to Hold the same during her Natural life. 3rd It is my will that at the death of my wife or earlier marriage to another that my property both real & personal be equally divided among my Children share & share alike. 4th I hereby appoint Wm Batton Executor to this my last will & Testament

George R. Boyle

Witnesses
Wm B Mordaunt - A.B. Meux

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Last will & Testament of Oliver B Boddie dec'd

Petition

See Minutes Bk 7 pt 763

To the Hon: Jamie A Young Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Marengo the State of Alabama —

The application of William E Clarke respectfully represents to your Hon: Court, that Oliver B Boddie late of said County died on the 19th day of July A.D. 1859 in said County — that at the time of his death he was an inhabitant of the said County — that on the 16th day of July 1859 the said Boddie made his last will and testament which was duly attested by B Woolf and Thomas F Pierce in his presence and by his direction — that at the time of his death he was seized of a large Real and Personal Estate that he was over the age of 21 years — that he left him surviving his widow, Josephine Boddie, and the following Children, to wit: John B Boddie, Oliver B Boddie, George W Boddie and Thomas F Boddie — said Children under the age of 21 years — all of whom reside in said County & the said Children reside with their said Mother, and that he duly appointed your applicant and the said Josephine as Executors of his said will — Your applicant further shews that the said Josephine refuses to apply to have the said will proven — and therefore your applicant in consideration of the premises prays that the said will may be admitted to Probate in the said Court, and in furtherance thereof prays that the said Widow and next of Kin may have ten days notice of the time of this application, and that such further proceedings may be had, as in such cases provided by Law — Wm E Clarke

By Watts & Lewis Attys

Citation

The State of Alabama Marengo County —

To any Sheriff of the said County —

You are hereby required to summon Josephine Boddie widow of the late Oliver B Boddie, — John B Boddie Oliver B Boddie, George W Boddie and Thomas F Boddie and Mary Louisa Boddie minor Children of the said Oliver B. to be and appear before the Honorable Probate Court of the said County, on the 1st Monday of October A.D. 1859 at Special Term of the said Court to be holden at Linden in said County, to show cause if any they have why a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the Last will and testament of the said Oliver B Boddie, late of said County deceased should not be admitted to Probate in said Court on the application of William E Clarke filed in said Court, as Executor of the said will, under the provisions of the said will — for the purpose of proving the said will and due Return Made of the same to this Court —

Given under my hand at office this 4th day of September A.D. 1859.

Jas A Young Judge

Return

Executed 5th Sept 1859 by having a copy of the within notice with the [illegible] Josephine Boddie & Oliver Boddie with John B Boddie Oliver B Boddie George W Boddie & Thomas F Boddie as minors of the ages of 21 years & upwards & Mary Louisa Boddie as minor of the ages of 21 years & upwards

Jas A Young Judge

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In the Matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Oliver B Boddie dec'd

Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County on the 1st Monday in October A.D. 1859.

The answer of Ansem Springfield guardian ad litem of John Boddie — Oliver Boddie, George Boddie Edmond Boddie and Mary Louisa Boddie infants under the age of 21 years, and heirs at Law of Oliver B Boddie late of Marengo County dec'd. to the petition of William E Clarke who propounds an instrument in writing for probate as the last will & Testament of Oliver B Boddie dec'd. to said Court the said Ansem Springfield as guardian ad litem for said minors for and on their behalf, says he denies each and every allegation in said propounders petition set forth, and prays that he may be held to strict proof of the same

Filed Oct 5th 1859 Jas A Young Judge — Ansem Springfield

Guardian ad litem &c

Consent to Will

To the Hon: Jamie A Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County in the State of Alabama —

The undersigned Josephine Boddie widow of Oliver B Boddie late of said County deceased, shows unto your Honor that she was lawfully Married to said Oliver B Boddie; that the said Oliver died on the day of July 1859 having Executed his Last will & Testament which has been propounded for probate before your Honor, and that the Probate thereof is still pending — the undersigned further shows that the provisions of said will in her favor are not adequate, and as she believes not such as her said husband intended to have made provided have been under other circumstances she therefore, dissents from said will and the provisions thereof intended for her benefit, and prays your Honor to enter the same of Record, and as soon as the same can lawfully be done without prejudice to the Estate of her late husband and to the interest of her children who are legatees under said will to cause the legal distributive share of said Estate to which she may be entitled, & her dower to be allotted & set off to her —

Filed Oct 13th 1859. Josephine Boddie

Jas A Young Jr & of Pet &c

Testimony

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last will and Testament of Oliver B Boddie dec'd } In Probate Court of Marengo County State of Alabama

At a Term held the 5th day of Oct A.D. 1859.

This day came on to be heard one of the Executors herein named by Oliver B Boddie in the instrument propounded by him as the last will of said Oliver B. And Ansem Springfield who has been appointed guardian ad litem for John Boddie Oliver Boddie George Boddie Edmund Boddie and Mary Louisa Boddie minor heirs of said deceased and accepted said appointment and appears on behalf of said minors and the said William E Clarke moves that said instrument be admitted to Probate as said last will & Testament and Thomas F Pierce one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open Court, testifies as follows to wit: that he was present at the house of

Said Oliver B Broddie dec'd on the 16th day of July 1859 the day said instrument purporting bears date, and saw said Oliver B Broddie sign said instrument; that at the time he signed it he informed deponent of that he knew the Contents it having been read over to him; that he deponent signed the said instrument as a witness at the request of said Oliver B. and in his presence, and in the presence of Dr H Woolf the other subscribing witness who also signed the same at the request of the testator, and in his presence and in the presence of the deponent. Witness further says that the said Oliver B Broddie was at the time of the Execution of said will of sane & disposing Mind and Memory.

Thomas H C Prince.

And Dr H Woolf the other subscribing witness being also sworn, deposeth that he was present and saw said Oliver B Broddie sign said will, and that he subscribed his name as a witness in the presence and at the request of said Oliver B Broddie, that said Oliver B. stated to deponent that he knew the Contents of said instrument. deponent further states that said testator was at the time of sane & disposing Mind.

H. Woolf

And it appearing to the Court from the foregoing testimony of said Thomas H C Prince and Dr H. Woolf subscribed by them in open Court that said will was duly & legally Executed by said Oliver B Broddie It is therefore ordered & decreed that said instrument purporting as aforesaid be received and recorded as the Last will and testament of said Oliver B Broddie deceased, and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon

Pat. O'Brien
Judge &c

Will

I Oliver B. Broddie do hereby make this my Last will and Testament. 1st I desire to my Executors hereinafter named, the whole of my Lands recently purchased by me of Richard G Napier & James T Elwell in Marengo County to be laid by them on such Terms as they may think proper & conducive to the interest of my Estate & direct them to sell the Same as they become necessary & direct my said Executors to sell as many of my Negroes as shall be sufficient to pay my debts on such terms as they may think best, and apply the proceeds accordingly. 2d To my beloved wife I give my house & lot on which I now reside in Demopolis with my household & Kitchen furniture the following Named Slaves & viz: Ella Margaret Mary Jane Rosa Moses Tipton Mary George & Hetty. the last given now being in Pennsylvania & a portion of the proceeds of my Crop raised on my Estate, equal to one of my Children's shares until my said Estate is divided as hereinafter provided for. 3d The balance of my property not sold as hereinbefore provided for I wish & direct to be kept together till my youngest Child attains the age of 21 Years, & the profits thereof applied to the maintenance & Education of my children & when my youngest Child arrives at the age of 21 years I direct by said Executors to divide my Estate Equally between them, each Child accounting for whatever he may have received, My object & wish being that each Child shall be equal. 4th I hereby appoint my beloved wife & my friend William C Clarke Executors of this my Last will & Testament, & direct that no bond or security shall be required of them by the Probate Court in the exercise of any authority as Executors Testamentary thereon. In testimony whereof I have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this 16th day of July A.D. 1859

Signed Sealed & published in presence of H. Woolf — Thomas H C. Prince — C. L. A. Broddie [seal]

To the Hon'ble Probate Judge
of Marengo County

Your petitioner Victoria A Walker respectfully represents that she is the Widow of her late husband Thos H Walker who died in this Marengo County on the 20th day of October Inst 1859 Leaving your petitioner and her two sons Thos H Walker and Frances L Walker Minors under the age of fourteen years, his Widow & children and only heirs at law and leaving a last will & testament dated 12th day of October 1859, of the following tenor

"I Thos H Walker of the town of Demopolis County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make publish and declare my last will & testament in manner & form following towit

Debts. It is my will and desire that my and all just debts I may owe at the time of my death be punctually paid and discharged

Devise I give bequeath & devise to my wife Victoria A Walker and to my two Sons Thos H & Frances L Walker all my property Estate effects debts Notes, accounts & choses in action of every kind and description in equal Shares upon the following terms & conditions towit— 1st my said wife during her widowhood & during the Minority of my said Children, is to retain in her possession & under her Control all the property Estate and effects I may leave of every kind and description with the right to use, dispose, employ any part thereof or any part of the profits or income therefrom she may deem necessary to her own support & the support & Education of our two Children aforesaid, without being compelled or required to account therefor either to any Court or our said Children or either of them— 2nd Upon either of my said Sons attaining to Lawful age, or if my wife shall marry again then upon the happening of either of these events it is my will and desire that whatever of the property & Estate I may leave or the income thereof may remain unexpended shall be equally divided between my wife & two Sons aforesaid Shares alike I will and desire to my said wife Victoria A Walker the custody tuition & guardianship of our two Children afore named & hereby appoint her executrix of this my last will and testament and exempt her from any agreement to give bonds and security as such executrix or as guardian of my Children and desire that she shall not be required to return to Court an inventory or appraisement of my property & Estate or to render Settlement of her administration with the Court I feel authorized to make this exemption because my estate will not be Contemplated & my debts will be paid within a reasonably short time.

I assigns to my wife for her Separate use a Judgement & note against Thos Borden this assignment I ratify and adopt as a part of my will. I authorize and empower my wife Executrix to sell at private sale any part of my personal property she may deem it best to sell and to reinvest the proceeds as she may deem best at the time of

481 this my last will—

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of October 1859

Signed Thos. H. Walker (LS)

Witness
O. H. Prince
" R. M. Campbell

And your petitioner further represents that said Thos. H. Walker died leaving a considerable Estate in this Marengo County of which County he was a resident & citizen at the time of his death and that your petitioner resides in said County & the aforesaid two Children Thos. H. Walker and Francis L. Walker live in said County with her

And your petitioner propounds said will for probate & prays that the same may be probated according to law.

Victoria A. Walker
by her Council
Lomax & Prince

Filed 7th Oct. 1859
J. A. Young Judge

Citation The State of Ala. Marengo County } Probate Court January Term A.D. 1860

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Thos. H. Walker & Francis L. Walker minor heirs at law of Thos. H. Walker dec'd if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon'ble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of February 1860 and show cause if any they have why a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will of Thos. H. Walker deceased propounded by his widow Victoria A. Walker should not be admitted to record as such last will. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas. A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 12th day Jany 1860 and in the 84th year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young Judge &c

Issued 12th day January 1860

Executed on the above Thos. H. Walker & Francis L. Walker in the presence of their mother by reading the same to them & leaving Copy. Jany 14th 1860

J. P. Jackson Sheriff
By P. W. Pearson DS

In the Matter of the Probate Court of the last will & testament of Thos. H. Walker deceased. April term 1860 } Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

The undersigned Rod. D. Hart

appointed by your Honor Guardian adlitem for Francis L. & Thos. H. Walker minor heirs of said Thos. H. Walker dec'd to represent them in the Probate Court of said last will & testament now comes and waiving further notice accepts said appointment and for answer says he denies that said will is the last will and testament of said Decedent and prays your Honor to hold the proponent thereof to strict legal proof thereof and as in duty bound will continue to pray

R. D. Hart
Guard. adlitem.

Filed Apl. 2nd 1860
James A. Young

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Will } I Thos. H. Walker of the Town of Demopolis County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit First— It is my will and desire that apcs. and all just debts I may owe at the time of my death be punctually paid and discharged Secondly— I give bequeath and devise to my wife Victoria A. Walker and to my two sons Thos. H. & Francis L. Walker all my property Estate, effects, debts, notes, accounts & choses in action of every kind and description in equal shares upon the following terms and conditions to wit. 1st My said wife during her widowhood and during the minority of my said Children is to retain in her possession and under her control all the property estate & effects I may leave of every kind and description with the right to use expend and employ any part thereof or any part of the profits or income therefrom she may deem necessary to her own support and the support and education of our two children aforesaid without being compelled or required to account therefor either to any court or to our said children or either of them— 2nd Upon either of my said sons attaining to lawful age or if my wife should marry again then upon the happening of either of these events it is my will and desire that a bateau of the property & estate I may leave or the income thereof may remain unexpended shall be equally divided between my wife and two sons aforesaid share and share alike. I will and devise to my said wife Victoria A. Walker the custody tuition & guardianship of our two Children before named and hereby appoint her ~~admin~~ Executrix of this my last will and testament and exempt her from any obligation to give bond and security as such Executrix or as guardian of my Children and desire the she shall not be required to return to court an inventory or appraisement of my property and estate or to make settlement of her administration with the Court— I feel authorized to make this exemption because my estate will not be embarrassed and my debts will be paid within a reasonably short time— I assigned to my wife for her separate use a Judgment I hold against Thomas Burdan this assignment I satisfy & adopt as a part of my will— I authorize and empower my wife and executrix to sell at private sale any part of my personal property she may prefer to sell and to reinvest

the proceeds as the may prefer to be held subject to the terms of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 12th day October 1859.

Thos. H. Walker

Witness
O. H. Prince
R. M. Campbell

In The matter of the will of Thos. H. Walker, deceased.

Probate Court Marengo County
April term 1860

This day came on for probate the instrument in writing heretofore propounded as the last will and testament of Thos. H. Walker and now this day came the proponent by her attorney and likewise came Thos. H. Walker & Francis L. Walker minor heirs of said deceased by Robt. D. Hart Esqr. their guardian ad litem and Robt. M. Campbell Esqr. and Oliver H. Prince Esqr. the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open Court depose & say "that they were present on the day the same bears date & saw the said Thos. H. Walker execute said will that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said testator and also in the presence of each other. They further say that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sane & disposing mind and memory

R. M. Campbell

And upon the said testimony of R. M. Campbell and O. H. Prince subscribed by them in open Court. It is ordered and decreed that said instrument be recorded and recorded as the last will and testament of said Thos. H. Walker. And that letters testamentary be granted thereon

Filed 26th Oct. 1859. James A. Young
Judge

The State of Mississippi
Scott County

Copy of Will of Sidney S. Boddie.

I Sidney S. Boddie of the County of Scott in the State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life. Therefore make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament. That is to say after first paying & discharging all of my just debts, I give bequeath and dispose of the residue of my property real and personal, as follows to wit: I give and bequeath all of my personal property to my beloved wife and children to be equally divided between them share and share alike" and it is further my will that said property shall remain undivided until my eldest child becomes of age or marry and then to be divided as herein before provided.

Likewise I direct that all of my land lying in the County of Scott and State of Mississippi and perishable property be sold by my executors herein after appointed on such terms as they may deem proper for the best interest of my estate, and that the proceeds thereof be applied to the payment of my debts.

I likewise make, constitute and appoint Levi Conolly and my wife Martha Boddie executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me made.

And I further direct that these my executors shall not be required to enter into any bond or security whatever on account of said executorship. Likewise I request that my said wife shall be authorized to remove any of my property herein bequeathed out of the limits of this state, to any place she may select for her home.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal seventh day of June A.D. 1860.

Sidney S. Boddie

The above written instrument was read over in our presence to the above named Sidney S. Boddie and acknowledged by him to us and declared to be his last will and testament, and that he caused the same to be signed in our presence and in his presence for him and we hereto sign our hands as witness thereto

Jno. H. Prince
J. R. Kirkland
T. P. Graham

The State of Mississippi
Scott County
Hon. A. W. H. Metcalf

Plea as before the Judge of the probate court of the County of Scott in the State of Mississippi at a term of said Court begun and held at the Court house in and for said County on the first monday of September A.D. 1860.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a term of the probate court of Scott County begun and held at the Court House thereof on the first monday of September it being the 3rd day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty Levi Conolly and Martha Boddie executor and executrix of the last will and testament of Sidney S. Boddie deceased filed in our said Court, their certain petition in the following words and figures to wit.

Petition for Probate of Will of S. S. Boddie

To the Hon. A. W. H. Metcalf judge of the probate court of the Scott County in the State of Mississippi

Respectfully represents the petition Levi Conolly and Mrs. Martha Boddie of said County, that some time during the month of June last Sidney S. Boddie late of said County, departed this life leaving a last will and testament duly signed published and attested as your petitioners believes and which they in pursuance of the statute herewith present for probate.

That said will was subscribed by Jno. Prince, J. R. Kirkland and T. P. Graham as witness to the signature and publication thereof the said Kirkland & Graham being residents of this County and the said Prince being a resident of the State of

That said testator in his said last will and testament nominated and appointed your petitioners Executors thereof. And this petition further shows that the said Sidney S. Boddie died seised and possessed of a real and personal estate, consisting of a plantation of land situated in said County and 38 Negro Slaves, fourteen of whom are in the State of Alabama, Stock and farming Utensils, which said estate according to the best information your petitioners have been able to obtain, is worth about sixty five thousand dollars. That your petitioners are willing to accept the office and trust confided to them and to execute the same according to law. In consideration whereof, and to the end that the said last will and testament may be performed as aforesaid, that said will may be proved as your Hon. may direct, and that the probate of the same may be granted and ordered for record. Your petitioners pray that letters testamentary of said last will and testament be granted to them upon their taking the oath prescribed by the Statute and that they be not required to give bond in accordance with the said will and the Statute in such cases. And that your Honor will appoint Wm. M. Christian, Stephen Davis, W. Wooten, M. B. Kirkland and Bishop Platt as appraisers to value and appraise the estate of said testator and make such orders and decree as to your Honor may seem meet and proper in the premises. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 3rd day Sept 1860

Levi Conolly
Martha Boddie

Jas. D. Jones Clerk

In matters of certain instruments of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of S. S. Boddie deceased,

The State of Mississippi
Scott County
In the Probate Court of said County September Term AD 1860 of said court.

Personally appeared in open court J. R. Kirkland and T. B. Graham two of the subscribing witnesses of the last will and testament of Sidney S. Boddie who upon their oaths after being duly sworn depose and say, that said will was read over in their presence to said testator, and he being fully advised as to the contents thereof, was acknowledged by him to them and declared it to be his last will and testament and that he caused the same to be signed for him in their presence and that they signed their names at his request as witnesses thereto in the presence of each other, and that they saw John Prince an other subscribing witness thereto sign his name as such sworn to and subscribed in open court.

September 3rd AD 1860

J. R. Kirkland
T. B. Graham

James D. Jones Clerk

In the Matters of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sidney S. Boddie deceased, upon reading and filing the petition duly verified of Levi Conolly and Mrs Martha Boddie for probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last will and testament of Sidney S. Boddie deceased late resident of this County, and for letters testamentary thereupon, and on taking and reading the testimony of J. R. Kirkland and T. B. Graham subscribing witnesses thereto, the court after hearing all and singular the proofs and allegations adduced prefered and submitted, and maturely considering the same, being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last will and testament of said Sidney S. Boddie deceased, and that the said Sidney S. Boddie was on the day of the date of said will that is to say on the seventh day of June AD 1860 of lawful age to devise and of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and of right and in law entitled to make said will.

It is thereupon considered ordered, adjudged and decreed on motion of the said Levi Conolly and Mrs Martha Boddie that letters testamentary of said last will and testament be granted to them the said Levi Conolly and Mrs Martha Boddie.

And it is further decreed that said Levi Conolly and Mrs Martha Boddie be not required to ~~pro~~ enter into bond on account of their said Executorship in accordance with the clause of said will making such provision and the statute in such cases made and provided. And it is further ordered that Wm. M. Christian, Stephen Davis, W. Wooten, Bishop Platt and M. B. Kirkland be appointed appraisers to value and appraise the goods chattels and personal estate of said testator and that a warrant issued in this behalf according to the Statutes.

The State of Mississippi
Scott County

I James D. Jones Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County and State do hereby certify this and the proceeding ~~sworn~~ seven pages contain a true full and perfect copy of the last will and and testament of Sidney S. Boddie deceased together with all the proceedings of the said probate Court had and done therein as the same appears of record in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Hillsboro this the 5 day of September AD 1860

James D. Jones Clk
Jas. W. H. Lowry D. C.

State of Mississippi
Scott County

I A. W. H. Metcalf Judge of the probate Court in and for the County of Scott and State of Mississippi do hereby certify that James D. Jones whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing of the same Clerk of the said probate Court, duly commissioned and qualified and that all of his officials acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit and that his said certificate is in due form of law.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day September AD 1860

Filed September 10 1860 J. A. Young.

A. W. H. Metcalf Judge

In Matters of the Last will and testament of Dialtha C Smith decd

State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } Marengo County
} at a term held 25th day
} of September A.D. 1880

This day came Martin V Smith and propounded for probate an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Dialtha C Smith deceased late wife of said Martin V Smith, and it appearing that said Dialtha C Smith died on the 27th day of January A.D. 1880 in Marengo County wherein was her place of residence leaving her surviving the said Martin V her husband and three children to wit, Arthur L Smith Eula L Smith & Walter L Smith all minors & residing in said County. It is ordered that the probate of said will be set for hearing on the 4th Monday & 22 day of October next and that Citations issue to said Minors Eaves & Young Judge

State of Alabama } To the Hon. Jas. A. Young Judge
Marengo County } Probate of said County.
Your Petitioner would respectfully set forth that his wife Dialtha C Smith died on the 27th day of January last leaving as minor heirs three Children to wit Arthur L Smith, Eula L Smith and Walter L Smith that before her decease on the 29th day of Dec 1879 she executed a last will and testament, which Your petitioner would herby submit for Consideration & pray that the same may be duly admitted to probate & as in duty bound will ever pray &c Sept 25 1880

Files Sept 25 1880 at 5 o'clock P.M. by W.M. Smith
admitted to probate J. A. Young
Oct 22nd 1880 J. A. Young

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } September Term A.D. 1880

To any Sheriff of the State of Ala. Greeting
You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Arthur L Smith Eula L Smith & Walter L Smith minor Children of Dialtha C Smith if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday & October A.D. 1880 and show cause if any they have why an instrument propounded by W.M. Smith as the Last will & Testament of said Dialtha C Smith deceased should not be admitted to probate as such herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your action thereon.

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 5th day of Oct. 1880 and in Eighty fifth Year of the Independence of the United States.

Issued Oct 5th 1880 J. A. Young Judge
Executed Oct 12/80

A. R. Gallaway Sheriff
by E. Edwards D.S.

In the Matter of the Probate of The Last Will & Testament of Dialtha C Smith deceased propounded for Probate by Martin V Smith as Executor

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } Sitting in the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama
} To Hon. Jas. A. Young
} Judge of said Court

The undersigned Att. & Agt. appointed by your Honor Guardian ad litem for Arthur L Eula L and Walter L Smith minor heirs at law of said decedent, hereby Comes and waiving further Notice accepts said appointment and for answer says he denies that the Instrument herein propounded as the last will and testament of said decedent is the last will of said decedent & prays your Honor to hold said proponent to Strict Legal proof thereof & will continue to pray &c

Files October 22nd 1880 Att. & Agt.
Guardian ad litem of said heirs

State of Alabama } In the name
Marengo County } of God amen

Will

Being of a sound and disposing mind of feeble health, and not knowing how soon I might be called upon to appear before the judgement Bar of God. I make this my last will and testament, In the first place I will and bequeath my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to its mother earth, In the Second place I will and bequeath that my dear and affectionate Husband, M.V. Smith shall act as my Sole Executor and that to without giving any bond and security for his faithful performance of this trust as I am informed the Law usually requires in such cases and I do this because I have unbounded Confidence in his honesty and integrity as a man and believe that he will faithfully execute this my will without any such requirement. In the 3rd place I will and bequeath that my husband shall be the Sole Guardian of my dearly beloved little Children that he shall take them into his own especial charge and keeping, watch over & guard, educate, & protect them as I know his affection for them will most surely prompt him to do. In the 4th place I will and bequeath to my dear husband the following property to wit, Negro Man Arnsted, Negro Man Willis Negro boy Henry, Girl Ginny and Horse all my interest in household and Kitchen furniture and in the Stock of Mules, Horses Cattle and Hogs, farming Utensils, Blacksmith and other tools of the plantation, Corn, Fodder and such other grain as may be on the farm to have and to hold to his own proper use for ever in fee simple. In the 5th place I will and bequeath that my husband collect any and all monies due me from any source and after paying my burial expenses and my just debts if there be any therefrom to take the overplus and apply it to the payment of his own debts. In the 6th place I will and bequeath that the remainder

of my negroes should be equally divided among my Children when they arrive at the age of Maturity or marry the division to be made when the oldest ~~becomes of age~~ arrive at maturity or when he or either of the others shall marry, and untill such time, I desire that my husband shall manage and Control said negroes as he sees proper appropriating the hire of said negroes or the proceeds of their labor to the education and maintainance of my Children In the 7th place, I will and be queath that my husband may sell either at public or private sale at any time he chooses my entire real estate - Should he sell the same I desire him to have one fourth of the money arising therefrom as his own, the ballance to be divided equally among my children and to be paid over to them as they become of age or marry either with or without Interest as my husband may think proper, Should my husband think proper not to sell my real estate. I desire him to have a lifetime interest in the same to be managed as he desires, and at his death to be divided equally among my Children, In the 8th place, I will and be queath that in case of the death of either of my Children without any Children of their own their property of each one shall be divided between the others in case of the death of all of them without Children of their own born, then all of their property shall revert to my brothers and sisters or their heirs - but in case of the death of my husband and Children without Children of their own born, Then in that case the property which I have begreathed unto my husband shall not revert to my brothers and sisters but to his brothers and sisters or their heirs, In testimony of which I ~~have~~ hereunto affix my hand and seal and call upon those present to bear witness, Dicr 29/59

Attest

Geo. B. Wright } Filed Sept. 25/60 &
Md. Epps } Set for 4th Monday Octo 1860.

Dr. Smith (Seal)

admitted to probate
Octo 22nd 1860 J. A. Young.

E. A. Young

In the Matter of the Probate of the last will & Testament of Dialtha P. Smith deceased

Probate Court. Marengo County
At a Term of said Court held the 22nd Octo 4th Monday /60

This day came M. A. Smith and moved the Court that the Instrument heretofore propounded by him as the last will of Dialtha P. Smith be admitted to Probate and it appearing that the minor heirs of said deceased have had ten days notice of the time and place of making said probate It is ordered by the Court that Robt. D. Hart Esqr. be appointed guardian ad litem for said minor heirs, and the said R. D. Hart comes and

accepts said appointment and waiving further notice and consents that said probate be heard, and Geo. B. Wright and Md. Epps the subscribing witnesses being duly sworn in open Court dispose and say that they were present on the day the said instrument propounded as Mrs Smiths last will and Testament was executed to wit, on the 29th day of December 1859 and saw her execute the same by signing and publishing the same as her last will and Testament that the same was read over to and approved by her, and that they signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testatrix and also in the presence of each other, They further depose and say that the said Testatrix was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory at the of executing said will and that she died some three or four weeks afterwards,

Geo. B. Wright
Md. Epps

And it appearing to the Court from the testimony of said subscribing witnesses taken down and subscribed by them as aforesaid, that said will was duly and properly executed by said Dialtha P. Smith It is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed that said instrument in writing so propounded & proved as aforesaid be received and admitted to Record as the last will and Testament of said Dialtha P. Smith and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon

James A. Young Judge &c

In the Matter of the last will of N. B. Lesueck deceased

Probate Court. Marengo County at a Term held the 27th Sept 1860

This day came Dr. S. S. King & W. B. Morawell and propounded for probate an instrument in writing bearing date the 20th September 1860 and attested by J. H. Baker & R. H. Lockhart purporting to be the last will and testament of N. B. Lesueck last of Marengo County deceased, And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said King & Morawell are nominated in said instrument as Executors and it further appearing that said Lesueck died on the 21st day of September 1860 being at the time a resident of said County of Marengo leaving here surviving a widow Penelope L. Lesueck and three minor Children that Wm. D. Lesueck Susan M. Lesueck & Dacretia Lesueck all of whom reside in said County of Marengo in the State of Alabama It is therefore ordered that the probate of said will be set for hearing on the fourth Monday & 22nd day of October 1860 and it is further ordered that Citations issue to said widow and minor Children who are all the next of Kin of said Lesueck to appear and contest said probate if they think proper

See page 94

James A. Young Judge

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } September Term A.D. 1860

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama - Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Mrs Penelope Lesueck widow of N. B. Lesueck if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of October 1860 and show Cause if any they have why an instrument

491 propounded by Dr. S. S. King & W. B. Modawell as the last will of N. B. Lesueur should not be admitted to probate, Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of Octo. 1860 and in the 85 year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young Clerk

Issued 8. day of Octo 1860
Executed 10 day " Octo 1860
J. B. Jackson Sheriff

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } September Term AD 1860
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama — Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Wm. David Lesueur, Susan M. Lesueur, & Lucretia Lesueur Minor Children of N. B. Lesueur, if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of October 1860 and show Cause if any they have why an instrument propounded by Dr. S. S. King & W. B. Modawell as the last will of N. B. Lesueur Decd. should not be admitted to probate as such, Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of Octo. 1860 and in 85th year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young

Issued 8th day of October 1860
Executed 10 " " " 1860 J. B. Jackson Sheriff

In the Matters of the Probate of the last will and Testament of N. B. Lesueur deceased by S. S. King & W. B. Modawell, Exts. } Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County, Alabama

The undersigned R. D. Hart appointed by the Hon the Judge of said Court Guard. ad litem for Wm. David Lesueur Susan M. Lesueur and Lucretia Lesueur Minor heirs at law of said N. B. Lesueur to protect their interest in said matter now comes into open Court and waiving further notice accepts said appointment and for answer says he denies that said Instrument propounded by S. S. King and W. B. Modawell as Executors aforesaid as the last will & testament of said decedent is not in fact the last will & testament of said decendent and said Guardian ad litem prayes said Court to hold said proponents to strict legal proof as required by the laws of said State & in all things to protect the interest of said minors & will continue to pray &c

Filed in my Office
October 22nd 1860. Jas. A. Young Judge

R. D. Hart
Guardian Ad litem

The State of Alabama } In the name of God amen 492
Marengo County } I Napoleon B. Lesueur of the
Will } County and State aforesaid being of
of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament to wit,

Article 1st I will and bequeath all my property both real and personal to my beloved wife Penelope N. Lesueur and all money which I may have at my death, as will also all the debts and evidences thereof which may be due or owing to me, to have and hold the same during her natural life.

Article 2nd It is my will that all my just debts be paid as speedily as possible

" 3rd It is my will that at the death of my wife that my beloved Children shall take the property bequeathed to her and share equally in the distribution thereof.

Article 4th I hereby appoint my Brother in law Dr. S. S. King and my friend W. B. Modawell Executors of this my last will and testament

September 20th 1860 Given under my hand and seal

Witnesses, R. H. Lockhart } N. B. Lesueur (Seal)
Jas. H. Baker }

In the Matter of the Probate of the last will & testament of N. B. Lesueur Decd. } The State of Alabama Marengo County Probate Court held 22nd Octo AD 1860

This day came Dr. S. S. King & Wm. B. Modawell the proponents and the Probate of the last Will of N. B. Lesueur coming to be heard this day. It appears that Citations have been duly Executed upon the next of Kin to wit, Penelope N. Lesueur widow and Wm. D. Lesueur, Susan M. & Lucretia Lesueur Minor Children of said Lesueur deceased who are all the next of Kin of said deceased for more than ten days previous to the present tenor of the Court. It is therefore ordered that R. D. Hart Esqr. be appointed Guardian ad litem for said minors and the said Robt. D. Hart now here comes and accepts said appointment and waiving further notice and consents that the probate of said will be now heard and R. H. Lockhart and Jas. H. Baker the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open Court depose and say "That they were present on the 20th day of September 1860 the day of the date of said Instrument and saw said Lesueur Execute said Instrument by publishing & signing the same as his last will & testament, That they severally subscribed their names as witnesses thereto at the request and in the presence of said Lesueur and in the presence of each other, They further depose and say that the said Lesueur was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory

James H. Baker
R. H. Lockhart

And it appearing to the Court from the Testimony of said Lockhart & Baker the subscribing witnesses taken down in writing and subscribed by them in open Court as aforesaid that said will was duly & properly Executed by said Lesueur. It is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed by the Court the instrument so propounded [illegible] as aforesaid be

received and recorded as the last will & Testament of said N. B. Lemuel deceased and that letters Testamentary be granted thereon James A. Young
Filed Sept 27 1860 & set for hearing Judge Probate &c
the 4th Monday in Oct. next.
Admitted to probate the 4th Monday
& 22nd day of Oct. 1860 James A. Young
See H page 94 Judge
" H " 105.

Last Will of } Probate Court
Moses Westbrook dec. } May 10th 1860.

This day came Jno. J. Westbrook and Jas. F. Aldridge & propounded for probate an Instrument in writing purporting to be to the last will and testament of said Moses Westbrook deceased and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Moses died in Marengo County wherein was his place of residence on the 28th day of March 1860 leaving the following named heirs at law to wit Allen Westbrook Jno. J. Westbrook Jas. Westbrook Charles Westbrook Lewis Westbrook Priscilla Aldridge wife of said Jas. F. Aldridge Children and Flannie Jones a son of Mary E. Jones deceased and the heirs at law of William A. Westbrook deceased grand children of said Moses, And it further appearing that said Lewis Westbrook residence in the State of Tennessee. That said Flavius Jones resides in the State of Texas & that the Children of said Wm. Westbrook whose names are unknown to the Court reside in the State of Louisiana — It is therefore ordered by the Court that the probate of said will be set for hearing on the 1st Monday in June next. And it is further ordered that notice thereof be given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian Newspaper, That said nonresidents heirs may appear & contest said probate if they think proper
order of filing will James A. Young
May 10/60. See page H. 4

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } May Term AD 1860

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting, You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite George Westbrook if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the first Monday of June 1860 and show cause if any they have why an instrument in writing propounded for probate as the last will and testament of Moses Westbrook late of Marengo County deceased should not be admitted to probate as such, Herein fail not and have then and there this Citation

Citation

with your endorsement thereon
Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 10th day of May 1860 and in the 84th year of the Independence of the United States James A. Young Clerk
Issued 10th day May 1860
Recd in Sheriff Office 14th May AD 1860
George Westbrook not found in my County James T. Shelton Sheriff

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } May Term AD 1860

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting
You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Charles Westbrook if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the first Monday of June 1860 and show cause if any he have why an Instrument propounded as the last will of Moses Westbrook late of Marengo County dec. should not be admitted to probate as such last will and testament, Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon
Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 10th day of May 1860 and in the 84 year of the Independence of the United States James A. Young Clerk
Issued 10th day May 1860
Rec. in Sheriff Office 14th May AD 1860
Executed by this Copy on Charles Westbrook there being no duplicate copy sent May 18th 1860 W. G. Waller Sheriff
Executed 10 days before 1st Monday in June

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } June Term AD 1860

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting
You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite James Westbrook if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the first Monday of July 1860 and show cause if any he have why an Instrument in writing purporting to be the last will of Moses Westbrook deceased should not be admitted to probate as such, Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon,
Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 5th day of June 1860 and in the 84 year of the Independence of the United States James A. Young
Acknowledge Service of the within Citation
June 5/60 James Westbrook

Citation

In the Matter of the last will and Testament of Moses Westbrook deceased } In the Court of Probate of Marengo Co. Alabama
Late of Marengo Co. Alabama, propounded for probate by J. J. Westbrook & J. F. Aldridge
To the Hon James A. Young Judge of said Court The undersigned L. D. Hart appointed by your Honor Guardian ad litem for & protect the

the interest of the minor heirs at law of said decedent whose names are to the Court & to said Guardian unknown in said cause. Now here comes forthwith further notice & accepts said appointment & for answer denies that Instrument herein propounded as the last will and Testament of said decedent is not in fact or law the last will & Testament of said decedent and he prays you honor to hold the proponents to strict legal proof as in such cases is by law requires & he will ever pray &c

R. D. Hart
Guard ad litem of Minor heirs at law of Moses Westbrook dec'd

Filed 20th Aug. 1862
Samuel Young

Will. I Moses Westbrook of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being considerable of the uncertainty of life and being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament.

1. I give and bequeath unto the Children of my son William H. Westbrook five hundred dollars,

2. I give and bequeath unto my son Allen Westbrook My horse saddle and Bridle & his Children one Negro woman called Mary & her son Ceilled Sam a Negro woman named Sally & her youngest child Cassy

3. I give and bequeath unto my son John Westbrook one Negro man named Sam one named Ceasy a boy named Miles one Negro man named Bryant a Negro woman named Viney a Girl named Margaret and an old man named Nathan & Thousand dollars as an annuation for Maintaining said old Man Nathan during his life.

4. I give and bequeath unto the Children of my son George Westbrook a Negro man named Ned and a Negro boy named Manuel.

5. I give unto my son Charles Westbrook a Negro man named Little Ceasy a boy named Melby and a Girl named Leah.

6. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Priscilla Aldridge a Negro man named ~~Tango~~ John a Negro woman named Acha and her two children Eunice and Jane, a Girl named Caroline and an old Negro Woman named Chrah.

7. I give and bequeath unto my son James Westbrook a Negro man named Sheppard a Negro man named Haywood and a Negro boy named Tom.

8. I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis Westbrook a Negro Man named Abram and a Negro woman named Eunice.

9. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Thomas M Jones son of my deceased daughter Mary Jones seven hundred dollars

10. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson James L Aldridge son of my deceased daughter Mary Aldridge

Seven hundred & fifty dollars.

11. And after my debts and funeral expenses are all paid, I devise that the remainder of money that may then be on hand be divided into eight equal parts or shares and that one share be given to the Children of said William H Westbrook one share to the Children of said Allen Westbrook one share to the Children of said George Westbrook and that the other five shares be given to my other five Children (viz) John H Westbrook, Charles Westbrook, Priscilla Aldridge James Westbrook & Lewis Westbrook,

12. I hereby appoint my son John H Westbrook and my son in law James H Aldridge Executors of this my last will and Testament with full power to execute the same in every particular, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 7 day of July 1860.

Moses Westbrook

Signed and published in our presence and in the presence of each other the day and year above written

Basil Grant
H Hackworth

Filed May 7th 1861

In the Matter of the Last will & Testament of Moses Westbrook, deceased

Probate Court Marengo County
In the State of Alabama this 20th day of May 1861

Now day came on for hearing & probate the Instrument in writing & herefore propounded as the Last Will and Testament of Moses Westbrook deceased and it appearing to the Court that Notice of the time and place of taking said probate has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Gazette & Sentinel for the non residence of said Moses Westbrook deceased & that said probate if they thought proper should be further appearing that Citations have been executed more than ten days previous to the present term to James Westbrook & Charles Westbrook and that George Westbrook cannot be found. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Robt D Hart Esq be appointed Guardian ad Litem for the Minor Children of William Westbrook late of the State of Louisiana deceased whose names are unknown to the Court & the proponents & the said Robt D appearing in open Court accepts said appointment & files answer further Notice & on behalf of said Minors denies that the Instrument propounded as the Last Will of said Moses Westbrook deceased and Basil Grant one of the subscribing Witnesses to said Will being sworn & examined in open Court deposes & states as follows to wit That he was present and saw said Moses Westbrook sign said Instrument and declared the same to be his Last will & Testament that said Westbrook read said Will over in his presence & directed some amendments to be made & that he & Dr H Hackworth at the request of said Testator subscribed their names to the said Instrument as witnesses in the presence of said Testator & in the presence of each other, that this was done on or about the same dates hereof 7th day July 1860. The Witness further says that said Testator was at the time of the Executing of said will of sound & disposing mind & memory

Basil Grant

And the said Testimony being by said Basil Grant subscribed in open Court and it appearing to the Court that said Will is properly and duly executed

by said Testator. It is therefore ordered & decreed that the same be received established & recorded as the last will & Testament Moses Westbrook deceased and that letters testamentary be granted thereon

Filed May 10/60
Admitted to probate Augt 20/60
See page H. 4 & 5
" " 77

James A. Young
Judge &c

order of Court

Probate Court, Marengo County
at a Term held the 2nd Monday & 14th day of January A.D. 1861 Judge Young presiding

The following proceedings were had to wit

Estate of Wm Hudson Sen Deceased

This day came Willis P. King in obedience to the Citation heretofore issued to him and filed in Court an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said Wm Hudson Sen deceased. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be propounded for probate & set for hearing on the 4th Monday in February next and it is further ordered that Citations issue to Rosin Hudson Wm Hudson Jr Reuben Hudson, Reubin Hudson, Jesse Hudson, Sarah A. Drinkard wife of Lemuel Drinkard and Telitha Holland wife of Wm B. Holland, Amy Walker wife of James A. Walker, Ernest L. Hudson, Marion Hudson, Mary Hudson, Dosha Hudson & Teruba Hudson heirs at law of said deceased who reside in the State of Alabama and that notice be given to James Hudson & John Hudson two of the heirs at law who are non residents of the State of Alabama by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian Newspaper that said heirs at law may attend & contest said will if they think proper

James A. Young
Judge

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
January Term A.D. 1861
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Wm Hudson Jr & Reubin Hudson heirs at law of Wm Hudson Sen deceased if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of February 1861 and show cause if any they have why an Instrument in writing filed in Court as the last will and Testament of Wm Hudson Sen decd should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness James A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 15th day of January 1861 and in the 85 year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young
Judge &c

Issued 15th Jany 1861
We acknowledge legal service of the within Citation Jany 15th 1861.

Wm Hudson Jr
Reubin Hudson

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
January Term A.D. 1861
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite James A. Walker and Amy Walker his wife if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of February 1861 and show cause if any they have why an Instrument propounded as the last will of Wm Hudson Sen decd should not be admitted to probate. Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 30th day of January 1861 and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States

James A. Young
Judge &c

Issued Jany 30th 1861
Executed Feby 1st 1861 S. B. Jackson Sheriff

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
Jany Term A.D. 1861
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Jesse Hudson Lemuel Drinkard & Sarah Drinkard his wife and Wm B. Holland & Telitha Holland his wife if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of February 1861 and show cause if any they have why an Instrument propounded as the last will of Wm Hudson Sen decd should not be admitted to record as such. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 30th day January 1861 and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young
Judge &c

Issued Jany 30th A.D. 1861
Executed on W. B. Holland & wife & Jesse Hudson.
Lemuel Drinkard & wife not found Feby 14/61.

S. B. Jackson Sheriff.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
January Term A.D. 1861
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Marion Hudson, Mary Hudson, Dosha Hudson & Teruba Hudson if to found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 4th Monday of February 1861 and show cause if any they have why an Instrument propounded as the last will of Wm Hudson Sen decd should not be admitted to record as such last will. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 30th day of January 1861 and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States

James A. Young
Judge &c

Issued Jany 30/61
Executed on Feb Feby 4th 1861 [illegible]

499 by said Testator, It is therefore ordered & decreed that the same be received established & recorded as the last will and testament of said Moses Westbrook deceased and that Letters testamentary be granted thereon

Error

Filed May 10/60 James A. Young Judge &c

admitted to probate Aug 20/60 J. A. Young Judge

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Order

Probate Court Marengo County

Estate of Wm Hudson Sen Dec.

Special Term held the 4th Monday & day of Feby 1861

In this case it is ordered by the Court that the probate of the Instrument propounded as the last will of Wm Hudson Sen deceased stand continued to the stated Term of the Court to be holden on the 2nd Monday in March next. And it is further ordered that Robt. D. Hart Esqr be appointed Guardian ad litem for Marion Hudson, Mary Hudson Dorsha Hudson & Tebuba Hudson minor heirs of said deceased to represent them at said Probate

James A. Young Judge &c

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will & Testament of Wm Hudson Sr produced under order of Court

Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

To the Hon James A. Young Judge of said Court. The undersigned R. D. Hart appointed by your Honor Guardian ad litem for Marion Hudson, Mary Hudson, Dorsha Hudson & Tebuba Hudson & an infant minor heirs at law of said Testator & legatees under said will to represent them in said cause, now here comes into open Court and waiving further notice accepts said appointment and for said heirs & legatees says that he alleges that the Instrument herein propounded is the last will & testament of the said Wm Hudson Sen deceased & that the same was legally made & attested & that the same has never been revoked by said Hudson dec'd & said Guardian ad litem now prays the Court that said Instrument be admitted to probate by your Honor Court & will Court to pray

R. D. Hart

Filed Mch 11th 1861

Guard. ad litem for said Minors

Will. Know all men by these presents that I William Hudson Sr. of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound & disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will & Testament

1st I give and bequeath to my Son Ennis L Hudson a certain Negro boy George to have & to hold unto him, his heirs administrators & Executors,

2nd I give and bequeath to my Son Marion Hudson Negro boy Joe to have & to hold unto him his heirs, Executors and administrators forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to the Children of my present wife Lucinda Hudson, Negro man Henry to have & to hold unto them their heirs and assigns forever. It being

my intention that the said Negro Henry shall belong equally to the Children now born and any other Child or children of mine that may be born to her hereafter. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal on this the Second day of March 1859

Wm his Mark Hudson

Signed Sealed & published in our presence who hereunto set our names at the request of the Testator as subscribing witnesses

Filed Jany 14th A.D. 1861

James A. Young Judge

H. C. Grayson

Willis P. King

In the Matter of the Probate of the will of Wm Hudson Sr

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama March Term 1861

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the probate of said will being by the Court upon the issues made up between the said parties, and H. C. Grayson one of the subscribing witnesses being first duly sworn deposes & says that the Instrument propounded is in his hand writing, that at the request of William Hudson Sr he took a memorandum of how he wished his will made & that he wrote out the will in accordance with the instructions that on the day the same bears date he saw Mr Hudson execute said will by making his mark and that he and Willis P. King the other subscribing witness signed the same in the presence of each other & at the request of said Testator. He further states the Testator was at the time of sound & disposing mind & memory that he knew him well & never saw his mind any clearer than at the time,

In cross examination he states that he was sent for by Mr Hudson to write his will & that James Dixon the uncle of Mrs Hudson the wife of Testator was the person who came for him that the will was not read over to Testator because he was very hard of hearing and there were persons there he did not wish to hear it, He further says he knows there were persons about Testator who wished him to make a will differently but that the will made was not made as they wished it to be made; He further states that after Mr King came the Testator stated how he wanted his will & Mr King & witness examined it as written & that it corresponded with what he said he wished the will was executed the 2nd day of March 1859 and Testator died about November 1860 that at the time the will was made Testator was about 65 or may be 70 years old to the best of witnesses judgement but was very infirm and was all at the time & that the persons present on the premises were James Dixon John Dixon the father of Mrs Hudson and another daughter of John Dixon & the wife of the other members of Testators family, but none of them were present in the room at the time the will was executed to the best of his recollection,

H. C. Grayson

The testimony of Willis P. King the other subscribing witness who being first duly sworn deposes & says that he subscribed the instrument propounded as a witness in the presence of the Testator & at his request and in the presence of the other witness to the will that the will was not read over to Testator but was already propounded when he got

581 there is nearly 40 [illegible] that after he got there the Testator asked how he wanted the will & he examined the will & found it was in accordance with his wishes. That signed & executed the will by making his mark thereto. He further states that Testator was of sane mind at the time & that he had known him about ten years.

Willis E. King

Dr. Abernathy being sworn as a witness for the Contestants, says says that he is a practising Physician and attended Mr Wm Hudson sen at the time when the will was made about March 1858. That Mr. Dixon was present and was anxious to get Mr Hudson to make a will that he might have him to make that he witness interposed & remonstrated with Mr Dixon, heard Dixon say Mr Hudson ought to make will some of his property to his Youngest Children the Children of his last wife. That he heard Johnson Dixon Relating Testator for two or three days and a great many times that he does not know whether the will was made as Mr Dixon wanted it or not That Mr Dixon had any influence over the Testator That testator was at the time quite ill but does not know whether he was or not in his right mind at the time the will was made. Thinks he was in his right mind the evening before but was not present when the will was executed. Thinks that he saw Testator the day the will was made

E. C. Abernathy M.D.

and upon Testimony Signed by said witnesses. It appearing that said will was properly Executed it is ordered by the Court that said will be received & recorded as the last will and Testament of said Wm Hudson dec'd

James A. Young Judge

Witness fee

W. E. King $4.00
H. C. Lyon 4.00
E. C. Abernathy 4.00

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

Estate of

Mrs Louisiana Manning dec'd. } On this day an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs Louisiana Manning late of said County deceased bearing date 25th day of January 1861 and attested by Wm Delonia and H.S. Matthews as Subscribing witnesses having been filed in Court and it appearing that said Louisiana Manning died leaving a husband Robt J. Manning who resides in said Marengo County and the following named next of Kin who are now at law to wit: Sue E. Thomas Lavinia S.P. Thompson who resides in said County of Marengo Willis N. Thompson who resides in the State of Texas and her Sister in law Bassett who resides in Madison County in the State of Alabama and her Nephews Willis & Thomas who resides in Mobile Alabama and Miller Thompson residing in Montgomery Texas Children of Wm Thompson dec'd and Louisiana Thompson & Viola Thompson dec'd. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be set for Probate at the Stated Term of said Probate Court to be holden on the 2nd Monday in April next and that Notice of the time and place of taking said Probate be given by Citations to be issued on said Robt J. Manning Dixon S.P. Manning Willis Thompson and Josephine Bassett who reside in the State of Alabama and by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Journal Newspaper that said Next of kin at law may appear and contest the said Will if they think proper. Mch 2/61

James A. Young
Judge

(Citation)

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

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama

Greeting. You are hereby Commanded without delay to Cite Willis Thompson if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 then and there Cause if any he have why a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Mrs Louisiana Manning dec'd should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness, James A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office, this 9th day of March 1861 and in 85th year of the Independence of the United States

Issued March 9th 1861 James A. Young Clerk

Rec'd in Sheriff's Office Mar 13th 1861.

Willis Thompson Not found in my County. Mar 18 '61

James D. Shelton Sheriff
By Jesse Eslava D.S.

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

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama

Greeting. You are hereby Commanded without delay to Cite Lavinia S.P. Thompson if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and then Cause if he have why a Certain Instrument purporting to be the Last will & Testament of Mrs Louisiana Manning dec'd bearing date the 28th day January A.D. 1861 should not be admitted to probate as such. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at Office this the 9th day of March 1861 and in 85th year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 9th March A.D. 1861 James A. Young Clerk

I acknowledge Service of within Citation Mar 11th 1861 L. S. P. Thompson

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

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama

Greeting. You are hereby Commanded without delay to Cite Robt J. Manning if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo

on the 2nd Monday of April 1861 and show cause if any he have why a certain instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Louisana Manning dec. dated 25 Day Nov 1859 should not be admitted to Probate as such last will &c, Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 9th day Mar 1861 and in the 85th Year of the Independence of the United States.

Issued 9th day Mar 1861
Executed Mar 14th 1861 E E Buckner Sh

James A Young Clerk

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } May Term 1861.

Estate of Mrs Louisana Manning. Decd } In this cause it is ordered by the Court that Henry A Wolf Esqr be appointed Guardian ad litem for Louisana Thompson Elberta Thompson, and Martha Thompson minor Children of Elbert Thompson deceased to represent them in the matter of the Probate of the will of said Louisana Manning deceased now pending in this Court.

James A Young Judge

In the Matter of the Probate of the will of Mrs Louisana Manning decd } Marengo Probate Court May Term 1861.

The undersigned appointed by said Court Guardian ad litem for Louisana Elberta & Martha Thompson Minors and heirs at law of said Louisana Manning deceased to defend their interest on the hearing for the application for the Probate of said pretended Will. Comes into open Court and hereby accepts said appointment and for answer for and in behalf of said Minors, Says that he denies that said instrument is the last will & Testament of said deceased, for the reason that the same was not Executed according to law &c & prays the Court to require strict & legal proof of every fact necessary to make the same legal,

Filed May 13th 1861 J A Young Clk

H. J. Wolf
Guardian ad litem

Will

I Miss Louisana Manning wife of R. J Manning do make publish and declare this to be My last will and Testament as follows,

1st I give and bequeath to my brother Darwin S. P Thompson my Negro Woman Maria and her five Youngest Children named William & Mary, Frances, provided My brother Darwin S. P shall deliver unto the hands of my Executors Negroes of equal value with Maria and her said Children the said Negroes is to be delivered by said Darwin S.P. to my Executors to be retained by him till the payment of my debts and when said debts are paid then my Executors are to return said Darwin S.P. Thompson the Negroes which he has put in the place of Maria & her two Children as aforesaid. And also after the payment of my debts I give and bequeath to my brother Darwin S.P. Thompson a Mulatto Girl Name Sophy about 16 years of age

2nd I my husband Robt J Manning I give and bequeath Negro Girls Sally & Eliza they being the two oldest Children of said Negroes Woman Maria for his Lifetime and at the death of R. J. I will and desire that the said Negroes Sally & Eliza and their increase if any shall go to my said Brother Darwin S. P Thompson.

3rd To the Children of my brother Elbert A Thompson residing now in the State of Texas I give and bequeath a Negro Woman Sarah about 30 years of age and her Children, Tony about 9 years old, Nelson about 6 years old, and Jenny about 4 years old, and also Tony a Woman about 25 years of age,

4th And I Nominate and appoint my brother James Manning to be the Executor of this my last will. in witness this the 25th day May 1861.

Note before Signing

In case my brother Darwin should be dissatisfied and object to the said Negroes Sally & Eliza going to my husband during his Lifetime, then the said Darwin S.P May take the said Negroes Sally & Eliza by putting the Negroe Girl Sophy in the place of Sally & Eliza and should the said Darwin S.P prefer to make this exchange and put the said Negro Sophy in possession of Robt. J. the said Robt shall have Sophy for his Lifetime and at his death Sophy and her increase if any shall go to the said Darwin S.P. Thompson

And I will and desire my brother James Manning in case the exchange above spoken should be made should take said Negro Sophy into his possession and keep her on his plantation for the benefit of Robert J Manning.

Signed by us as attorney in fact Louisana Manning

in the presence of each other and in the presence of Mrs Manning the Lunacy first request this in our presence Henry E Ker
Dated Feby 15th 1861. by E. E Buckner, James A Young. Wm J Mathews

Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama
In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will & Testament of Mrs Louisana Manning Dec'd } In Probate Court held the 2nd Monday 13th day May 1861.

This day came in to be heard the Probate of the instrument heretofore propounded as the last will & Testament of Mrs Louisana Manning and it appearing that ten days Notice of the time and place of hearing said Probate has been given by Citations duly served upon the heirs at law & next of kin of said Louisana Manning who resids in the State of Alabama and that Notice has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Democrat a Newspaper published in said County for the Non resident next of kin to appear & contest, and it further appearing that Wells Thompson one of the Next of kin of said deceased to whom a Citation was issued & returned Not found in ales a Nonresident. Now this day came Robt J Manning by attorney also Louisana Manning Elberta Manning & Martha Manning Minors by H. A Wolf Esq their Guardian ad litem and Wm J Thomas one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn before and says that he was present on the day the same bears date and saw Mrs Louisana Manning sign publish and declare said instrument as her last will & Testament that he and Wm Mathews the other subs

witness signed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other. He further testifies that said Testatrix was at the time of the Execution of said will of sane and disposing mind & memory & was fully advised of the Contents of said will. Jno. T. Lomax

And upon testimony of said Jno. T. Lomax taken in open Court & reduced to writing & signed by him as appears above. It is ordered & decreed that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will and Testament of said Louisana Manning & that letters testamentary issue thereon.

James A. Young Judge &c.

Admitted to probate May 13th 1861

Order 3 To the Hon James A. Young Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

The petitioner of Richard M. Williams & Allen G. Watters respectfully showeth to your Honor that John G. Williams late of said County deceased departed this life in said County on or about the 26th day of April AD 1861 seized & possessed of real & personal Estate of considerable value. That in his lifetime the said John G. Williams did make & declare his last will and testament the original being hereto annexed as part of this application which said instrument is now propounded to said Court by the Petitioners who are therein named as the executors thereof. That at the time of making said last will & testament the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory & that the said instrument was on all things as petitioners are advised & believe executed according to law in such cases made & provided. That said Testator died leaving him surviving his widow Fanny A. Williams who resides in said County and the following children heirs at law to wit. Richard M. Williams Martha A. Christian wife of Asa R. Christian Emma L. H. Cleveland the wife of Jeremiah Cleveland Rebecca J. Cleveland wife of Floyd Cleveland, Dorsey M. Williams, Mapsey T. Williams, Jno. B. Williams & Benjamin V. Williams all of whom are of full age or married woman except Mapsey T. Williams, Dorsey M. Williams Jno. B. Williams and Benjamin V. Williams who are minors and all of whom reside in Marengo County aforesaid except Emma L. H. Cleveland & her husband & Rebecca Cleveland & her husband who reside in the County of Clark in said State. That John B. Williams & B. V. Williams are the only of said heirs at law under the age of fourteen years & that they are in the custody of their Mother the said Fanny Williams in said County of Marengo. In consideration of which your petitioners pray that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition & that such order be made & such notices & subpoenas be issued in the premises as are required by law in such cases & that said instrument may be admitted to Probate and record in your Hon Court & that letters testamentary may be granted to said Petitioners & as in duty bound &c will ever pray. R. L. Hart Jno. Petitioner

May 16

Estate of Mr. G. Williams Deceased. Probate Court held the 14th day of May 1861

This day came Richard M. Williams & Allen G. Watters and propounded for probate a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mr. G. Williams deceased and it appearing that said Mr. G. Williams was at the time of his death a resident of Marengo County in the State of Alabama. It is ordered by the Court that said instrument be set for probate at the stated Term of the Court to be holden on the 2nd Monday in January next and that Citations issue to the heirs at law named in this petition of the proponents. J. A. Young

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Probate Court May Term AD 1861 To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama ..... Greeting

Citation 3 You are hereby commanded without delay to cite John B. Williams and Benjamin V. Williams minors in the custody of their Mother Fanny A. Williams if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1861 and show cause if any they can why a certain instrument in writing propounded by Richard M. Williams & Allen G. Watters as the last will and testament of Jno. G. Williams deceased should not be admitted to probate as such last will. Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1861 and in 85 year of the Independence of the United States.

James A. Young Judge

Issued 14th day May 1861
Executed in full May 15 1861 J. B. Jackson Sheff

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Probate Court May Term AD 1861 To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama ..... Greeting

Citation 3 You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs Fanny A. Williams widow of Jno. G. Williams deceased if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of June 1861, and show cause if any she can why a certain instrument propounded for probate by Allen G. Watters & Richard M. Williams as the last will and testament of Jno. G. Williams deceased should not be admitted to probate as such last will and &c. Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon. Witness J. A. Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1861 and in the 85 year of the Independence of the United States.

Issued 14th May 1861
Executed 15 May 1861 J. B. Jackson Sheff

J. A. Young Clerk

The State of Alabama Marengo County. Probate Court May Term AD 1861 To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama ..... Greeting

Citation 3 You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Mrs Martha

A Christian and her husband Wm Robertson Dorcy M. Williams & Mafsy D Williams & be found in your County to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court of Probate to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday in June 1865 and Show Cause if any they can why a certain Instrument in writing propounded by Richard M Williams and Allen G Walton as the last will & Testament of Jno G Williams dec'd should not be admitted to record as such Last will and Testament Hereinfail not and have you there & then this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 10th day of May 1865 and in the 89th year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 10 May 1865 J A Young Clerk

Executed upon Maj Wm R Jackson this 11th May 1865 Wm R Jackson Sheriff

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The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } May Term A D 1865
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama ..... Greeting

Citation

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Mrs Rebecca Cleveland and her husband Young L Cleveland and Mrs Emma L H Cleveland and Jemimah Cleveland an Infant of the age of fourteen years all residing in your County, to be and appear before the Honble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court of Probate to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of June 1865 and ~~on this 14th day of the Independence of the United States~~ Show Cause if any they have why an instrument proponnded by Richard M Williams and Allen G Walton as the last will & Testament of Jno G Williams deceased should not be admitted to Probate as such

Herein fail not and have you there & then this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of May 1865 and in the 89 year of the Independence of the United States

Issued 14th May 1865 Jas A Young Clerk

Rec'd in Sheriffs Office 20th May 1865

Executed on all the Defendants Cleveland May 25 1865. Wm R Barge Sheriff

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Estate of W. G. Williams } Probate Court June Term 1865

It is ordered by the Court that D H Princes Esq be appointed Guardian ad litem for Mafsy Williams Dorcy M Williams Capn D Williams & Benjamin D H Williams Minor Children of said deceased to represent them in the matter of the Probate of the will of said W. G. Williams deceased

J A Young

Will of Jno G Williams dec'd

Probate Court June Term 1865

I hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Mafsy D Williams, Dorcy M Williams, Capn D Williams & Benj D Williams Minor Children of W. G. Williams dec'd & for answer to the petition of the alleged Executors propounding the will of said W. G. Williams dec'd say the facts contained in said petition are not true & pray that said will may be proved & established as the last will & Testament of the said W. G. Princes

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Will 3

State of Alabama Marengo County

I D H Williams of the State and County aforesaid being mindful of the uncertainty of Life and being now in my proper mind & senses and sound in mind & Memory, In the Name of God Amen, Make this my Last will and Testament and hereby revoke all other wills. My will and desire is that after my death that my body should be decently interred. In the first place after paying all my just debts and liabilities if there should be any after my death I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Fanny D Williams my Residence and all the land lying west of the Mobile Road between said Road and D H Williams from the Corner where I join John Napier down & the line above the House passing by the upper part of the Sixth Section line but not to cross the Mobile Road & also I want my wife Fanny D H Williams to have my Woman Betsy & her son Jack, Woman Nancy & her Son George and Susan and Esther her Children and Man Jake & Boy Little Henry, Also One Buggy & two Buggy Mules known by the name of Jim and Dick & I want all the above named Property personal & real to belong to her Her Lifetime but at her Decease to revert back to her heirs by me, I want my Daughter Martha A Christian to have my Man Sydney, Horse Elijah & Charles & Susan & two hundred dollars in Money and the following described Lands, Viz, The North west Quarter of Section Twenty & the East half of the North East Quarter of Section Nineteen & also the North East Quarter of Section Nineteen & the South West Quarter of Section Seventeen & also the East half of South east quarter of Section Eighteen Containing or supposed to Contain Six hundred & Seventy Acres more or less in Township 18 Range 8 east, I want my Son Richard M Williams to have my Boy Edmondson boy Bairow and woman Mary, Girl Isabella and all of the Lands lying on Horse Creek South of Dr Bates line on both sides of the creek including the Land South of said Green Plantation in Warriors Bend and all the ballance of my Land South of Horse Creek I want my Daughter Eliza L H Cleveland to have my Woman Lyrina & her Son Ben, Girl Riley & Boy Richmond, I want my Daughter Rebecca L Cleveland to have my Boy Peter & Matilda his wife, Girl Rebecca & Boy Williams, I want my Son Dorsey M Williams to have Boy Milton Boy Bill & Boy Big Henry and the following described Lands, Viz, The north west quarter of Section Nineteen (19) in Township (8) Thirteen Range (9) one east and the East half of the South East quarter of Section Twenty four (24) & the East half of North East quarter of Section Twenty four (24) in Township Thirteen (13) Range one (1) west containing or supposed to Contain Three hundred and County 320 Acres more or less I want my Daughter Mafsy D Williams to have Girl Sarah Woman Ellen & her two Children, Mal & Bobby Polly and Woman Mary, Jane, I want all my real estate except that given to my wife Fanny M H Williams and Daughter Martha A Christian and Son Richard M Williams and my Son Dorsey M Williams sold and my Son Dorsey M Williams & my Daughter Mafsy D Williams & decreed each of the proceeds of the same and the balance Equally divided among the heirs of My first wife Dorsey & Mafsy having an equal share with the rest, I want the proceeds of my present growing Crop together with all of My Stock Consisting of Horses Mules Cattle & Sheep Sold at the end of this present year except four Ewes & which I give to my Children as follows, I want Dorsey to have the Sorrel Mare known as the Young Son Filly, I want my Daughter Mafsy to have the Sorrel Filly with Blaze face, I want my Son Dr H Williams to have the Brown Colt with Blaze face, I want my Son Benjamin Williams to have the Bay Filly with Blaze face I want the proceeds of the above named Stock and Crop to pay my Funeral debts as

there should by any mistake left or omitted it desired especially among my surviving heirs except my sons Wm R Williams & Benj F Williams and my wife Fanny A Williams. And I have nominated and appointed as my Executors of this my last will and Testament Allen Statler and my Son R M Williams as I have confidence in their integrity & ability to attend to duties and believe that they will do their duty and hereby do make and publish this as my last will & testament on the twenty first day of April one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one

John E Williams

We the undersigned subscribed witnesses hereby certify that we saw John E Williams Sign the foregoing and that he declared the same to be his last will & Testament & that we assign the same as witnesses at his request and in the presence of each other & testator April 21st A.D. 1861

Wm L Alexander
R L Seall

We also certify that the above instrument was written on second page between the 14th & 15th lines descending Locality of land & also between 16th & 17th lines ascending Locality of land before being signed by Testator

Wm L Alexander
R L Seall

The State of Alabama Marengo County
In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of John E Williams dec'd
Probate Court
June Term 1861

This day came Richd M Williams & Wm Williams by C H Pearce Esqr their guardian ad litem and the Probate of the will of the said John E Williams coming on to be heard. It appears that all the heirs at law be had ten days notice of the time of taking said Probate and Dr R L Seall and Dr W L Alexander the Subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn deposes & state severally that they were present on or about the 21st day of April 1861, the day said instrument purported bears date & saw the same executed by Dr E Williams, the Subscribed & published the same as his last will & Testament. That they severally subscribed the same in the presence and at the request of said testator & in the presence of each other. They further state that said will was read & in the hearing of the Testator and that he was of the time of sane & disposing mind & memory. They further state they are regular Physicians

R L Seall
Wm L Alexander

And upon the foregoing testimony of the subscribing witnesses to said will signed by them in open Court it appearing that said will was legally and properly executed. It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that the same be admitted & recorded as the last will & Testament of said John E Williams and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon

D A Young Judge

Admitted June 18th 1861

D A Young

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The State of Alabama
Marengo County

To the Hon'ble D A Young Judge of the Court of Probate of said County

The petition of Ransom R Cook respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late Stephen F Cook was an inhabitant of the County at the time of his death. Departed this life on the 29th day of September A.D. 1858 in Perry County Alabama leaving a last will & testament duly signed & published by him and attested by A C Stordall, R W Robertson & A B McCartney who reside in this County in which your petitioner is hereby informed is named as Executor thereof which said will is herewith provided & upon Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court

Your Petitioner further states that the widow of said decedent is Mrs E F Cook who resides in this County and that the next and only heir at law of Kin of said decedent are his Children Mary Amanda Cook and Lelia E Cook both of whom are infants under the age of fourteen years and reside with and are in the custody of their Mother the said Emily Cook in this County

In consideration of all which your Petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, That subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses on such appointed day that due notice of this application may be given to the said Widow and Next of Kin of said deceased and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of this will according to Law and duty as in duty bound

Your petitioner will ever pray &c

John F Chapman and
Solicitors for Petitioner

Filed Nov 2nd 1859

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day of Oct A.D. 1859

Petition

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court, November Term A.D. 1859

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Mrs Emily F Cook & Lelia E Cook in your County to be and appear before the Hon'ble Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd day of November A.D. 1859 then & there to shew cause if any they have why the petition of Ransom R Cook for the probate of an instrument propounded to him as the last will of Stephen F Cook dec'd should not be granted Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness Sam'l A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 2nd day Nov 1859 and in the 84th year of the Independence of the United States

Given 2nd day Nov 1859
Clerk
Issued in this office 2nd Nov 1859
Executed November 2nd 1859

E E Jackson Sheriff

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The State of Alabama } Probate Court. November Term 1859
Marengo County } To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama
Greeting

Citation } You are without delay to cite Mary Amelia Cole & Stella Cecilia Cole minor Children of Stephen D. Cole deceased if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in & for the County of Marengo on the 3rd day of November 1859 and show cause if any they have why a certain instrument in writing purported to be signed by Ransom H. Cole as the last will of Stephen D. Cole deceased should not be admitted to probate as such last will & Testament and have you then & there this Citation with your indorsement thereon. Witness Jas. A. Young Clerk of said Court at his Office this 27th day of October 1859 and 84th year of the Independence of the United States. Jas. A. Young

W. Sheets Deputy Issued 1859

Rec'd in Sheriff's Office 1st November A.D. 1859
Executed November 4th 1859

S. B. Jackson Sheriff

Estate of } State of Alabama Marengo County
Stephen D. Cole deceased } Probate Court

I William D. Jewell hereby accept the appointment of Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of Mary A. Cole & Stella C. Cole minor heirs of the said Stephen D. Cole and legatees under an instrument purporting to be his last will and testament on the hearing of the petition filed in said Court to prove the said will by Ransom H. Cole and hereby deny each and every allegation of the application filed in said cause and ask that such legal proof may be required of each & every fact so required by the law to be established.

W. D. Jewell
Guardian ad Litem for Mary A. & Stella C. Cole

Will

In the Name of God Amen.

I Stephen D. Cole a resident at this date of the town of Demopolis in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last will & testament viz:

Item 1 I will & bequeath in fee simple to my beloved Wife Cecile V. Cole (now Cecile V. Jemmer) and to my two Children Mary Amelia and Stella Corinne & to any other child or children that may be born to me of my wife Cecile V. Cole subsequent to the date of this will and to persons to my deceased and to any posthumous Child or Children that may be born to me of my wife Cecile V. Cole after my decease all the property real or personal or of any kind whatsoever of which I may die possessed, or to which I am entitled, by deed, will or otherwise or whereof I may not be in actual possession at the time of my decease both the reversion & the limitations of my property hereinafter mentioned & otherwise disposed of and to hold the possession thereof specified.

Item 2. It is my will & direction that my Executors shall keep all the above & hereafter property together that they shall pay all my debts from the proceeds of the crops & products of the plantation together with any monies now belonging to me or arising from debts that are due me without selling any property for that purpose if this shall be possible but if this cannot be done then that so many of the less valuable & desirable of the slaves be sold as shall suffice to complete the amount necessary to pay off all my debts. 512.

Item 3. In case of the Marriage of my Widow Cecile V. Cole it is my will and direction that all the property bequeathed to her & my Children in Item first & shall immediately be appraised by three disinterested men to be appointed by my Executors & by the said division into equal shares one share & each of my Children & one share to my Widow Cecile V. Cole & her equal share to be immediately delivered into the possession of said Cecile V. Cole and this share and the property & increase after bequeathed to her is for and as her share in my Estate.

Item 4. It is my will & direction that whenever such marriage & separation of my Widow Cecile V. Cole shall take place a guardian shall immediately be appointed if there be not already one for my Children or Child who shall at once take Charge of the property and Marriage the business of my Children or Child & keep the property of said Children or Child together until the Children or Child come to lawful age or marry in either of which cases each child so coming to lawful age or marrying shall forthwith be placed in possession of his or her share of the property.

Item 5. It is my will & direction that in case of the Marriage of my wife after my death, her husband shall never be the Guardian of any one of my Children.

Item 6 It is my will & desire that in case of the marriage or coming to lawful age of either one of my Children & that their Mother Cecile V. Cole Jemmer remains unmarried my widow that the whole property be at once divided after the manner above mentioned in item three into equal shares one share for my wife and one share for each child & the child so marrying or coming to lawful age shall be put immediately into possession of his or her share of the estate.

Item 7 Whenever any other one of my Children shall come to lawful age or marry it is my will & desire that his or her share of the property shall be immediately given into his or her possession and so on in all such cases, this course to be pursued until the last child shall be put into possession of his or her share of my estate.

Item 8. In case any one of my children shall die before coming into possession of his or her share of the property it is my will and direction that such child's share shall be given to my surviving child or if there be more than one of my Children still alive the share of the deceased child shall be divided equally amongst my surviving Children and so in case of the death of one of my Children before coming into possession of his or her share of the property my surviving Child shall receive the property of the deceased Child in equal proportions and if there be only one surviving Child he or she shall receive the whole property of the deceased Child and it is my will & desire that in no event shall

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my wife receive more than one third of the property hereinbefore bequeathed and that the remaining two thirds shall go to my Children and if they all die without any one of them having rec'd the possession of the property according to the provisions of this will. then my heirs at law

Item 9. It is my will & direction that while my property is kept together according to the provisions of this will as above set forth in item 8th &c. the nett proceeds of the plantation and other property after paying off all my debts and defraying all current expenses shall be divided every year into equal portions one part to go to my wife Cecile V. Pool to use and expend as she may see proper and one equal part to go to each one of my Children and the part or parts of any Child or Children who may die or depart this life, when Guardian to the best advantage for their, his, or her benefit every year as opportunity may occur, and Whereas if at any time before the division of my property the Slaves shall have increased to such an extent as to make the force too large for the plantations I now own it is my wish that my executor shall then with the proceeds of the crops of the above purchase more land or another plantation on which to work said surplus force

Item 10 I will & bequeath to My wife Cecile V. Pool one piano which I have already bequeathed to her my yellow boy Nat aged twenty three years and also my Carriage & pair of Horses and all the household & Kitchen furniture of all kinds whatsoever belonging to my estate all other Horses & Carriages of mine with the exception of the horse mentioned in the next item I direct to be immediately sold.

Item 11 I give and bequeath to Edmund R. Fournier my negro boy George son of Nancy and also my saddle horse called "Bald Stocking" if said horse is still alive my property at the time of my death,

Item 12 I give and bequeath to My Daughter Mary Amelia in addition to what I have already given her the black girl called "Manning" now her nurse,

Item 13 I give & bequeath to My Daughter Sarah Corinne in addition to what I have already given her the yellow girl called "Adaline" now her nurse;

Item 14 I give and bequeath to Lizziodelle Lavin five hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executor as the debts existing against me at the time of my death shall have been satisfied

Item 15 I hereby Nominate & appoint My Wife Cecile V. Pool as long as she remains unmarried and my Widow and my brother Ransom R. Pool Executors of this my last will & Testament, and it is my desire that said Cecile V. Pool shall select some member of her own family to advise Counsel & assist her in the management of the property Comprised in this will and all the powers therein contained — hereby vesting Father Alexander Fournier first and also that she shall consult my father S. K. C. Pool in relation to their business affairs whenever occasion or opportunity offers,

Item 16 I appoint my brother Ransom R. Pool and my wife Cecile V. Pool Guardians of my Children and it is my will that said Ransom R. Pool manage & attend to the property of my children and their business affairs and that my wife their Guardian

have charge of their persons always so that she may raise & educate them in such manner & in whatsoever manner she may think proper.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and affixed my Seal on this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty nine.

Stephen V. Pool (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, declared, & published by the said Stephen V. Pool as and for his last will & testament in presence of us

N.C. Nordall
R.M. Robertson
E.P. McCarty.

The State of Alabama } Marengo County
In the Matter of the Last will }
of } Probate Court held on the 2nd day of
Stephen V. Pool deceased } November A.D. 1859.

This day came Ransom R. Pool the Executor of said will for probate by Attorney and likewise came Mary A. Pool & Viola C. Pool Minor Children & heirs of said Stephen V. Pool deceased by Wm. F. Tunnell Esq. their Guardian ad litem who files his answer and acceptance of said appointment and the probate of said will coming to be heard, said Edwin P. McCarty one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open Court deposes & says that he was present on the day the same bears date and saw said Stephen V. Pool Executor said will by signing his name thereto & publishing the same as his last will & testament that he and R.M. Robertson and N.C. Nordall the other subscribing witnesses all subscribed their names to said instrument as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said Stephen V. Pool and of each other, that he verily believes that said Stephen V. was at the time of same & disposing mind, that he was a resident of said Marengo County and was over the age of twenty one years. E.P. McCarty.

And N.C. Nordall another of the said subscribing witnesses being also sworn deposes that he was present at the above signed and sealed said Executor & published & by said Stephen V. that he subscribed his name as witness in his presence and at his request & that said McCarty & Robertson the other subscribing witnesses were also present & subscribed their names at the request & in the presence of said Testator that said Testator was at the time of sane & disposing mind & memory. N.C. Nordall

And upon the foregoing testimony of said Edwin P. McCarty & N.C. Nordall subscribing witnesses to said will as taken & subscribed by them in open Court, it appearing that said will was properly & legally executed by said Stephen V. Pool, and was at the time of sane & disposing mind, and it further appearing that said Stephen V. was over the age of twenty one years was a resident of Marengo County, It is ordered by Court that said instrument be propounded as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will & testament of said Stephen V. Pool deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

Jas. A. Young Judge &c

Filed for probate the 2nd day of November 1859 & ad for the 7th November 1859 J. Young Judge
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In the name of God Amen.

I Margaret E. E. Rivers now of the County of Marengo State of Alabama relict of the late Wm Rivers of the County of Dallas in the same State, being of sound mind & memory, do after due & mature deliberation of my own free will & accord uninfluenced by any person or persons whatsoever made ordain & publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking any & all others, that I have heretofore made that is to say. First I commit myself to the Lord as soon as I have so many years endeavored to serve as a frail child of dust & as a sinner saved by grace humbly trusting in the mediation & shed blood of Jesus Christ my Savior. Second I desire that my grave shall be by the side of my late beloved husband in the Marconville Burying Ground & that a tombstone similar to that over my husbands grave be placed over mine the expense to be paid out of my estate. Thirdly I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved Son Enoch E. Rivers & my beloved friend & brother Clement H. Wallace to my executors to faithfully carry out the provisions of this will — Either of them being competent to act alone. Fourthly I give unto my beloved Son Peter Edward Rivers & his heirs & assigns forever my private Slave named Kasaunga together with her two Children named Mary Ann & Lucy & Lucinda & Emaline. also also her future increase. Fifthly & I have this day bargained & sold unto my Son Peter Edward Rivers my negro Man Slave Dennis for the sum of Twelve hundred dollars & my negro Female Slave Chaney & her Children Harriet David & Lina for the sum of eighteen hundred Dollars. To secure the payment of the purchase money of these Slaves I have taken the following notes of said Peter E. as follows. The notes (three in number) are all dated the date hereof — one note payable the first day of January 1858 one note payable the first day of January 1859 & one note payable the first day of January 1860 on the Sum or one thousand Dollars each making the sum three thousand Dollars in the aggregate. The proceeds of Sale of said Slaves Kasaunga & Chaney & her Children as above are to be equally divided — or as much as may be due on the above purchase by the said Peter & the amount of cash I may have on hand at the time of my death are to be equally divided on the payment of the legal charges against my Estate) between my beloved Children namely Edward Rutledge Hannah Evans Broadnax wife of Robt Broadnax Gabriel Jones Rivers Elizabeth Williams Watkins Enoch Emmitt Rivers Sarah Margaret Burke wife of [illegible] Rivers & the accruing candidate of my late beloved daughter Ann Eliza Kelly & the children of my late beloved Son [illegible]

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under Seven unless me to count their names, my affection for my daughter Eliza. My love for the children of my recently dec'd Son is as strong as Ever. but a proportion of the above sum is to small to be of much service to them & is in my opinion not needed. Whilst the allowance, small as it is, will considerably aid my other children. Sixth I direct that my aged female slave, named Kasaunga be allowed to choose at my decease her future owner from among my children & earnestly request that the owner she may select will treat her and her husband Hercus (to whom my late husband allowed a similar permission at my death) with clemency & consideration which their age & faithfull services deserves. Given under my hand & Seal this 4th day of May A.D. 1857. Margaret E. E. Rivers (L.S.)

The above instrument of writing was at the date hereof signed, sealed & published & declared by Margaret E. E. Rivers (who is personally known to us) as her last will & testament in our presence who at her request & in her presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Robt G. Morrison.
J. P. Slaughter.
J. Mark Rivers Jr.

The State of Alabama } The exhibit & the last will & Marengo County } Testament of Margaret E. E. Rivers (which is here incorporated) made and executed May 4th A.D. 1857 Whereas Wm Saja 24th 1864 to wit. That I sold on the 4th day of May 1857 sold to my Son Peter Edward Rivers certain negro Slaves to wit. Chaney a woman & her children Harriet David & Lina & also a man slave named Dennis for the sum of three thousand dollars, taking the notes & in number of the said Peter E. for the purchase money thereof which said notes are described in my said will. Now Know all men, that the said contract by mutual consent of said Peter E. & myself is hereby revoked and annulled so far as relates to said man slave Dennis. the price of said man slave as agreed on between us being twelve hundred dollars, I have consequently destroyed the first note described in my will — for one thousand Dollars, due 1st January last. and endorsed a credit of one hundred and thirty one 50/100 ($131.50) Dollars on the second note due 1st January 1859 — that being the proper credit after calculating the interest due on the above first note since first January last. The contract as to Chaney & her Children remaining in full force. My Executor or executors are directed to sell the said man slave Dennis at Public auction to the highest bidder at such time and on such terms & conditions as they may deem best for the interest of all concerning. The said boy Dennis is to be hired out from 1st January next ensuing date until the time he is sold as above stated after paying all lawfull claims against my estate the proceeds of said boy Dennis and the amount due on the above described note when collected from said

Peter E Kirven are to be divided between those of my children as legatees in my said will in the manner therein specified. Given, sealed & delivered in our presence and in the presence of each other this the above as witness our hands

John Foster
Robert C Morrison
Spencer Sofley

Fourth I also give & bequeath to my Daughter Jane E Edwards Wallace the sum of four hundred Dollars ($400) in addition to the amount left her in the will of May 4, 1857 she being but an equal share in that will above & before executed before signing given under my hand & seal this 8 Nov. A.D. 1858 Margaret F. E. Kirven (Seal)

I Gilbert Breitling of the County of Marengo and state of Alabama, do hereby make declare and publish this my last will and testament in words and figures as follows— 1st I desire that I do hereby direct that all my just debts shall be adjusted, settled and paid in soon as practicable. 2nd I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Magdalene Breitling in addition to the estate, both real and personal, that she is entitled to as my widow, in case of intestacy, the following part of my property, viz. the house and lot in the town of Demopolis, which we now occupy and reside in, adjoining the Geo Hammell property & the River Hotel, also all the furniture in said house now used by us excepting the piano which I hereby give to my daughter Mary Jane. I also give & bequeath to my wife, my black woman, Harriett, Delphia, youngest children, negro woman Rose & her children and all & her increase or Humbolt and also a negro woman to be selected by my wife. also my carriage and my two carriage mules or carriage horses & harness, to her own use. those waggon and harness, which said property or estate above described and bequeathed to my wife is given & bequeathed & devised for her sole use & benefit during her life time & after her death is to be equally divided between all my children, and it is my intention, wish & direction that the foregoing devise & bequest to my wife is not to construe or take effect until my estate is settled & my debts are all paid and in case that she may be supported until that time as she now is, I direct that she is to have & receive the use of the house servants, she now has about the house, also the use of the carriage, two horse waggon, carriage horses or carriage horses & also to receive & have from my plantation all the supplies that may be necessary for herself & family, for that portion of my family that may remain with her in the same style as they now live and which said supplies under the use of said property for that time is not to be charged to her after family using them in the distribution of my estate. I also wish my wife to superintend the planting part of the crop & having the negro duties made by my negroes as she may direct or assist my executors in collecting the same & for their services assistance. 3rd with the view of giving all my children an equal & proportionate share in obtaining an education, it is my will & desire that my friends W C Cocke, G B Lyon, and A M McDowell shall make an estimate of the amount of money required to educate each child in the same way in which I have educated those who are over 18 years at my death & I hereby direct my executors to reserve said sum of money, as estimated & apply it to the use of educating each one of my children, who at the time of my death, has not attained the age of 18 years, or if any of my children shall refuse to receive an education or any of them should die & thereby cause a balance of said sum of money, to remain I direct that such balance shall be equally divided among my children. 4th I hereby direct my executors to rent out on such terms as they may think most advantageous to my estate, my ware house & property in Demopolis until the 1st day of July after the present war, provided between the north & South has ceased, & then it is to be sold or rented out as my executors shall think most accountageous to my estate. And if they think a sale, most advantageous I hereby empower them to sell the same for cash, or on a credit with approved security & make to the purchaser a good & perfect title thereto. 5th I do hereby direct that my plantation shall be carried on until one year after my death & if my executors think it will be advantageous to my estate to rent them out for the next year following between the North & South ceases, I direct that my executors shall sell at public auction all of my Estate, except that which is herein above mentioned to my wife, and will on such terms as they think will be most advantageous to my estate & that will satisfy my creditors for the purpose of carrying out this my request & will I hereby empower them to execute & deliver to the purchasers good & sufficient deeds to the real & personal estate which they may so sell as aforesaid. 6th after the payment of all my just debts I give & bequeath all the balance of my estate to my children, to share & share alike, my own & the children of Frances my wife deceased, born of my first marriage & my own daughter Mary Jane & my second marriage with my present wife to wit Adelle, wife of Auguste Caiser, Samuel Breitling, Jerome Breitling, Joseph Breitling, Josephine, wife of Henry Roberts, Frank Breitling, Charles Breitling, Margaret Breitling, Gilbert Breitling, Edward Breitling & it is my desire & direction that my children or children that may have died after the said Magdalene may share equally in my said estate with the rest. 7th I hereby nominate & appoint George B Lyon & my son Edward Breitling & Samuel Breitling the executors of this my last will & testament. The word Carriage Horses & inserted before the word Carriage horses in the 3rd line of my foregoing instrument, were signing this will, for the testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of October 1861 Gilbert Breitling (Seal)

The foregoing paper was signed sealed and published by the testator as his last will & testament in our presence & we at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto on this 3rd day October 1861

E. T. Rhodes Charles Skinner, Geo. A. Ellis.

Probate Court Marengo County the testimony of E. T. Rhodes & Charles Skinner two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Gollett Breeding who being first duly sworn deposes & states that they were present on the 12th day of October 1861. present & saw Gollett Breeding execute & publish said will by signing & publishing the same as his last will & testament that they signed the same as witnesses at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other, & of Geo. A. Ellis the other witness who also subscribed his name in their presence & in the presence & at the request of said testator. They & another deponent state that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sound & disposing mind & memory.

E. T. Rhodes.
Charles Skinner.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this 19th day of November 1861.

Jas. A. Long Judge of Probate.

In the Name of God Amen! I George W. Doss of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound & disposing mind & memory, do hereby make publish & declare this my last will & testament in words & figures as follows, to wit. 1st I will & desire that all my just debts shall first be paid. Item 2nd I will & bequeath to Mrs. Frances E. Carter for the right & situation in which I hold her, & for the advancements I have on her many virtues & accomplishments all my property of whatsoever kind & description, both real & personal & wheresoever situate & lying & charged that is to say. Item 3rd I will & bequeath that the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to Samuel E. Carter. Item 4th I will & bequeath that the sum of Five hundred dollars be paid to my friend Williams C. Carter. Item 5th I will & bequeath that the sum of Five hundred dollars be paid to my friend Williams C. Doss. Item 6th This is my last will & testament made & duly understood, & I do here state that the aforesaid legacies to the same are owned & to be paid to Samuel E. Carter. Williams C. Doss the son of Stephen C. Doss. Williams C. Carter the brother of Saml. E. Carter. M. D. C. Mary C. Doss the daughter of Stephen C. Doss. Item 7th I hereby appoint Robt. A. Carter executor of this my last will & testament & hereby revoke & annul all former wills by me made & declare this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this 19th day of November A.D. 1861 George W. Doss (Seal)

We the undersigned hereby attest that the last will & testament & subscribe our names thereto at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other & have also seen him sign the same in our presence & have heard him publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament this 19th day of November A.D. 1861

W. H. Johnson. John E. King.

Probate Court Marengo County held February A.D. 1863

Testimony of W. H. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will taken in open Court on this the first Monday & second day of May 1863. who being first duly sworn deposes & states that he was present on the 19th day of June 1861. the day said will bears date & saw Since George W. Doss sign & publish said instrument as his last will & testament that he the said witness & John E. King the other subscribing witness at the request of said testator subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other & that said testator also signed & published said will in presence of said King as well as in presence of witness. Witness further states that said George W. Doss was at the time of executing said will of sound & disposing mind & memory. Sworn to & subscribed to before me in open Court. W. H. Johnson

Jas. A. Long Judge

Will of W. L. Tucker.

Know all men by these presents, That I William L. Tucker in the County of Marengo & State of Alabama Considering the uncertainty of this life & being of sound mind & memory do make declare & publish this my last will & testament, First I desire that all of my just debts be paid out of the effects of my Estate Second after the Payment of all My just debts I desire & bequeath that all the remaining property & my Estate be equally divided between & among all of my children (Viz) James W. Tucker, Emma Winnefred, Mary Jane Brown, William L. Tucker Jr., Tucker, Julia A. Tucker & Rosa D. Tucker. Third I bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Ann Tucker as a Rich Sake & my undivided heart & Love to appreciate & to Remain dear to Mrs. Matthew Jeremiah Tucker to be the Executor of this my last will & testament In Testimony whereof I have to this my last will & testament subscribed my name & affixed my seal this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & Sixty one

Wm. L. Tucker,

Signed Sealed Declared & published by the said William L. Tucker as his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

James Bate
Solomon G. Tucker
James L. Tucker

In the matter of the Probate of the will of William L. Tucker dec'd } State of Alabama Marengo County November Term 1861 of Probate Court of said County. This day came on to be heard the Probate of the instrument purporting to be the

The last will and Testament of Said William L. Tucker deceased by Jerremiah L. Tucker the executor nominated therein. And Solomon P. Tucker one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn deposes & says that he was present on or about the 17th day of September 1861 & saw Said Wm L. Tucker Sign said instrument declaring the same to be his last will & testament that he said witness subscribed his name as a witness at the request & in the presence of said deceased & that the other subscribing witnesses James Tate & James L. Tucker also signed their names in the presence of the testator & at his request & that they all signed in the presence of each other. He further deposes that said testator was at the time to the best of his judgement of sound & deposing mind & memory.

Solomon P. Tucker.

And upon the foregoing testimony taken & subscribed by Solomon P. Tucker one of the subscribing witnesses in open court it is considered & ordered that said instrument of said William L. Tucker be received & recorded as the last will & testament of said Wm L. Tucker & that letters testamentary be granted thereon.

James A. Young Judge

Last Will and Testament of Robt Barr Sr.

In the name of God Amen. I Robt. Barr Sen. of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make, ordain publish & declare this to be my last will & testament. That is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate both real & personal, I give, bequeath & dispose of as follows to wit to my beloved wife the whole of my estate real & personal during the term of her natural life & after her death to be divided equally among my heirs. And further I hereby give to my wife full power & authority to sell any part of my real & personal estate at private or public sale & to make bona fide titles to the same forever & to invest the proceedings or to lease the same as she may think proper & deem best for the interest of my heirs & the support of my family. And further I do hereby give to my wife full power and authority to remove any part or all of my estate whatever, wherever she may please. Likewise I make, constitute & appoint my son David P. Barr to be the executor of this my last will & testament. Hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal, this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty. Robt Barr. Sr.

Acknowledged before us this day and year above written

William R. Dillworth
J. H. Davidson.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Probate Court held
31 day of December 1860
James A. Young Judge
of said Court presiding

In the matter of the probate of the will of Robt. Barr Sr.

This day came on for probate the last will & testament of Robt. Barr Senr. & now this day came David P. Barr the proponent & likewise came Margaret L. Barr & Rebecca D. Barr by R. R. Hart Esqr. their guardian ad litem & it appearing that all the heirs & next of kin of said deceased have had ten days notice of the time & place of taking said probate, the probate of said will is heard & James H. Davidson & W. R. Dillworth the subscribing witnesses to said will, being first duly sworn deposes & says "that they were present on the day the said will bears date & said Robt Barr Sr. executed & published said instrument as his last will & testament that they subscribed the same as witnesses at the request and in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other & that said testator was of sound and deposing mind & memory when he signed & published said last will & testament

J. H. Davidson
Wm. R. Dillworth.

In the name of God Amen! I Gardner Lewis of the County of Marengo & the State of Alabama Planter do make & ordain this my last will & testament as follows to wit,

It is my will that I be decently interred & that such suitable monument or tombstone be erected over my remains as shall be consistent with my degree or circumstances in life. Item 2d. It is my will that all my just debts be paid as soon as can be conveniently done after my decease, Executors hereinafter named is hereby authorized & directed to apply such moneys as I may have in hand at my death & the proceeds of such debts or claims as may be due me at that time as may be necessary. Item 3d. It is my will & desire that my beloved wife Sarah C. Lewis have the full share of my estate [including negroes that which I hold in my own right & that which I hold in right of my said wife] which the law would give her if no will had been made by me, with this additional provision that she be authorized & permitted to select such of the house servants as a part of her share of the slaves as she may choose. Item 4th. It is my will that property to the value of Dollars be set off and allotted to my said wife as aforesaid. Item 5th

rest of my estate 2d Item 8th It is my will & I desire that all of my family remain & reside at the home place with their Mother until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years or marry, & that they shall until such contingencies happen live in common as the same & tyled & manner they lived during my lifetime & that my Executrix shall not be required to keep separate accounts with. 9th Item 9th It is further my will & desire that all my estate not directed to be sold be kept together & worked in common until my following named children to wit Ophelia Lewis, Olivia Lewis Agnes Lewis Arthur M. Lewis & Caroline Lewis & such other children as may be hereafter born to me shall have respectfully attained the age of twenty one years or married & shall receive his or her share to be set off or allotted The shares of such in the slaves then belonging to my estate according to the provision of this my will defining what portion each one shall have. Shall accordingly be set off and allotted to such child & so from time to time each child's share on the happening of such contingencies as above provided shall be set off and allotted 9th Item 10th It is further my will that the sum of

Five Dollars shall be paid by my executrix to each one of the above named children at the time of setting off and allotting his or her share of the slaves as is in 9th Item No. 9 directed & provided for 9th Item 11th It is my will that if any of my children named or specified in No 9 should die before his or her share of the Negroes & Increase should be set off to him or her with out leaving issue living at that time then his or her share of said slaves shall remain & shall be divided among my other children named & specified in said item No. 4 (nine) 9th Item 12th It is my will that all the lands hereinbefore directed to be kept together & cultivated, be kept & cultivated until my youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one & Married & in the event any of my children shall have preferred to keep his or her portion of the slaves together on said plantation said lands shall be kept & cultivated until until such one of my said children shall have taken off his or her share of said slaves. 9th Item 13th It is my will & I direct that all the Stock of Horses, mules, Cattle, hogs, farming utensils provisions &c. be kept & remain on said plantation so directed to be kept together until the final settling of my estate, at which time my lands so directed to be kept together & cultivated shall be equally divided among all my children either living or the descendents of such of them as may be living according to the law regulating descents in the State of Alabama Except that my said Son Greenberry is not to have

any share & the share of my Son Owen to be vested in my said wife as trustee aforesaid & to be used & to descend as provided in. 9th Item 14th I hereby clothe my executrix with full power to sell my crop of Cotton at private Sale for cash to sell the surplus stores or provisions which may at any time increasing or may become liable to waste at public or private Sale as she may deem advisible without at any time requiring the intervention of any of the Courts. & for the purpose of executing this my will I do hereby vest in her fee all such title authority & power as may be necessary as fully & completely as I could do myself if living 9th Item 15th I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife my executrix to execute this my will — and request that she be not required by the probate court to give Bond in a sum exceeding fifty thousand dollars & I hereby request my said wife Sarah C. Lewis in executing the provision of this my will & more particularly in making Sale of the Kimbrough & Boykin places and in the purchase of other lands to be attached to and constitute a portion of the trust herein directed to be kept together to consult and advise with one or two of such of her friends as she deems to be prudent & judicious in the management of their own affairs

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal. this the day of A.D. 186

Signed, sealed & published in our presence

In addition to the foregoing and by way of more fully explaining my intentions I make this Codicil thereto as follows. It is my will & desire that my property & particularly my slaves be kept together & that no division take place among my children because of age or marriage & that my wife there have her share set off her during the privilege of retaining in the house servants at a fair and reasonable valuation It is further my will that she have the privilege of selling or purchasing any stock she may deem necessary. It is further my will that in case any of my children should die with out leaving a child or children that his or her share (excepting said Henry Lewis) It is further my will & desire that in case the Kimbrough place & Boykin place or either of them be sold that the hands worked thereon be removed & worked on the Greenville or Perry place. It is further my will that when any of my children shall have received his or her share of the slaves or as soon after as convenient he or she shall leave the room of those remaining & [illegible] pain or given to him or her by my said executrix because of

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

This November 15th A.D. 1860

Signed in the presence of
& witnessed by
John M. Smith
Joseph Moore
W.M. S. Gilmore

Auston McLewis
Seal

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these
Marengo County } Presents that I Mary
Newton of the County & State aforesaid do hereby make
publish and declare this my last will & testament
as follows. I will & bequeath to my beloved
niece Sarah Theodosia Bruce my negro woman
Melissa and her child Lobin together with the future
increase of the said Melissa. Also a note for the
sum of one hundred Dollars which I hold against
the estate of Johnston Bruce deceased, which no
doubt can now be recollected some time in Oct.
A.D. 1861. together with the interest which has or may
become due upon said note and in case said note
should be paid during my lifetime, then I beg that
the cash or proceeds of said note, no matter in what
way it may be invested be to the said Sarah Theodosia
to have use and disposal of the same as above
It is further my will & desire that the said
Sarah Theodosia Bruce shall be supported and
educated out of the interest due on & accruing
on said note above mentioned & if the interest is
not sufficient for that purpose I desire a portion
of the principle to be appropriated for that
purpose. It is further my will & desire that in
case of my death before the education of said
Sarah Theodosia Bruce is completed then I desire
that the hire of said negro woman Melissa to
be applied or appropriated for that purpose also
I hereby appoint Thomas J. Wolf executor of this my
last will & testament Sept. 5th A.D. 1860
the words "supported and" interlined before signing

Mary A. Newton.

Witness W. Wolf
Mary Ann Wolf

I hereby waive notice of the filing of the foregoing Will of Mary Newton for Probate & consent for the Probate of the same to be taken at the time appointed by the Probate Court of Marengo County.
May 23. A.D. 1860.

Thomas J. Wolf

Probate Court, Duly Term Marengo County, held at Duly 9 1860. in the matter of the probate of the will of Miss Mary Newton dec'd.
This day came on for Probate the last will of Miss Mary Newton late of Marengo County deceased, heretofore propounded for Probate & it appearing that Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce who is the sole heir at law of said deceased has had due notice of the time of the filing said Probate & W.m. Winfield Wolf one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn deposes & says "that he was present on the day said will bears date & saw the same executed by the said Mary Newton & that he & the other subscribing witness sign the same as witnesses in the presence of & at the request of said testatrix & in the presence of each other he further deposes & says that said testatrix was at the time of said & deponent sound memory

W.m. Wolf

And the aforesaid testimony being subscribed in open Court by said Winfield Wolf. It is further ordered by the Court that said instrument be recorded as the last Will & testament of said Mary Newton, deceased & that Letters testamentary be issued thereon

James F. Young
Judge of Probate.

I Algernon Sydney Langham of the County of Marengo do make publish & declare this my last will and testament as follows. After the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses I give & devise to my wife Lucy Ann Langham all & singular my property both Real and personal to be held and enjoyed by her during the time she may remain unmarried and from the proceeds profits and income thereof she is to educate my children & maintain them under such plan that the Boys until they attain the age of Majority and the girls so long as they remain unmarried, and I charge this support and education of my Children a charge upon the said estate to be paid by either for her.
And should my wife marry again then she is to have and take from said estate a childs portion thereof to be sold & disposed of and the remainder of the property equally divided among my then living children should my wife not marry again it is my will & desire that she have the right and power by last will

to dispose of all said property among my children in such shares and portions as she may think proper. And also during her widowhood she may when she think proper so to do, give off by way of advancement to any of the children such property or portion of the estate as she may consider expedient and proper.
And my said wife during her widowhood may sell and dispose of any of said property of my estate & make and convey good titles thereto she holding the proceeds of such sale or disposition subject to the provisions & trusts of this will. I do hereby appoint my wife the executrix of this my will And I desire & direct that she may not be required to give security on her qualification as such executrix.

In witness of this as my last will I hereto sign my name on this the 9th day of November 1860.

A. S. Vaughan.

We the undersigned have been requested by Dr. A. S. Vaughan to sign our names to this paper as his last will and testament as attesting witnesses thereto.
The said Vaughan having signed the same in our presence and we now subscribe our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other. On this the 9th day of November 1860

H. E. Jones
J. L. Melton.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
In the Probate Court Special Term held the 16th day of October 1861.
Judge Young presiding.
~~Instrument heretofore~~
This day came on for Probate the instrument heretofore propounded by Mrs. Lucy Ann Vaughan as the last will and testament of Algernon S. Vaughan Dec. and it appearing to the court that notices have been duly served upon the heirs at law named at the petition of said Lucy Ann Vaughan for more than ten days previous to the time at which said probate was set and that the probate of said will has been continued for said term regularly regularly to the present term for sufficient cause and it being further made appear that H. E. Jones and S. L. Melton the subscribing witnesses to said will are not within the jurisdiction of the court and that their testimony can not now be procured and the said Lucy Ann now here proposing to prove said will in common form and being duly sworn in open court states that said instrument so propounded by her as aforesaid is the last will and testament of Algernon S. Vaughan and was duly executed by him on the day the same years date he being at the time of same & deposing mind and memory and that said witnesses attested said will in the presence and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other. Lucy A.

Vaughn And N. Y. Lipscomb being duly sworn further deposes and says that he is acquainted with said writing of said Algernon S. Vaughn and that the signature to said will is the genuine signature of said Algernon S. Vaughn.

N. Y. Lipscomb.

And upon the foregoing statement of said Lucy A. Vaughn upon both and upon the further testimony of said N. Y. Lipscomb.
respectively subscribed by them in open court. It is ordered that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be admitted to record as the last will and testament of said Algernon Vaughan declared.

James A. Young Judge

State of Alabama
Marengo County
In the Name of God Amen!
I Daniel Curtis of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind. Thanks be unto God for the same, but of feeble body do make and ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows First.
I will my soul to God and my body to the dust and to be decently buried Item second (2)
It is my will that all my just debts be paid. Item 3. To my son Malahi. I give and bequeath one slave George valued at nine hundred Dollars also the sum of three hundred and forty nine Dollars the amount of his account [marked No. 1] and also an amount not otherwise willed when added to the above amounts of nine hundred dollars and three hundred and forty nine Dollars may constitute the sum equal to one seventh of my estate not otherwise willed of which I may die possessed.
Item 4th
I give and bequeath unto my son Calvin the sum of four hundred and ninety seven Dollars, the amount of his account [marked number 2] and also an amount which added to the above amount of $497.00 may constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not otherwise willed of which I may die possessed.
Item 5th
I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas H. the sum of three hundred and forty seven dollars, the amount of his account [marked No. 5] and also an amount which added to the above amount of [347.00] will constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed not otherwise willed. Item 6th to my son James H. I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars as he has received of me in sundry amounts and also the negro boy Sen his full share of all my real and personal estate.

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

Item 8th

To my daughter Jane E. Agee I give the sum of five hundred Dollars and also an amount which added to the amount of ($500.00) shall constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate of which I may die possessed not otherwise willed

Item 9th

To my daughter Harriett who intermarried with Oliver W. Grayson I give and bequeath to her & the lawfull heirs of her body an amount equal to one seventh of my Estate, not otherwise willed, of which I may die possessed.

Item 10th

To my daughter Sarah A. Lyles who is intermarried with John Lyles & to the lawful of her body I give & bequeath the sum of one hundred Dollars and also an amount which added to the above amount ($100.00) shall constitute a sum equal to one seventh of my estate not otherwise willed of which I may die possessed

Item 11th

It is my will & desire that the several amounts as before stated against my sons Malachi, Calvin & Thos. H. & my daughters Jane E. Agee & Sarah A. Lyles be charged them as a portion of my estate. And that my daughter Charlotte is to have one hundred Dollars more than either of the rest of my heirs in that her portion of my Estate be put in trust with Oliver W. Grayson and at her death to be equally divided with all my sons and daughters Except Jas. H. Curtis

Item 12th

And I hereby constitute my son in law Oliver W. Grayson & my friend Henry W. Hatch as my executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This the 2nd day of August A.D. 1859.

Daniel Curtis.

Wm. Harris
J. P. Agee
Richard Small

Probate Court Marengo County
June Term 1860

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the will of Daniel Curtis dec. heretofore propounded for Probate, and it appearing that Notice of the time and place of taking said probate has been given by citation the heirs of said deceased residing in the State of Alabama & by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian Newspaper for the near Resident heirs to appear & Jeremiah R. Agee & Richard Small being first duly sworn in open Court, they being subscribed witnesses to the said will propounded by as aforesaid. Depose and say that they were present on the day said will bears date and saw Daniel Curtis execute said will by signing and declaring the same to be his last will and testament. That they severally subscribed their names to the same in the presence of said testator & at his Request & that each and all of the said witnesses, whose names are signed to said will signed their names at the request of said testator & in his presence and in the presence of each other. They further say that said Daniel Curtis was at the time of executing said will of same & disposing mind & memory

J. R. Agee. Richard Small

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

James A. Young

Judge

I do declare this to be my last will and testament

Item 1st

I commend my soul to the God who gave it It. 2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid out of my effects It. 3rd I wish my body after my death to be decently interred It. 4th I wish my son Thomas P. Nichols Estate after his just debts are paid to be considered as part of my Estate & be divided in like manner It. 5th I will & request that my wife Anny shall hold and keep all of my estate together untill my youngest child is twenty one years of age if she should live that long and that she will give to each child as it may arrive at Nature age about the amount that those has received that has left me say about one hundred dollars and when my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years I will my estate to be so divided that my wife Anny and each one of my children may receive an equal portion. It. 6th I wish my wife Anny Nichols & my son Wm. P. Nichols to be the executrix & Executor of this my last will & testament.

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

James Nichols

William F. Nichols Witness
William F. Nichols

The testimony of Wm. Nichols one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will James Nichols deceased taken before the probate Court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 2nd Monday in May (1862) 1852 the said

William Nichols have been first duly sworn who states as follows to wit " That he was present on the day said James Nichols died & saw him execute said will & publish & declare the same as such, that he & William Nichols the other subscribing witness signed the same as witnesses the deponent by making his mark in the presence of the testator who at his request and in the presence of each other. He further states that said James Nichols was at the time of same & disposing mind & memory And that no influences were used by any person within knowledge to induce said testator to make a will.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court. May 12th 1862. } William Nichols his mark

James A. Young
Judge of Probate.
Marengo County.

In the Name of God. Amen!

I, James W. Burden of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, Blessed with sound mind & health of body do make & publish this my last will and testament in manner & form following that is to say

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret A. Burden all my estate real as well as personal, first paying all my just debts. Item I give and bequeath to my said wife Margaret all my interest which I now have or may hereafter have in my mothers estate both real & personal together with all legacies which may be left me & all interests descending to me from any & all sources whatever. Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Margaret A Burden to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. My will and desire is that the Probate Court should not require my said executrix to give security or surety for the management or control of my above named Estate. As I do hereby give and bequeath all of said estate to her & her heirs and assigns forever

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

Witnesses
C. B. Mason
R. R. Eppes

J. W. Burden (Seal)

Probate Court Marengo County
at a term held 16th day of February 1865

Testimony of B. R. Eppes. one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of J. W. Burden Deceased taken in open court who being first duly sworn, deposes & says that he was present on or about the 24th day of March 1862 & saw said J. Wesley Burden sign & publish said instrument as his last will and testament, that he & Charles B. Mason the other subscribing witness signed the same at the request and in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other. He further states that said J. W. Burden was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory.

B. R. Eppes.

In The Name of God Amen!

I Ann R Barnes, of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be Almighty God, for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Children, Hezekiah N. Barnes and Joseph D. Barnes all my negro slaves that now own or may hereafter from my fathers estate or otherwise equally to be divided between them. And I will and order that my freehold estate shall be sold and that the net proceeds of sale be applied to the payment of the debts of my estate. The Residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind or nature soever I give equally to be divided between my above named Children. And I hereby appoint my eldest son Hezekiah N Barnes, my sole executor of this my last will and testament & lastly I will and order that if either of my Children should die without an heir the surviving one shall be sole heir to the property bequeathed and given by me and moreover I hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

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

Signed & sealed in the presence of us
R. L. Seall. J. R. Pettles } Ann R. Barnes.

The State of Alabama Marengo County
In the matter of the last will and testament of Mrs Ann R Barnes } Probate Court held 13th day and 1 Monday of May 1861.

This day appeared in open Court Joseph Barnes a minor heir of Saia Ann R Barnes dec'd and made choice of Hezekiah Barnes as his guardian ad litem, to represent him at the hearing of probate of the will of said deceased and likewise came said Hezekiah Barnes & in open Court consented to & accepted the appointment. It is further ordered that he be appointed guardian ad litem of said minor accordingly & the probate of said will being heard, and John R. Kittles one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn deposes & says that he was present on the day the same bears date & saw said Ann R. Barnes sign & publish said instrument as her last will and testament, that he & the other R. S. said the other witness signed the same as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of said testatrix & in the presence of each other. He further states that said testatrix was at the time of same and is of sound mind and memory & wrongfully advised of the contents of said will

J. R. Kittles

And upon the foregoing testimony signed by said John R. Kittles in open Court. It is ordered by the Court that said instrument be received and recorded as the last will and testament of said Ann R. Barnes deceased & that letters testamentary be issued thereon

James L. Young
Judge Pro

I John H. Davidson a citizen of Marengo County in the State of Alabama do ordain and declare this instrument which is written with my own hand & subscribed with my name to be my last will and testament. In the first place and above all it is my wish and desire that my sole shall be given to Almighty God who gave it and it is my wish that I be buried in a decent and christian like manner in such place as my family may select, and as to my worldly estate I wish in the first place all my just debts be paid May debts are but few and the proceeds of the growing crop will do not be sufficient I direct the executors &c. In the second place I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha all my worldly estate both real and personal that I am now in possession of and including certain negroes that is in possession of my son A. C. Davidson Sam, Dolphin and Judge the wife also a man named Gadson, Alex & Anderson. Arthur and Lucy & her two children. Watson & Mary & Sonia all of which they now & also bequeath to my said wife & also to her I beg to each a certain piece or parcel of land lying in Dallas County known as the place place containing 1000 acres & also in possession of my son A. C. Davidson

(with the request that if my son returns from the army that the my wife do execute a title to him but if he should die or be slain in battle the title vest in her in fee simple this is merely a request & not binding in law) having heretofore given to my daughter Margaret Pitts & my son A. C. Davidson considerable amount of property which they are in possession of it is not necessary to enumerate the same, In the last place I give and bequeath to my undivided half of three lots of land owned by my self and Wm L. Davidson to the Presbyterian Church of Marion Perry Subject to the following Condition so long as said Church continues under the care of the old School Presbyterian of South Alabama, these lots are for the use of a Parsonage & to be held by the elders of said Church and their to have and to hold &c.
There being but one legatee to this my last will and she being but one of mature age it is my wish that she immediately take possession at my death. Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of June 1861

J. H. Davidson. [seal]
Jas. G. Constan. [seal]
Jno. G. Constan [seal]

The testimony of R. James A. Constan one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of John H. Davidson deceased taken in open Court at a special term of the Probate Court held for Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 26th day of May A. D. 1862. Who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was present in or about the day the said instrument bears date & saw the same executed by the said John H. Davidson, who declared the same to be his last will and testament. He further states that he and John G. Constan the other subscribing witness subscribed their names as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other. And that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sound & disposing mind and memory. James A. Constan.

In the name of God Amen I John C. Dansby of Marengo County Alabama being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

That is to say, first after death I wish my body decently buried in any place my executor and executrix whom I shall hereafter appoint may direct.

Second after all my lawfull debts are paid off and discharged. I wish my entire estate both personal and real disposed of as follows. Viz.

First I desire my plantation upon which I now reside to be kept up and cultivated by the hands that are now on said plantation and owned by me untill after five years, after which time my executor and executor may use their discretion in selling the same. I desire the proceeds of the crops during the said five years, after paying all necessary expenses of keeping up said plantation to be appropriated to the support and education of my two minor heirs. Robert C. Dansby and Rebecca M. Dansby and the balance of said proceeds to be disposed of as my executor and executrix may think best for the benefit of all my heirs. After the lapse of said five years and my executor and executrix may then find it to be to the interest of the heirs of my estate to sell the said plantation, then and at that time I wish an equal distribution of all my property both personal and real made among my heirs— Frances M. Dansby. Jacob C. Dansby. Mary E. Glover. Martha G. Cunningham. Robert C. Dansby and Rebecca M. Dansby.

With this express Condition that the said distributive share which may accrue to the said Francis M. Dansby shall remain in the hands of my said executor and executrix and may be disposed of by them as they may think proper for the sole use of the said Francis M. Dansby.

I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my wife Martha C. Dansby executrix and my brother Daniel M. A. Dansby executor of this my last will and testament hereby investing them with full power and authority to manage my estate, collect money pay debts sell property real or personal and execute good and sufficient titles thereto, and invest money in the purchase of land or negroes or other property. Hereby relieving my said executrix and executor from giving bond and security for the performance of their said trusts as such executrix or executor. And it is further my will and devise that my said executrix and executor should not be required to make my returns to the Probate or any other Courts of this State or be required to make my settlement with any Court, or to have any appraisement of my estate—

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name. This the 4th day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

John C. Dansby. (Seal)

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

Thomas W. Price Residing at Rehoboth Wilcox Co. Ala.
William Langford Marengo County.

Codicil to this Will.

Whereas I John C. Dansby of Marengo County and state of Alabama and on the 4th day of October 1861 make my last will and testament of that date I do hereby declare this to be a codicil to the same. I hereby authorize and empower my said executrix and executor jointly should any contingency occur to appoint an ecutor in their place in executing my said will, or in case of their death that their executors may be the executors of this my last will and testament. Lastly, it is my will and desire that this my present codicil be annexed to and make a part of my last will and testament to all instants and purposes. In witness my hand and seal, this 4th day of October A.D. 1861.

John C. Dansby (Seal)

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof declared to us by the testator John C. Dansby to be his last will and testament and he then acknowledged to us that he had subscribed the same and we thereto at his request sign our names as attesting witnesses to this Codicil.

Thomas W. Price Residing at Rehoboth Wilcox Co. Ala.
William Langford Marengo County.

In The Name of God Amen!

I Joel Dixon of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama. being of sound Mind and memory and in the enjoyment of reasonable health. taking into consideration my age the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this instrument to be my last will and testament, that is to say. First after all my lawfull debts are paid and discharged. the residue of my estate. both real and personal. with all the profits, rents, issues and increase thereto appertaining or belonging. I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances E. Dixon to have and to hold the same during her natural widowhood. She controlling using and working the same for the purpose of supporting herself and children. But in the event of her marriage again it is my will and express desire that some competent person of integrity be appointed Guardian of her the said Frances Dixon's Children in that he be and is hereby authorized to take charge of all the property both real and personal. with all the profits rents and increase thereof. and after advertising the same a sufficient length of time shall sell at public auction all the said estate on a credit of twelve months the purchasers being required to give note with approvable security. and when said notes are paid to said guardian he shall be required to loan out the money taking good security and renewing the note every year. applying judiciously whatever amount out of the same that may be necessary for the support education and maintenance of the said Children of Frances. the proceeds of our marriage. And so each of said Children growing up and becoming of age or marrying. it shall be the duty of the Executor to settle off with them giving such child its equal and distributive share at said settlement. This and so on. until all arrive at age or become married. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 27th day of October A.D. 1860.

Joel Dixon

(Seal)

Witness

E. M. Vise

Thomas A Beverly

N.B. I omitted to state in the above anything in relation to some cattle, which of right belonging to my wife Frances. her father having given them to her at our marriage. Now it is my will and desire in the event of her second marriage. that she have all or any part of the Horned Cattle which may be in her possession at the time of said Marriage.

Joel Dixon

(Seal)

The testimony of E. M. Vise one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Joel Dixon deceased. taken in open Court at Sitting at the stated term of the probate Court held for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama on the 2nd Monday in April 1862. & the said E. M. Vise being first duly sworn deposeth and saith." That he was present on or about the 27th of October 1860 and saw Joel Dixon execute & publish said instrument as his last will and testament by signing or by acknowledging the same that he Thomas A Beverly as did subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of said testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other and that the will was read over to and in the hearing of said testator and assented to as containing his wishes & witness further deposes that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sound mind. He further says that said Dixon was known to him for three or four years before the execution of this will.

E. M. Vise.

I Alexander Sledge of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama make this my last will and testament. First. I appoint Levin S. Lane and my son Levin A. Sledge my executors. I wish them to keep together my property as long as may be necessary to carry out the further provisions of this will & sell all or any portion of my land or other property. to buy more land or other property if they think it best to do so and do all other things they may think best for the interest of my family & children. not inconsistent with other provisions herein named. 2nd Having given my son Levin A. Sledge a portion of my estate and he being in much better pecuniary circumstances than I can leave my other children on and also it being his own wish. it is not intended of course that any money. and what hereafter I may be given my children. he is not intended to be included. 3rd I give and bequeath to my grand son Thomas Hesse (with Exceptions. the following negroes & slaves to wit. Jo and his wife Hannah and her five Children (names not recollected) with their future increase. to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs subject to the following Condition & viz & by the said Thomas Alexander should he not having behind a wife or Child or other legal issue

Annie Maria the above mentioned negroes and their issue as shall remain to my other children. Men tioned as legated in this will & be subject to the same conditions & provisions as the other property herein bequeathed to them.

4th I desire my executors to set apart to each of my children that may be of age at the time of my death and to each of the others as they may become of age or marry an equal portion of my estate, but Fanny Pannyford Parsons to having received a part of the property intended for her. the value of that part is to be deducted from her share & the balance given her. & it is my further will and desire that in giving over to each of my daughters their portions of my property, my executors will not give in money to any one of them more than five hundred Dollars but will invest it in such property as they may think best for her interest. My object in this is a secure her in its possession. 5th That portion of my property which may be set apart by my executors for each of my daughters together with what I may have given them at my death. I give to her for her own & separate use & benefit independent of her husband, during her lifetime & after her death to her children if she have any and if she have none living at any other descendant them it is to return to my other children subject to the same conditions as are herein set forth as to them.

6th I further Provide Fanny Jane has expressed a wish to have certain negroes & their issue bequeath them all to my daughter Annie S. Davis to prevent a separation of said negroes from each other, Now if such request be made then I desire my executors to deliver from Annie Maria's portion of my estate and assets a part of each of my other daughters an amount of property equal to their respective part of the legacy left by Mrs. P. Jane to Annie Maria and the property so given is to be subject to the same conditions as their original legacy.

7th I desire that my son in law Edward D. Anderson to have charge of the education & moral training of my children & for this purpose require my executors to pay over to him annually a sufficient sum out of their proceeds of their property for their proper maintenance & education. It is not my will however that each should be charged with separate accounts & to their property be joint as to their expenses &c.

8th And further reflection I have concluded to so modify the provisions of the 4th clause of this will as to give each of my daughters the right to dispose by will of one half of her estate.

Signed & Sealed this 14th Nov 1856.

In Presence of

P. S. Jane
A. Skaggs
E. Cook

Probate Court. Marengo County State of Alabama
At a term held 5th Monday and 20th day of January 1862.

In the Matter of Will of Dr. Alexander Skaggs Deceased

This day came on for hearing & probate the instrument here to appended & proponded for Probate & Record as the Last Will & Testament of the Late Dr. Alexander Skaggs deceased, the following witnesses being first duly sworn & examined, to wit, that he was present on or about the 14th day of November 1856. the day said will & Last Will & Testament of Alexander Skaggs deceased bears date & saw & heard the said Alexander Skaggs execute said will, by signing & subscribing the same as his last will and testament. that he and D. D. Skaggs the other attesting witnesses were present & subscribed their names as witnesses to said will at the request of said testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other, all present further states that said Alexander Skaggs was at the time of executing said will of sane & disposing mind and memory.

P. S. Jane.

And upon said testimony subscribed in open Court by said witness - It is ordered & that said will be received & recorded as the Last will & testament of said Alexander Skaggs deceased & that Letters testamentary be granted thereon.

James A. Young Judge of Prob.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Green of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound & disposing mind & memory & conscious of the uncertainty of life and the calamity of death do make & publish this my last will and testament to wit.

To my niece & adopted daughter Lucy Elizabeth King wife of Dr. J. S. King I give and bequeath the following named slaves, viz. Co woman named Jane aged about thirty years and six of her Children. To wit Catharine aged 17 years. Coon aged 15 years. Wes aged 13 years, Fanny aged 11 years. Ivy aged 10 years. Tom 8 years of age. Also a large Bay Horse with only one Eye. And a small black horse called Dutton. Also her choice of two milch cows and one yoke of oxen to be selected by her. also six hundred dollars which is to be realized by my executor. Mr. Skaggs who has deported this life and whose will has recently been admitted to Probate in Sumter County. And if in the course of the administration of my Brother Dr. A. Skaggs estate I should become entitled to any other money, effects or

property there I desire that the said Lucy E. King shall receive & take one half of the same. I also bequeath to my said niece & adopted daughter my entire stock of Hogs. All the property hereinbefore bequeathed to my said niece & adopted daughter Lucy E. King, is to be her separate estate to all intents and purposes. And I also bequeath to the said Lucy E. King the increase of the above named Negroes. All the balance of my Estate both real & personal I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Eleanor E. J. Moore wife of Thos. B. Moore except a sufficient amount to pay what ever debts I may owe & defray my funeral expenses to procure & erect over my grave a plain neat tombstone & a marble slab to cover the body of my deceased son Edward Howe. The quality of the tombstone and marble slab to be selected by my acting executors.

I hereby appoint my friend Dr. D. Overall, executor to this my last will and testament & if at the time of my death he should not be living or in ill health which would prevent him from acting as executor. Then & in that case I desire that my friend Dr. D. O'Connell shall act as executor.

Dated 1st Jan 1859.

Elizabeth Green.

Attest
J. H. Overall
Thomas Smith
Junius L. Gholson

Probate Court held for Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 12 Monday of October Inst. Present and Presiding Judge Young

Estate of Mrs. E. Elizabeth Green
Probate of Will.

This day came on for probate the instrument here to fore presented by J. H. Overall and now this day comes the said J. H. Overall & it appearing that notice has been given to Mrs. Eleanor Moore one of the heirs at law & the non resident of the State of Alabama by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Independent. And J. H. Overall one of the subscribing Witnesses being first duly sworn in open Court deposeth & states that he was present and saw Mrs. Elizabeth Green sign and publish the instrument bearing date the 1st day of January 1859 & that at the time of so doing she was of sound mind & memory to the best of his knowledge & belief. And that he subscribed his name as a witness at her request & in her presence and in the presence of Thomas Smith one of the other subscribing witnesses. And this deponent further says that Thomas Smith the other subscribing witness to said instrument signed his name as a witness at the request of said testatrix & in her presence & in the presence of this deponent & further deponent says that Thomas Smith & Dr. Overall were present at the time & further

the said Mrs. Elizabeth Green were of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing said will.

R. W. Cockrell.

And upon the foregoing testimony of R. W. Cockrell a subscribing witness to said will the Court in open Court. It is ordered & directed that said instrument in writing so prepared as aforesaid be received & recorded as the last will & testament of said Elizabeth Green dec'd & that Letters testamentary be granted thereon

Hamp A. Young
Judge &c.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Smith of the County and State aforesaid being in feeble health, but of sound mind & disposing mind & memory do hereby declare publish and declare my last will and testament as follows, viz

1st It is my will & desire that my just debts & funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereinafter named.

2nd I also authorize my said executors to sell the land & personal property upon which I now reside when it can be done without sacrificing the same either at public or private sale as to them may seem most advisable & execute & deliver proper deeds to the same to the purchasers.

3rd I hereby give and bequeath to the children of my daughter Mary Lancaster forty acres of land in Sumter County, Mississippi as a home for them & said mother to be equally divided among my grand children above named when the youngest of them shall become of age. Said forty acres of land being the North West quarter of the North East quarter of Section 20 Township three Range 9 North of east.

4th I hereby will and bequeath to my grand children, the children of my son Wm. Smith & the children of my daughter Mary Lancaster all the balance of my property both real & personal, to be equally divided among them when they shall all arrive at the years of discretion and become of age and not before then & during their

minority & until the youngest of my said Grand Children shall become of age. 4th It is my will & desire that my said property in trust to be hired and rented & if any cash to be loaned out at interest & the rents, profits, & interest to equally divided amongst my said Grand Children by my executor. but no part of said property or principle is to be paid or delivered to them until the youngest child shall become of age as above directed— 5th " It is my will & desire that my son William Battle and I hereby charge & request him to see that see that my old faithfull servant Anna shall be well taken care of & provided for & made comfortable for the remnant of her days 6th " It is also my will & desire that my Executor woman Lucy shall be well treated & Taken care of & allowed the free use of her time so often as may be necessary & I charge my son William Battle to carry out these provision of my will 7th "

I will and bequeath to my son William Battle my double barrel shot gun & Powder flask & Shot bag as also 8th "

I hereby ask & request my son William Battle Executor of this my last will and testament & charge him with the executions of my will 9th "

I consider that I have heretofore given to my son Thomas Battle & Chamberlain Battle deceased their full share of my property & I therefore bequeath nothing to their children by this will.

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

Thomas Battle

Signed, Sealed & Published
in presence of

Thomas J. Woolf.
L. H. Hathcock.

I Thomas Battle Senr. being in feeble health, but of sound mind and understanding do hereby make and publish this Codicil, as addition to my last will and testament. It is my will and desire that my Executor William Battle shall take charge of my property & effects & remove the same to Lauderdale County, Miss. without being required to give any bond or security of any kind. after the payment of a sufficiency to pay off my debts & liabilities & funeral expenses as provided for in my will & if at any future time any of the legatees or persons interested in my said will shall make application to the proper court or court for an order to require my Executor to enter into bond & security for the security & proper management of my estate, the Court may require such security of it thinks proper so to do so. It also my wish that my woman Lucy shall not be removed to Mississippi against her own will and consent. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 8th day of January A. D. 1862.

Thomas Battle Seal

Sig. & Declared of
Thomas J. Woolf
Enos. Rogers

The State of Alabama } I Thomas J. Woolly of said
Marengo County } State and County being in health
and of disposing mind and memory do make and publish
this my last will and testament as follows to wit.

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my estate be kept together and managed as it has been done in my life time until all my debts are paid by my executors. And for this purpose I hereby give them full power so to do & if necessary fully authorize them to sell any of my property that they think best to pay my debts if the crops are insufficient for that purpose.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my family be supported out of the proceeds of the crops raised on my farm as they have heretofore been & that my children be educated from the same in such manner as my wife may deem best for them. the support for her and her children & their connections to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate & not out of their respective shares or portions thereof as is hereinafter given them. Item 3rd It is my will and desire that as soon as my debts are paid that my daughter Mrs Beatty S. Adams and such of my other children as may be married or arrived at the age of maturity shall have her or their respective portion or shares of my property set apart to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Ala. Item 4th It is further my desire that as any of my children may become of age after my debts are paid that such child's portion be set apart to them & at the end of the year in which they may marry, or become

of age as provided for in the 5th Item of my will.

Item 6th

It is
My will that the portion of my Estate to which my Wife is entitled by law & which will be reserved to her under the foregoing provision of my will being one fifth of my personal Estate & as shown in the law shall be kept together under the 1st & 2nd items of my will until the last child shall marry or become of age, that she then hold the same in her own right during her natural life for her sole and separate use, & at her death the same be equally divided among my children & it expressly understood that after all my debts are paid she is to use the proceeds of the estate for her support & for the support & Education of the children at her own discretion without being held to account for any portion thereof out of her share, but the same to be charged upon the joint funds of my Estate Item 6th

I do hereby appoint & constitute my wife & my son in law Samuel W. Thomas executrix & Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other & former wills by me made, hereby empowering them or either of them, if one should not act or should die, full power to do all things necessary to be done to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament & do further desire & request that no bond be required of them by the Court as executors thereof

Thomas L. Hartly.

Signed & published in the presence of the testator & of each other this 1st day of November A.D. 1858.

Joseph Moore.
James. West Brook.

Probate Court Marengo. June term 1860.
The testimony of Dr. Joseph Moore & James West Brook the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who being first duly sworn in open Court depose and say that they are personally acquainted with Thomas L. Hartly the testator in said will & that they were present & witnessed the execution of said will. The same having been acknowledged & published by Thomas L. Hartly in their presence and by them the said witnesses subscribed as such in his presence & in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date. They further depose that said Thomas L. Hartly was at the time of executing said will of sane and disposing mind and memory.

Joseph Moore
James West Brook.

It is upon the foregoing testimony subscribed by said witnesses in open Court it is considered and ordered that said foregoing instrument in writing be received & filed & recorded as the last will & testament of said Thomas L. Hartly deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon. Samuel L. Tompkins Judge

In the Name of God Amen! I Martha E. Jackson of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being in good health of body & of sound & disposing mind & memory & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength & Capacity, do make and publish this my last will and testament Hereby revoking & making void all former wills by me made at any time heretofore. And first & principally I commit my soul to the hands of my Creator who gave it & my body to its Mother Earth to be interred in a decent & Christian like manner & as to such world Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me I dispose of the same as follows. First I desire that at my death my whole personal estate may be collected all debts demands &c. that may be at that time due me. That all just debts for which my estate is in debt to be first properly paid by my executor. Secondly I will & bequeath all my personal estate & slaves in certain negroes, horses, cattle, hogs, household & Kitchen furniture farming tools and all other things of personal whether herein specified or not subject however to the following provisions herein contained to wit. Should I leave any legal heirs of my own body then one half of my entire estate to be held by said heirs to be held by my said Husband in trust for said heirs or heir until the arrive at full age or Marry. But if I should not leave an heir or heirs of my body as aforesaid then the whole of said personal Estate to go to my said Husband. Franklin & Jackson aforesaid. And I do hereby constitute nominate & appoint my said Husband Franklin & Jackson the executor of this my last will & testament & April 17th 1852.

Martha E. Jackson

Witness
W. B. Modawell
W. B. Jackson

The State of Alabama Marengo Co.
In the matter of the probate of the will of } Probate Court held December 3rd 1860

Mrs. Martha E. Jackson dec'd.

This day came on for probate the instrument in writing here to fore produced to Court purporting to be the last will & testament of Mrs. Martha E. Jackson dec'd & it appears that notice has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian newspaper that the same would be presented at this Court, Martha E. Jackson & contest said probate & up this day & prove & said heirs residents & failing to appear & it further appearing that the Clerk's notice has been duly made upon Wm. R. Carlin who is a minor ordered by the Court that C. P. Lockhart

be appointed guardian ad litem for said minor & the said R. H. Lockhart now here comes & in open court accepts said appointment & waves further notice & on motion of said proponent said probate is now heard & W. B. Hodawell, one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being duly sworn deposes & states, that he was present on the day same bears date & saw the same executed by said Martha E. Jackson & that he & the other subscribing witness W. B. Jackson subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of said testatrix & in her presence & in the presence of each other. He further says that said will was read over to said testatrix & approved by her & she was at the time of same and disposing mind and memory

W. B. Hodawell

And upon the testimony of said witness subscribed by him in open court. It is ordered by the court that said instrument so propounded as aforesaid be received, admitted & recorded as the last will and testament of said Martha E. Jackson deceased & that letters testamentary be granted thereon

James A. Young
Judge &c.

State of Alabama Marengo County } In the name of God Amen I William Boozer in the county of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore made ordain publish & declare this to be my last will & testament that is to say first as to all my lawfull debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate both real & personal I give bequeath & dispose of as follows to wit. To my beloved wife my entire Estate both real & personal during her widowhood to have & to use as her necessities require but provided she should marry she will relinquish all her right, title & claim to said Estate, & it shall be divided as follows to wit. My daughter Mary Ann five Dollars Son Eli five Dollars Asa five Dollars William Robert five Dollars Jacobiah five Dollars Sarah Jane five Dollars, to my son William Henry Harrison one hundred Dollars to my son John Wesley one hundred Dollars. all the balance to be equally divided between Ann Eliza ~~Sth~~ Jacob Shull and Elizabeth. In witness whereof I have subscribed my name the 24th day of February one thousand eight hundred & sixty

William Boozer
Seal

The above written Instrument was sealed subscribed by the said William Boozer & acknowledged to be his last will in our presence & we at the testators request have signed our names & affixed our seals on the day & year above written of Marengo Ala. This April 15th 1860

James W. Dunnaway
Seal
James W. Wade
Seal
A. S. Ethridge
Seal

The testimony of A. S. Ethridge one of the subscribing witnesses taken in open court before the probate court of Marengo County at a term thereof held the 7th day of January 1861. the said witness being first duly sworn who deposes and says that he was present on or about the day of the date of said will & heard said William Boozer acknowledge and publish the same as his last will and testament that he signed the same as likewise did the other witnesses James W. Dunning & John W. Wade at the request & in the presence of said William Boozer & all in the presence of each other that he heard said will read over to said Boozer & that said Boozer was sitting up at the time & was of sane & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing said will

A. S. Ethridge

Probate Court Marengo County held the 7th day of January 1861 It is ordered by the court that upon the foregoing testimony of A. S. Ethridge subscribed in open court by him, the foregoing instrument be received & Recorded as the last will & testament of William Boozer deceased

James A. Young
Judge &c.

I John Blakeney of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama do hereby make declare and publish this my last will & testament, that is to say, 1st. I direct my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts from the money now on hand & the proceeds of my crop — 2nd. I give & bequeath to my Grandson John W Blakeney son of my son Robert a negro Boy named Sam 3rd. I give & Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah Ann Blakeney a negro girl named Emily 4th. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joseph Blakeney a negro Boy named Caesar 5th. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Gideon Blakeney a negro Boy named William (Jr) 6th. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Nancy E Blakeney a negro girl named Charlotte. 8th. I give devise and bequeath to my wife Polly Blakeney the following slaves to wit. Julia & her six children Viz. Jo. Calvin Beck, Vicey, Juliet, & Cherry also her two children Peter and an infant not named also, Albert, William (Sr.) Caroline, Rachel, Phoebe, Hannah Albert & Pricey to gether with their future increase. Also the south half of my tract of land on which I now reside. The dividing line to run east & west so that the South half shall include my resilience & out buildings also I give and bequeath to my said wife one half of all my stock farming utensils household & Kitchen furniture and also my Buggy to have and to hold the property (real and personal) herein bequeathed & devised to my said wife for & during the term of her natural life & at her death to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned 9th. I bequeath & devise to my said wife Polly Blakeney the following slaves to wit, Hulley Harrison Freeman Burt Richard Emeline also one half of my stock of every kind [illegible] Kitchen furniture also the half of my tract of land on which I now reside not before devised to my wife (which is the North half) In trust for the use & benefit of my son Robt. H Blakeney & his wife Nancey & the said property is to be held used & managed by the said Polly Blakeney, the trustee before named. And I hereby direct said trustee from time to time to pay over to my said son Robert such part of the income of said trust estate (or the whole of it if required) as may be necessary for the comfortable & reasonable support of my said son & his wife & the support & Education of their children. And I hereby direct said trustee that in the event my son does not faithfully apply the money so paid over to him to the support & Education of himself & family then said trustee is directed to use & appropriate a proper & suitable amount for this purpose, or to pay the same over to

the wife of my said son to be used by her in the support & Education of herself & children. The balance of the increase of said trust estate (if any) is to be held & used by said trustee as a part of the trust Estate, upon the death of my said son leaving his wife surviving him the said trust shall also cease & determine & the trust Estate shall be delivered over to the widow of my said son to be held & employed by her during her life for the support & Education of herself & children & at her death to be equally divided among the children of my son Robert. 10th. I hereby declare it to be my design in bequeathing & devising the property in the foregoing items to protect my son & his wife & his children against any act of imprudence on his part & also any accident which may befall him hereafter. 11th. And I hereby instruct said trustee at any time hereafter to sell any portion of the personal property before mentioned which my said son & his wife may desire to have sold & invest the proceeds of said sale in property, subject to the provision of this trust & she shall also have the right to buy any property which they shall particularly desire to have bought with the income of the trust estate or proceeds of sale of any property which my said son & his wife direct to be sold. 12th. after the termination of the life estate of my wife in the property before bequeathed & devised to her. It is my will & the trustee then to be appointed by my said son & his wife, is hereby directed to take possession of the same (Real & Personal) & to hold & use & employ the same as a portion of the trust estate created in item nine of this my will & upon the death of my said son & his wife the same is to be equally divided among the children of my said son — provided however any other child or children shall be born to my said son I hereby direct said trustee out of the negroes or their increase in this item mentioned (after the death of my wife & before the division among my Grand children) to give & deliver to such child or children which may hereafter be born each a negro about equal in value to the average value to the negroes specifically given to my Grand children. So as to make the final division of my property amount my grand children as nearly equal as possible 13th. I hereby direct said trustee so long as my said wife may wish to do so, to keep all the property before devised & bequeathed together & to keep up & work & cultivate my said plantation & at the end of each year my said wife is to receive one half of the net proceeds of the product of my said plantation & the other half to be reinvested by said trustee under the trust before created & so long as the said plantation is thus kept up, the negroes specifically given to my grand

children are to be used & employed thereon & any expenses incident to the raising to the raising of the negroes thus specifically devised to my Grand Children are to be paid out of the profits of the plantation. 14th. The residue of my property {of any} is to be divided into two equal parts. one half to go to my said wife & the other half to my said trustee to be held as a portion of the trust estate. If however the said residue or any part thereof consists of money the whole of it to go to my said wife 15th. I hereby instruct my said trustee that he is not to pay any debts hereafter contracted by my said son Robert, without the same are contract by him with the consent of said trustee for the support & maintainance & Education of himself & wife & children. 16th I hereby authorize my said Executor to pay any debts which are now due & owing by my said son which were contracted for necessaries or reasonable comfort for himself & family leaving the same to the discretion of the Good my said executor. 17th I hereby appaint Edward Curtis my executor. 18th It is my will that so long as my said wife continues to act as trustee under the my will that no bond for the faithful discharge of her duties be required of her by the court.

As witness my hand & seal this Oct. 7th 1856.

John Blakeney

Signed sealed published & declared in our presence by the said testator each of us having subscribed our names as witnesses at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other

Charles C. Garrett
Edwd. Curtis
James L. Norred

Seal

Appendix 7th. Item 19th I further move will & devise that at any time should it become necessary my wife Polly both on her own behalf & as trustee on the trust estate shall hereforever dispose of the seal estate provid the proceeds of said sale be applied to the purchase of Property of equal value elsewhere. I section 8 the words to be equally divided & divided among my Grand Children on line 22 & 25 before signing. I section 9th the words property was arrared as above I section 11th on line 11th the words out of was arrared as above I section 12th the words then to be appropriated by said son & his wife interlined at 5 & 4 lines I section 16 on line 1 the word instruct is arrared as above The above appendix was added previous to signing the will

Ch. C Garrett. Ed. Curtis James L Norred

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Probate Court held
15th day of December 1862
In the matter of the will of John Blakeney

This day came on to be heard the Probate of the writing heretofore propounded as the last will & testament of John Blakeney deceased & it appearing that the days notice has been given by citatation to Mrs Polly Blakeney & to Robert Blakeney by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian Newspaper. The Probate of said will is heard & James L Norred one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first duly sworn in open court deposes & states that he was present on the day said will bears date & saw the same with the appendixed thereto signed & published by said John Blakeney as his last will & testament. that he & Edward Curtis & Dr Charles C. Garrett, all subscribed their names as witnesses, at the request & in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other to said will & the appendix thereto witness further says that said testator was at the time of executing said will of sane & disposing mind & memory

James L Norred.

And it appearing to the court from the testimony of said J L. Norred taken in open court & signed by him that said will was legally executed. It is therefore ordered & directed that said instrument be received & recorded as the last will & testament of said John Blakeney Decd. & that letters testimentary be granted thereon

James A Young
Judge &c.

Wills

Last Will of Augustus Fosues Decd

In the name of God Amen I Augustus Fosues of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama doth make declare and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following towit: First I hereby designate and set apart out of my property and Estate the following described real and personal property and effects for the support and Maintenance use and benefit of my Wife Mahetabel Fosues for and during the time of her natural life towit: The quarter section of land embracing my present residence with the dwelling houses out houses buildings and improvements which attached or thereto belonging. I also designate and set apart for my said Wife One half of my House hold and Kitchen Furniture. Also the following named negro Slaves towit: Isaac & his wife Rhoda Billy Carry and his wife Fannie and their Children Richmond and Stewart Also Abel Gomand. Hannah and her two Children Margaret and Josephine Mary and her three Children Fronett Wesley and Henrietta. Penny Jack and his wife Eliza Alfred. Martha and her Child Peter together with the future increase of the families of said Slaves. I Will devise and bequeath to Bryan W Whitfield the title to the above described real and personal property set apart and designated for the support and maintenance use and benefit of my said wife Mahetabel and upon the express Condition that the said Mahetabel permit her to retain the control and possession of said property and to take to herself and use the use and profit thereof for and during the time of her natural life At the death of my said Wife I hereby will and direct that the foregoing described property real and personal be by the said Trustee set to apart to my youngest daughter Mary H Whitfield aforesaid as her separate property & Estate for use during the term of her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among her Children I Moreover for the further use benefit and support of my said wife Mahetabel Fosues give and bequeath to my said Bryan W Whitfield the sum of Twenty five thousand in Cash out of my Estate to be by him as Trustee safely in some safe and productive stores or stores or place at interest as good security as he may deem best the interest on the same he shall collect annually or the dividend at such time as they may accrue and payover the same to my said wife as long as she may live and at her death the principal shall by said Trustee be settled upon the Children of my daughter Mary H Whitfield for and during the time of her natural life and at her death to her Children I devise to Francis S Lyon in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Jane the wife of Frederick Fosues the following named negro slaves together with the future increase of the females thereof towit: Alice Mahetabel Chaney and Sarah & Gowens the two latter named being known as the possession Ann Emma Little Alice and Rose for the sole and Separate use benefit and support of my said daughter Jane Fosues for and during the term of her natural life free and exempt from the Control possession Contracts & debts of her husband and at her death to go to and be equally divided among her Children I Moreover for the further use benefit and support of my said daughter Jane Fosues give and bequeath to the said Francis S Lyon the sum of Fifty thousand dollars in Cash out of my Estate to be by him as trustee safely in some safe and productive stock or stores or placed at interest upon good security as he may in his discretion deem best the interest on the same shall also accrue annually or the dividends at such time as they may accrue and pay over the same to my said daughter Jane for her sole and separate use & benefit as aforesaid as long as she may live and in making such payment the receipt of the said Jane to the said Trustee shall be valid and binding without her being joined by her husband and at the death of the said Jane

the principal of the said sum of Fifty thousand dollars shall by said Trustee settled & vested in the Children of said Jane. Thirdly I will and bequeath to Francis S Lyon as Trustee out of my Estate the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand dollars in money to be by him as Trustee as aforesaid and at his discretion vested in some safe and productive stock or stores or put at interest on good security from time to time to insure the interest or dividends as he may deem best for the period of five years the principal sum and accumulations thereof after reserving to the Trustee a reasonable and proper Commission for managing the fund shall by said Trustee be equally divided among the several Children of my daughter Jane Fosues and Mary H Whitfield the said Trustee in the administration of the funds to employ the same in such mode as in his judgment he may deem best & be held only to such care and diligence as would be observed by a discreet and prudent person in the management of his own affairs Fourth I Will devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary H Whitfield the wife of Bryan W Whitfield all the rest remainder of my Estate of every kind and description not heretofore Specially disposed of including all real personal and mixed Estate and money stock debts Choses in action & property & effects of every kind and description not otherwise disposed of as her sole and Separate property & estate for and during the time of her natural life and at her death to go to & be divided among her Children I hereby & herein appoint the said Bryan W Whitfield to have & receive the income and profits thereof during the life time of the wife the said Mary H without being liable to account therefor Fifth I hereby appoint Bryan W Whitfield and Francis S Lyon Executors to this my last will and testament and exempt them from giving bond with Security as such Executors

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th day of July 1857.

A Fosues (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered by the testator Augustus Fosues as his last Will and testament in presence of the undersigned Witnesses this 29 July 1857.

B S Ware Ed Rhodes

I Augustus Fosues of Marengo County have heretofore made my last will & testament and left the same in the hand of F S Lyon of Demopolis for safe keeping & my will aforesaid I set apart and bequeathed a certain amount of funds to F S Lyon in trust to be by him loaned out or vested in some permanent security or other wise as he might deem best for a certain period therein named & specified & then the said funds with the interest thereof to go as directed and provided in said will. Now Instead of the time Specified in the will aforesaid during which said funds was to be employed by the will aforesaid it is my will and desire and thereby direct that said funds be employed as directed in said will by the Trustee therein named for the period of five years from the time this will shall take effect instead of the time therein Specified & then that the proceeds & interest of said funds go as therein directed & I hereby direct this to be attached to my said Will as a Codicil thereto and part & parcel thereof Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of April 1861. A Fosues (Seal)

Witness W C Athel J F Smith

The State of Alabama } Probate Court held the 4th Monday 28th day of May
Marengo County } A.D 1861 Hon Jos A Young Judge presiding

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will of Augustus Fosues Decd } This day came F S Lyon and B W Whitfield the persons nominated as Executors in the instrument purporting as the last will of said Augustus Fosues & both renounce Letters testamentary Mary E Lipscomb & Gertrude Life and the minor heirs of said Augustus Fosues by Henry to Woods Esq and it appearing that Notice has been given by Citation to the heirs at law residing in the State of Alabama by serving on each of them this day & the non resident heirs by publication for three successive weeks in the Demopolis Appearance the Probate of said last will and Codicil thereto is by Court heard and

E. T. Ashley one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will being first duly sworn deposeth and states that he was present on or about the day & date of said Will & saw Augustus Toscue sign & seal said instrument as his last Will that he & Benjamin H Glenn the other subscribing witness signed the said Instrument at the request of said Toscue and in his presence and in the presence of each other He further says that said Augustus Toscue was at the time of same and subscribing mind and memory

E. T. Ashley

And J. T. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil to said Will being also duly sworn deposeth and states that he was present on or about the day of date of said Codicil and saw said Augustus Toscue sign & publish said Codicil that he & Dr W. C. Ashe the other witness signed the same at Witnesses at his request and in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other He further states that said Toscue was at the time of same and subscribing mind & memory

J. T. Smith

And upon the foregoing testimony subscribed in Open Court by said Witnesses It is Considered & ordered that said Instrument be & is hereby admitted as aforesaid to record admitted & recorded as the last Will & Testament and Codicil thereto of said Augustus Toscue deceased and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon

Jas A Young Judge &c

The State of Alabama Marengo County

In the matter of the last Will & Testament of Rev. W. M. Smythe dec'd

At a Called Term of the Probate Court held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 2nd Monday in September 1863 the Hon James A Young Judge of said Court presiding the following among other proceedings were had and orders made - Court

Est of W. M. Smythe deceased

This day was presented for Probate a writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of W. M. Smythe deceased - And it appearing to the Court that Mrs Scott wife of Scott is the only heir at law and next of kin of said deceased and is a non-resident of the State of Alabama It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Probate of said alleged Will be set for hearing on the second Monday in October next & it is further ordered that notice of the time & place of taking said Probate be given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian a News paper for said County & circulated in said County that all persons interested might attend and contest said Will if they should see proper

Jas A Young Judge &c

Probate Court October Term 1863

Est W. M. Smythe deceased

Probate of Will Continued.

Probate Court November Term 1863

Est W. M. Smythe deceased

Probate of Will Continued

Probate Court Called Term held for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama on the 2nd Monday (Eleventh day of January A.D. 1864) the Hon James A Young of said Court presiding the following (among other) proceedings had & orders made thereon

Est of Rev. W. M. Smythe dec'd

This day came on to be heard the probate of the writing in the matter of the Probate of a instrument heretofore propounded before this Court as the Will of said deceased the last Will & Testament of the Rev. W. M. Smythe late a resident of said County deceased - And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said W. M. Smythe died leaving only one child to wit Mrs Scott wife of Scott as his next of kin who reside in the State of and are aliens & non-residents and that said deceased left no personal estate which has come to the hands of the Executor & that there are no debts against the Estate And it further appearing that notice of the time & place of making the probate of said alleged Will has been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Linden Jeffersonian a News paper published & circulated in said County that all persons interested might attend and contest said Will if they should see proper and the Probate of said Will having been regularly continued from term to term to the present Term and it further appearing from the testimony of Wm J. Ashley one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will that the same was duly & legally Executed by said W. M. Smythe deceased on the day of its date, It is therefore adjudged ordered & decreed by the Court that said instrument so propounded & proceeded upon be received established & recorded as the Last Will & Testament of said William M. Smythe deceased - And it appearing from said Will that the Hon James M. Calhoun of Dallas County in the State of Alabama is nominated as the Executor of said Will, It is further ordered by the Court that Letters testamentary be granted to said James M. Calhoun upon his Executing Bond & qualifying according to law

Jas A Young Judge &c

Will, I William M. Smythe of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama do hereby make, publish & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, that is to say - First I will & devise & bequeath to the Hon James M. Calhoun of Dallas County Alabama all my money, property and effects of every kind and description consisting in part of my Library, my gold Watch, Chains, Key, & Seals - three pairs of gold Spectacles, One thousand and fifty Dollars in Eight per cent. Confederate Bonds - Three Hundred Dollars in Seven percent Confederate Bonds - One Hundred Dollars in Six percent Confederate Bonds together with whatever Cash, Notes and other Effects may remain on hand at the time of my death, I hereby appoint my friend the Hon James M. Calhoun of Dallas County Executor of this my last Will & Testament - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty third day of August A.D. Eighteen hundred and Sixty three (Signed) W. M. Smythe (Seal) Signed, Sealed, & published by W. M. Smythe as his last Will and Testament in presence of (Signed) Th. Moorer A. J. Pickens

Sept 11th 1863

Jas A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County

In the matter of the Probate of Will of W. M. Smythe deceased

Probate Court January Term 1864 -

The Testimony of Wm J. Ashley one of the Subscribing witnesses to said Will taken in open Court this 11th day of January A.D. 1864 who being first duly sworn deposes & says that he was present and saw the said W. M. Smythe Execute said Will by signing & publishing & declaring the same to be his last Will & Testament and that he & Wm J. Moore the other witness signed the same as witnesses in the testators presence and at the request of said Smythe and in the presence of each other He further deposes that said Smythe was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of Executing said Will,

Wm J. Ashley

Sworn & Subscribed before me in open Court this 11th day of January A.D. 1864

Jas A Young Judge &c

Probate Court January Term 1864 - Let the foregoing Will be admitted to record as the Last Will & Testament of W. M. Smythe dec'd upon the foregoing testimony

Jas A Young Judge &c

And afterwards to wit at a term of the Probate Court of Marengo County held and begun held on the 2nd Monday in May 1864 - Present the Hon James A Young Judge &c proceedings

Estate of

W. M. Smythe dec'd

Upon the application & petition of Hon James M. Calhoun and it appearing that by an act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama entitled "An act for the sale of James M. Calhoun approved December 1863 it is provided That upon the application of the Executor of William M. Smythe late of the County of Marengo to whom Letters Testamentary of said Estate were granted by the Probate Court of Marengo County the administration and settlement of said Estate with all the property belonging thereto be transferred from the County of Marengo to the County of Dallas and the Circuit

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Jas H Young
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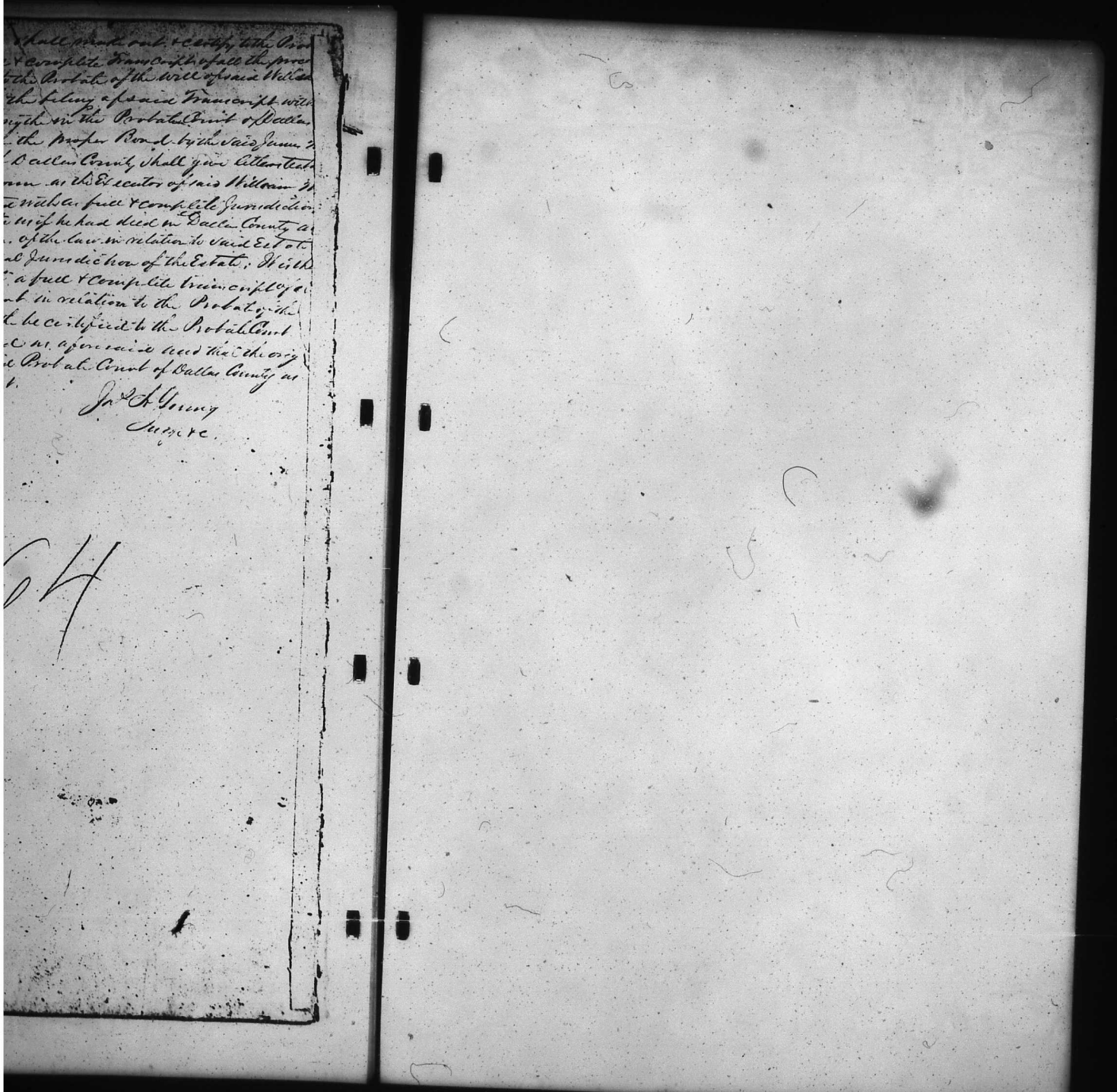

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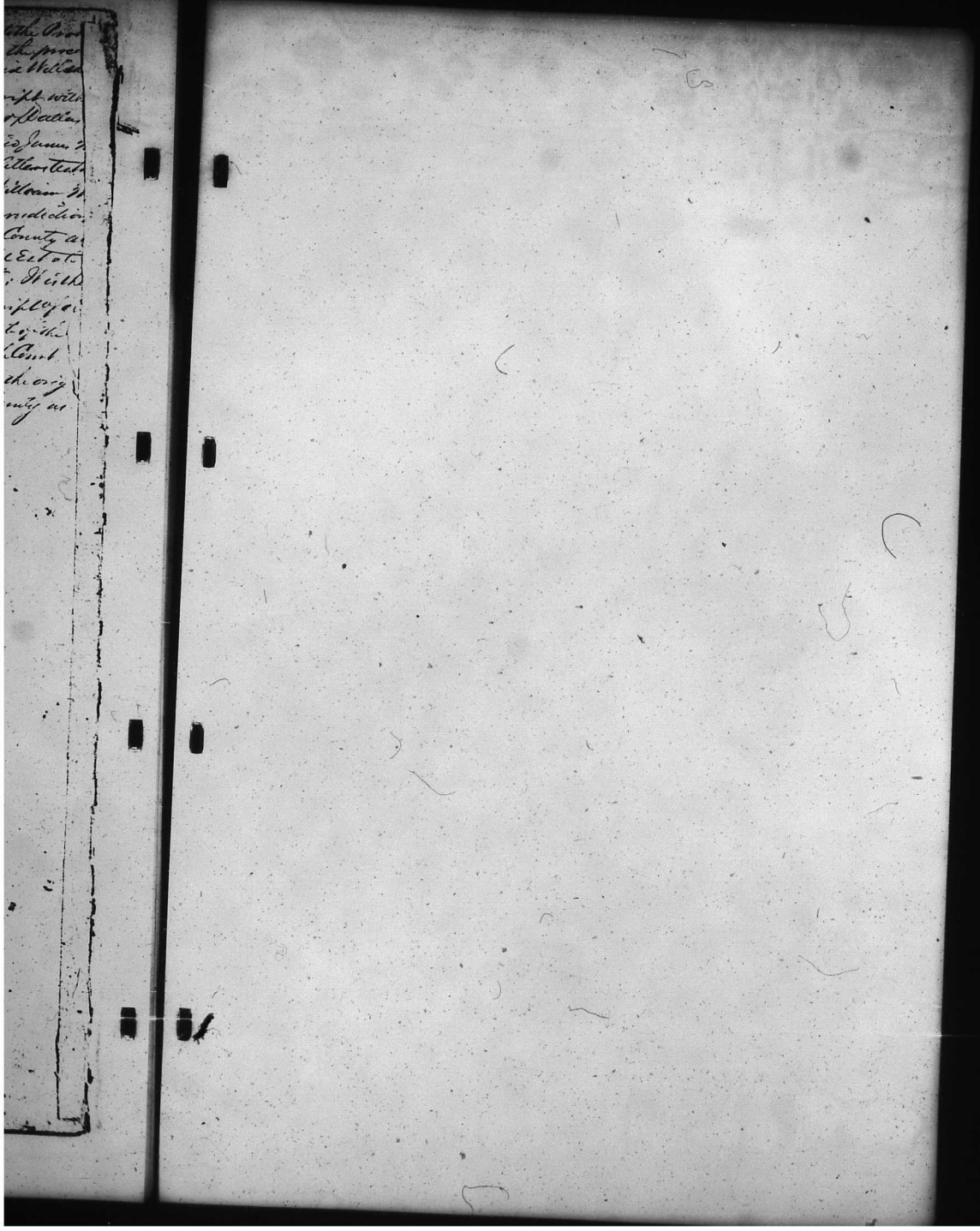

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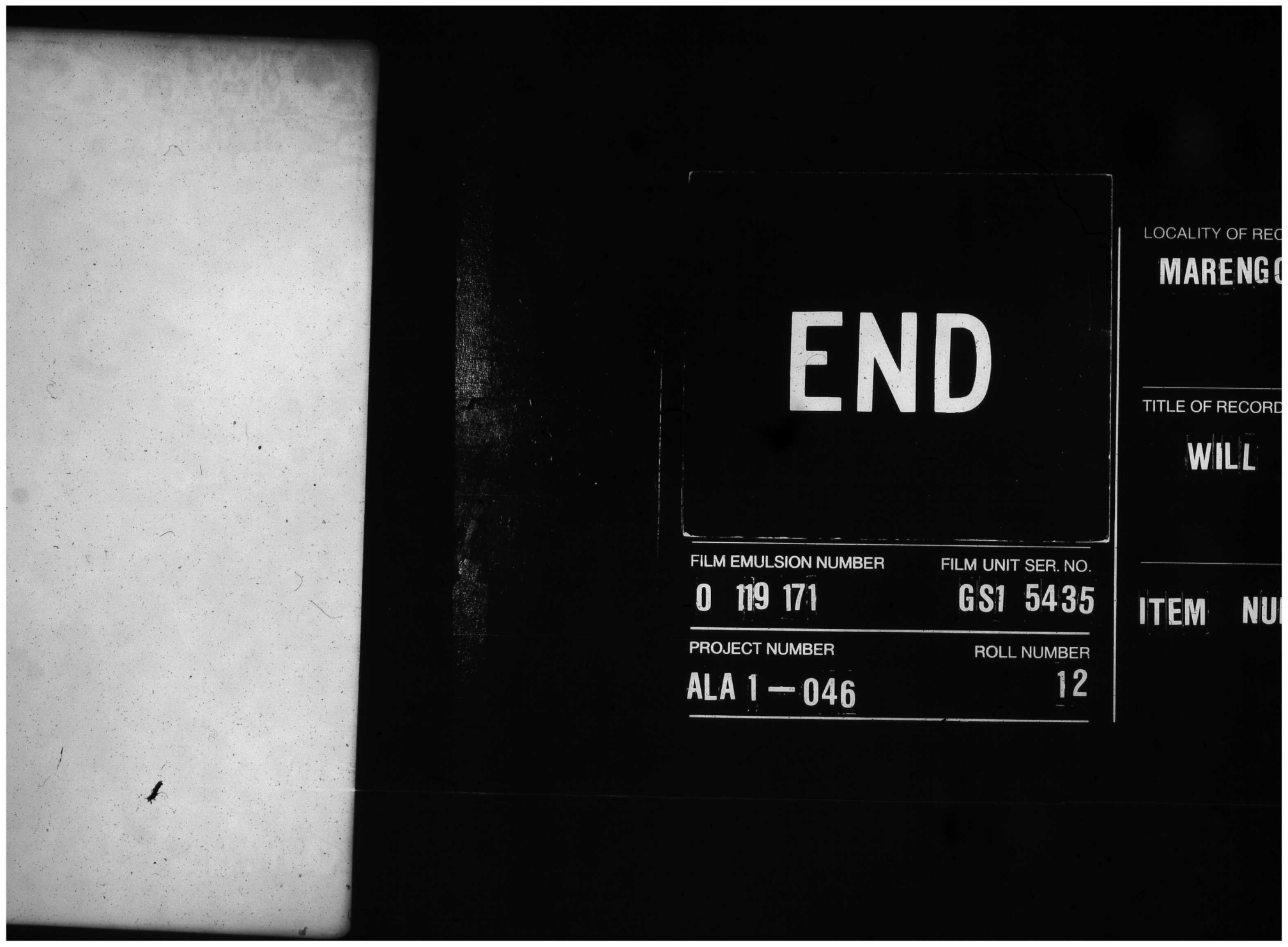
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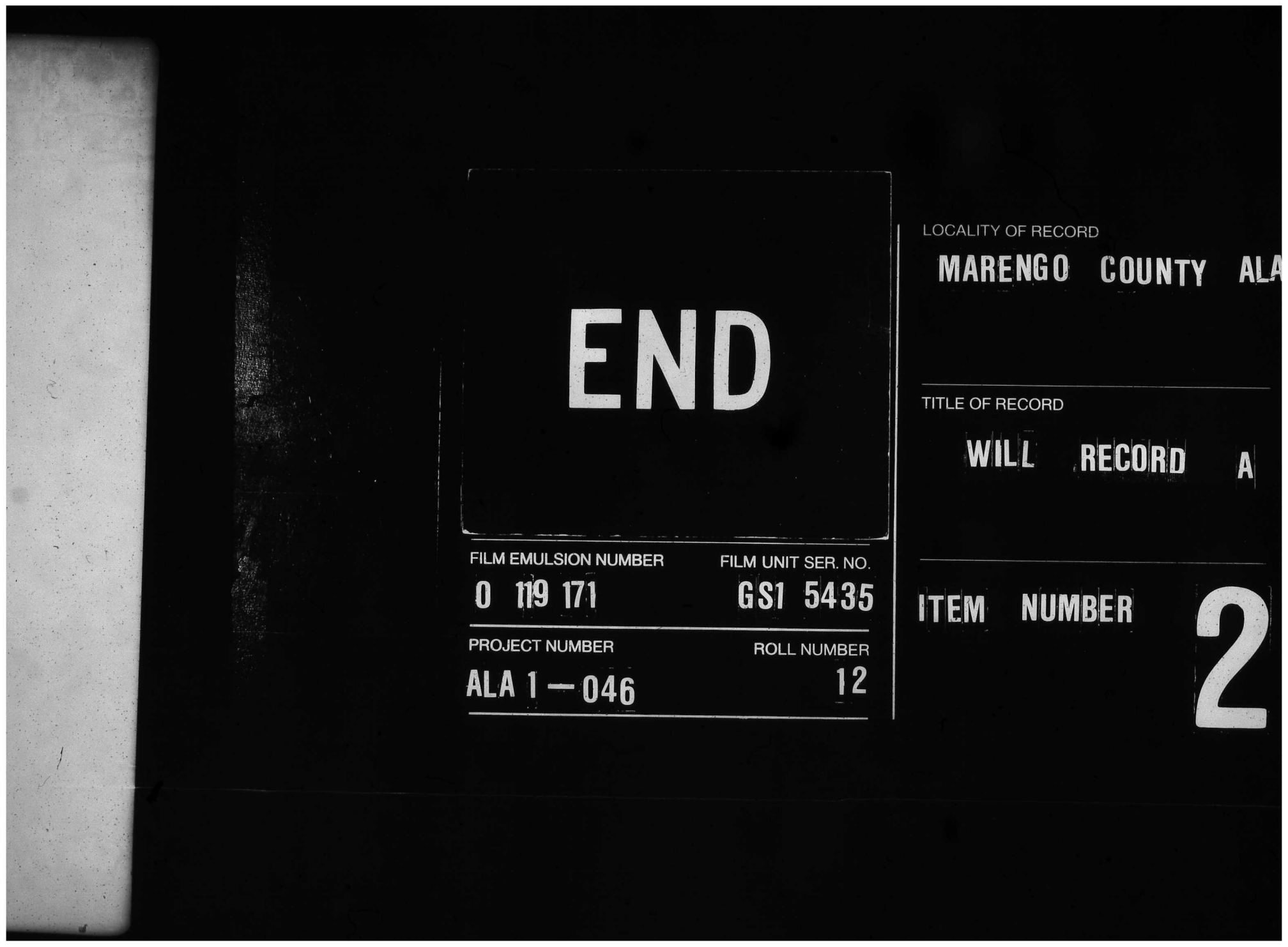
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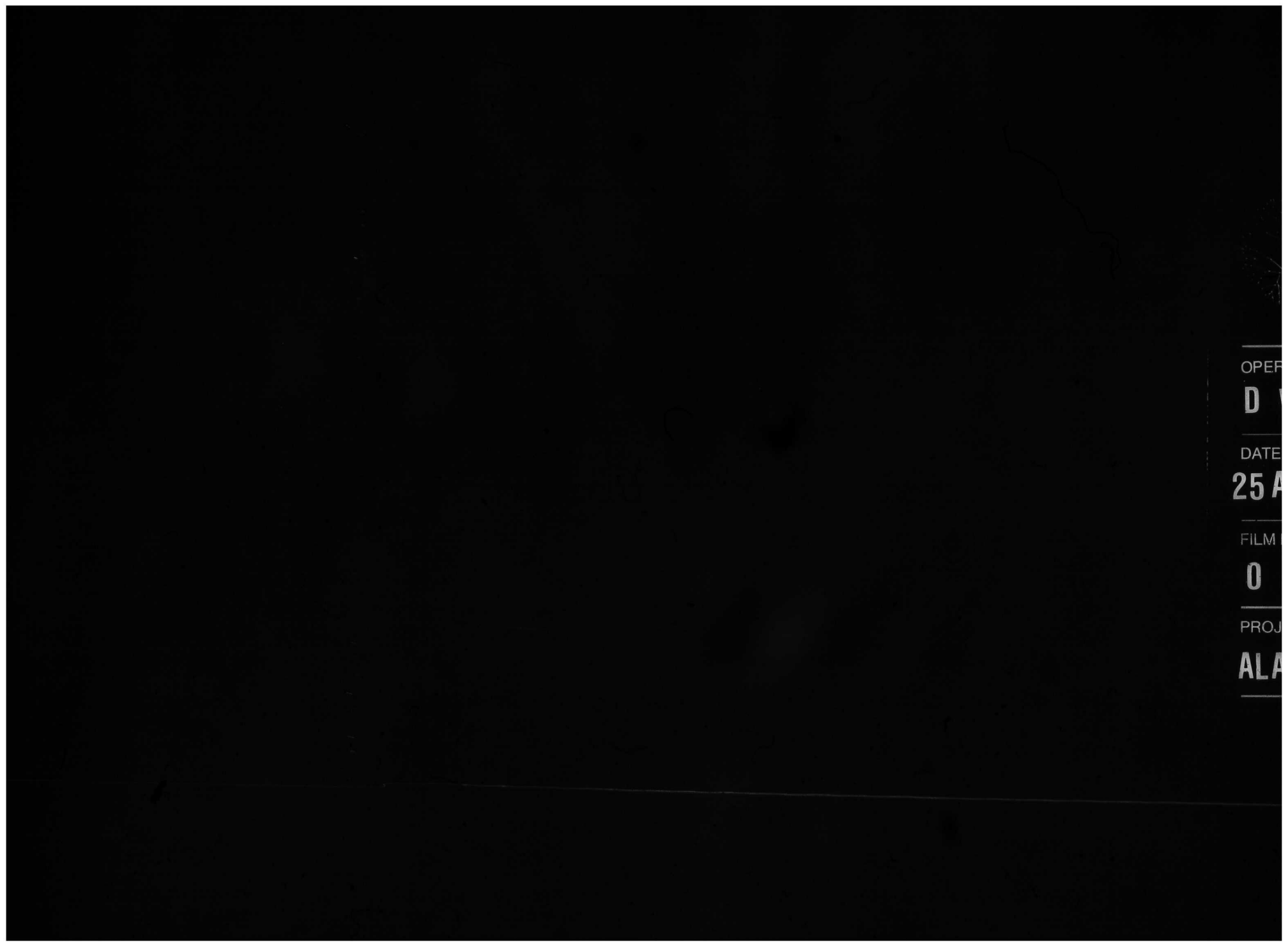
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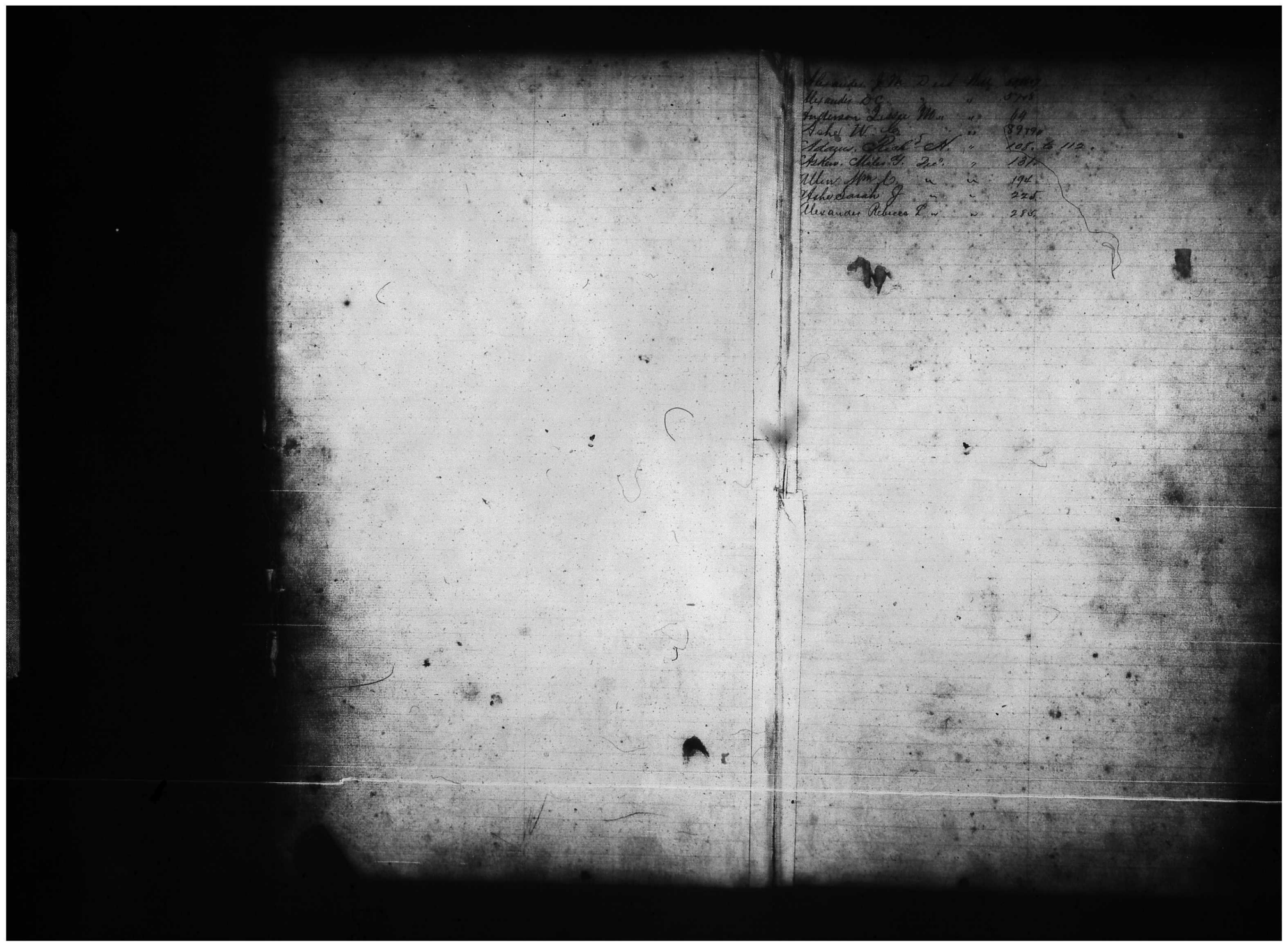

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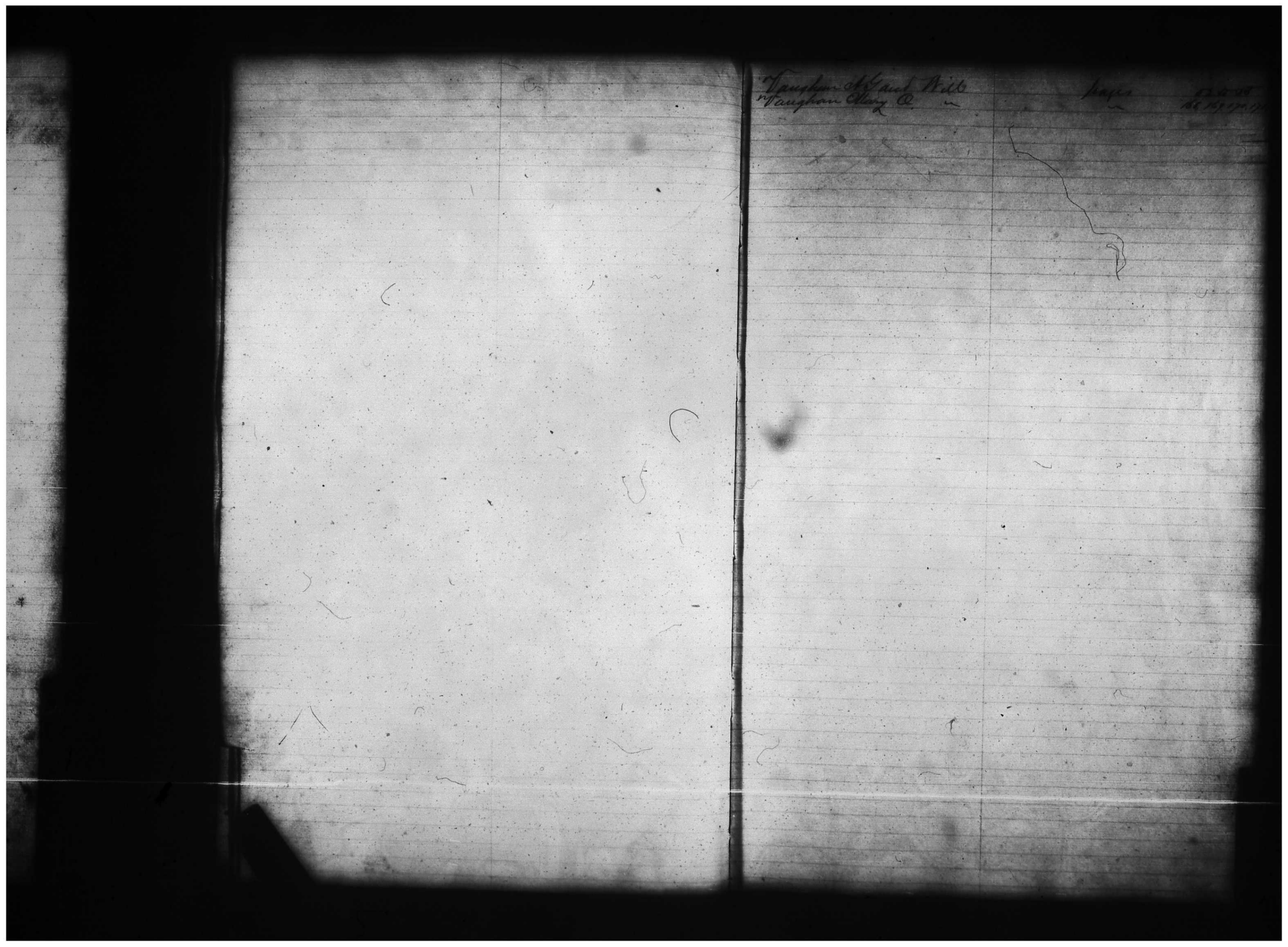

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Commissioners Court February Term Honorable James A Young Judge of the County Court of Marengo County and Joseph C Dubose Gilbert Crual Richard R Randolph and James Quinney Commissioners of Revenue and roads in and for said County Presiding -

16 S. T17 R4 E It is ordered by the Court that Arthur Turner be and is hereby appointed Commissioner of School Lands in Township seventeen Range four East to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. William B. Moores -

S16 T15 R4 E - It appearing to the court that John O Glover John B Burton and Henry King commissioners of S16 T15 R4 E appointed at a former Term of this Court have failed to ~~attend~~ enter into Bond as required by Law it therefore ordered by the Court that their said offices respectively as Commissioners aforesaid be and is hereby declared vacant and that the ~~said~~ Henry King, Leland Trippe and Benjamin Glover, be appointed commissioners of said Township & Range -

S16 T14 R2 E It is ordered by the Court that William Burks Joel C DuBose & Stephen H Doss be and is hereby appointed commissioners of School Lands in Township fourteen Range two East

Jas A Young Judge Marengo C C
~~Commissioners [illegible]~~ James N R Quinney
Gilbert Crual
J. C. DuBose

Commissioners Court Special Term February 22nd 1841
Hon. Jos A Young presiding

S16 T17 R4 E. It is ordered by the Court that Samuel W Vaughan be and is hereby appointed Commissioner of School Lands in in Township seventeen Range four East in place of Robert Clarke whose Term of Office has expired

Jas A Young Judge

Commissioners Court Special Term Feby 23rd 1841
Hon James A Young presiding

S16 T15 R6 E It is or ordered by the court that William Ogletree Peyton P Daniel and William F Perkins be and is hereby appointed commissioners of school Lands in Township fifteen Range six East

Jas A Young Judge

Co. Court vacation April 21st [illegible] 1841

16 T13 R4 E It is ordered by the Court that Joseph Agee Leonard Hall and John A Kimbrough be appointed commissioners of school Lands in Township thirteen Range [illegible] East

Jas A Young

Commissioners Court May Term 1841 Hon. Jas. A. Young Judge &c. J. C. Sea Bose James Quinney R. R. Randolph com of Revenue & Roads presiding —

S16 T14 R1 E It is ordered by the Court that Hezekiah Nettles. John Mathers and Benjamin A Easley be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of School Lands in Township fourteen Range one East —

S16 T18 R5 E It is ordered by the Court that Jas. Dickens Jno Burke and Matthew Fletcher be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of School Lands in Township Eighteen Range five East —

Jas. A. Young Judge &c
J. C. Dn Bose —

County Court for County purposes begun and held for Marengo Co. at the Court house in Linden on Monday 3rd day of June 1841. Special Term Hon. James A. Young Judge of said Court presiding

S16 T17 R4 E — This day came Samuel W. Vaughan who was at a former Term of this Court appointed one of the commissioners of School Lands for Township seventeen Range four East, and filed his bond in the sum of one thousand thousand dollars with Edward Baptist and Sydney Smith as his securities thereon which is approved by the court and the said Samuel W. Vaughan now here in open Court take and subscribes the Oath required by Law for the faithful discharge of his duties as commissioner aforesaid —

Jas. A. Young

Commissioners court August term 1841

Sec. 16 T17 R4 E At a regular term of the commissioners court of revenue and roads for said county holen at the court house in Linden on the third monday and sixteenth day of August A.D. 1841 the Hon James A. Young Judge of the county court and Richard R. Randolph, Jacob B. Williams and Nathan B. Whitfield commissioners of revenue and roads present and presiding —

Sec. 16 T17 R4 E In this case It is ordered that Benjamin E Smith be and he is hereby appointed a commissioners of school lands and section sixteen township seventeen Range four east —

Sec. 16 T13 R3 east Issued 25 Oct/41 In this case It is ordered that M. J. Lewis W. S. Dixon and S. S. Hosea be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of school lands in section sixteen township thirteen Range three east in the county of Marengo —

Sec. 16 T14 R3 east — In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that James Tucker, B. R. Bradford and Isaac Hawkins who were appointed at a former term of this court commissioners of the school lands in section sixteen township fourteen Range three east have wholly failed to give the bond and take the oath prescribed by law as such commissioners It is ordered that their appointment be revoked and that Francis A. Rogers Obadiah D. Monason, and John Ramsower be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of the school lands in the said section aforesaid —

Sec. 16. T15 R6 east — In this case it appearing to the court that William Oglebree one of the commissioners of the school lands of section 16 Township 15 Range 6 east has removed from the county It is ordered that William F. Perkins be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner of the school lands of the township, section & range aforesaid —

It also further appearing to the court that an Election was held in said County Township to ascertain whether the same should be sold or not, and the majority appeared to be in favor of selling the same, due return of which Election was made to this Court, And Peyton P. Daniel having filed his bond and taken the oath as Commissioner of said Township, upon motion of the said Peyton P. Daniel It is ordered that an order issue to him the said Commissioner, & to such other Commissioners as shall have filed their Bonds & taken the oath prescribed by law, to offer for sale the sixteenth section in said Township, in the manner & according to the requisitions prescribed by Law —

Jas. A. Young
Judge MCC
W. B. Williams

~~The State of Alabama Marengo County Special County Court for County purposes begun and held for Marengo County at the Court House in Linden on the 11th day of January A.D. 1842 Hon James A. Young presiding~~

S16 T16 R3 E ~~at this day a return of the election in Township 16 Range three East was filed in Court from which it appears that a majority of the voters given at said election are in favor of selling the Sixteenth Section of said Township, whereupon it is ordered by the Court~~

at a Special Term of the County Court of Marengo County for County purposes begun and held at the court House in Linden on the 13th of December AD 1841 Hon James A Young Judge of said Court presiding –

S 11 T 16 R 3 E — It appearing to the Court that the Commissioners of this Township have resigned it is now ordered by the Court that Charles B Jones James R Bowes and Thomas J Abernathy be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Township Sixteen Range three East –

S 11 T 15 R 1 E — This day was received the report of the Commissioners of Township fifteen Range six East of the sale of the Sixteenth Section of said Township which after being inspected by the court is received and ordered to be filed in office of the Clerk of this court –

Ja's A Young Judge
of Marengo Co Ct

State of Alabama At a Special Term of the County court of Marengo County in said State holden at the Court House in Linden on the 11th day of January AD 1842 Hon James A Young presiding

See 11 T 11 R 3 E — at this day was filed in court a return of an election holden in Township Sixteen Range Three East to ascertain whether the 16th Section in said Township be Sold or not from which it appears that the vote was unanimous for a Sale of the said Section – Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that order issue to the Commissioners of said Township to sell the said 16th Section upon their Complying with the requisitions of the Law by entering into Bonds &c

Ja's A Young
Judge of Marengo
County Court

The State of Alabama Marengo County Commissioners Court February Term Just Monday and 7th day 1842 Hon James A Young Judge of said Court J B Williams James Cummings & R Randolph Commissioners be presiding

S 11 T 17 R 4 E — It is ordered by the court that J M Bowen be appointed a Commissioner of School lands in Township Seventeen Range four East to fill the vacancy occasioned by the refusal of B B Smith to serve –

S 11 T 18 R 4 E — It appearing to the court that Wm D Catlin is the only court of School lands in Township fifteen Range four East. It is therefore ordered by the court that James B Moor and Lewis Simmons be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of said Township in order to complete the Board of Commissioners

Ja's A Young Judge &c
W M Cleaney

The State of Alabama Special Term of the County Court for County purposes for Marengo County held on the 7th day of March AD 1842 Hon James A Young Judge of said Court presiding –

S 11 T 15 R 4 E — This day came James B Moor and Lewis Simmon and entered into to Bond & qualified as commissioners of 16th section in Township fifteen Range four East

S 11 T 13 R 3 E — This day came M S Dixon and S S Hosea two of the Commissioners of 16th Section in Township thirteen Range three East and filed in court a return of an election held in said Township to ascertain whether a majority of the Citizens of said Township were in favor of selling the 16th Section of said Township or not and from which it appears that the vote was unanimous in favor of selling the same and the said M S Dixon and S S Hosea now here file in court their Bond and Oath of office as Commissioners of said Township It is therefore ordered by the court that an order issue to the said Commissioners to sell the 16th section of said Township upon their Complying with the law in all respects regulating Sales of 16th Sections in this State

Ja's A Young
Judge &c C Ct

The State of Alabama Special Term of the County Court of Marengo Coanty held at the Court House thereof in Linden on the 26th day of March A D 1842 Hon James A Young Judge of said Court presiding

S16 T13 R3 E This day came Nathaniel D. Lewis one of the Commissioners and filed in court his Bond as such which is approved by the Court And it is ordered by the court the order for a sale of the 16th Section of Township Thirteen Range three East be amended so as to be directed to the said Nathaniel D Lewis in conjunction with the other commissioners who filed their Bonds at a former Term of this Court -

Jas A Young
Judge 7th C Ct

The State of Alabama Commissioners court Third Monday Marengo County 3 and 15th day of August A D 1842 Hon James A Young Judge of said Court and Burt Glover Jacob B. Williams and Gray Jones Commissioners of Revenue & Roads presiding -

S16 T14 R3 E It is ordered by the court that Jacob Lindsay James M. Tucker and Isaac Hawkins be appointed commissioners of School Lands for Township fourteen Range three East -

S16 T16 R3 E It is ordered by the court that David Cowan Joseph M Alexander and Neil McLeod be appointed Commissioners of School Lands in Township Sixteen in Range three East -

Jas A Young
Judge of Marengo C Ct

The State of Alabama Special Term of the County Court of Marengo County in said State holden at the court House in Linden on the first day of November A D 1842 Hon James A Young presiding -

S16 T15 R5 E It is ordered by the court that James H DuBose and Leland Tompkins be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of School Lands in Township fifteen Range five East in said County and the said DuBose & Tompkins now here in open Court execute & file their respective bonds as Commissioners as aforesaid which are approved by the Court -

Jas A Young
Judge of Marengo Co Ct

The State of Alabama - Special Term of the County Court of Marengo Court in said State holden at the court House in Linden on the 28th day of November A D 1842 - Honorable James A Young presiding -

S16 T17 R5 E It is ordered by the Court that Richard H Adams and Samuel A Pitts be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of School Lands for Township Seventeen Range 5 East in the County of Marengo -

Jas A Young
Judge of M C Ct

The State of Alabama Special Term of the County Court of Marengo County in said State held on the 2nd day of January 1843 Hon James A Young presiding -

S16 T16 R5 E It is ordered by the Court that Lewis Anderson Peter Knight and Neil McLeod be appointed Commissioners of School Lands for Township Sixteen Range five East -

S16 T14 R3 E It is ordered by the Court that Jacob Lindsay be appointed Commissioner of School Lands for Township fourteen Range three East -

The State of Alabama Commissioners Court for Marengo County held on the first Monday and Sixth day of February 1843 — Hon James A Young Judge of the County Court. Henry A Taylor Benjamin N Glover and Jacob B Williams and Gray B Jones Commissioners of Revenue and Roads presiding —

S16 T17 R3 E — It is ordered by the Court that Jacob Smith, Jno Daughdrill and Samuel M Norred be appointed Commissioners of said 16th Section —

S16 T17 R1 E — It is ordered by the Court that Daniel W E Finch, James Hildreth and William T McGregor be appointed Commissioners of said 16th Section —

S16 T18 R5 E — It is ordered that Richard N Harris be appointed a Commissioner of said 16th Section —

S16 T14 R3 E — It is ordered that Isaac Hawkins be appointed a Commissioner of said 16th Section —

The State of Alabama Commissioners court of Marengo County Revenue & Roads first Monday and 7th day of December AD 1843 — Hon James A Young Judge of the County Court and Gray B Jones and B. N Glover Commissioners presiding —

S16 T15 R3 E — It is ordered by the Court that ~~Jacob T. E~~ Jord William King and William Robinson be appointed Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section of Township fifteen Range three East in Marengo County —

T15 R1 East — State of Alabama Special County Court of Marengo County for County purposes held on the 11th day of March AD 1844, Hon James A Young presiding —

T15 R1 East — It is ordered by the Court that Hezekiah Nettles, James M Reed and George Bullock be appointed Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section in Township fifteen of Range one East upon their entering into Bond and Security as required by Law —

The State of Alabama Special County of Marengo County for County purposes held on the 21st day of December 1844 Hon James A Young presiding —

T15 R3 East — It is ordered by the Court that William Robinson Jordan Anderson and William King be appointed Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section of Township fifteen Range three East —

T17 R4 E — It is ordered by the Court that Thomas Small and R.G. Nappier be appointed Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section of Township Seventeen in Range four East —

T12 R4 E — It is ordered by the Court that Woody Jackson John Hope and Reuben B Anderson Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section of Township twelve Range four East be and are hereby authorised to sell said Sixteenth section according to Law except eighty acres of the same heretofore sold and purchased by A. D. Thomasson —

State of Alabama Special County Court for Marengo County held on the 11th day of January AD 1845 Hon James A Young presiding —

S16 T18 R5 E It is ordered by the Court that James Pickens, Matthew M Fletcher and Richard N Harris be appointed Commissioners of the 16th section of Township 18 of Range five East in Marengo County —

S16 T17 R3 E It is ordered by the court that the appointment of Jacob Smith as a commissioner of the Sixteenth Section of Township 17 Range three East be revoked and that the securities on the bond of the said Jacob Smith as commissioner of said 16th section be discharged and released from all future liability as such securities —

State of Alabama Marengo County ~~Orphans Court~~ County Court for County purposes held on the first Monday and third day of February AD 1845. Hon James A Young Judge of the County Court, and Jacob B. Williams, Gray B Jones, Benj N Glover and Henry A Taylor Commissioners of Revenue & Roads presiding

S16 T14 R4 E It is ordered by the Court that Thomas Baily, Spencer Adams and J. W. Northrup be appointed Commissioners of the Sixteenth Section of Township fourteen Range four East —

State of Alabama Marengo County Court for County purposes held at the Court House in Linden on the 21st day of August AD 1845. Hon James A Young presiding

S16 T17 R4 It is ordered by the Court that Edmund A. Spence be appointed a Commissioner of the Sixteenth Section of Township Seventeen Range four East —

Record of an Election held on the Second Monday and 13th day of August 1853 in the Several Townships in Marengo County to ascertain the sense of the citizens of said Township as to whether they will consolidate the Township fund or not — taken from the Original Returns,

Range	1	East.	Township	14.	For Consolidation	4 Votes.	No Consolidation	13 Votes
"	"	"	"	15.	"	3 "	"	3 "
"	"	"	"	16.	"	6 "	"	1 "
"	2	"	"	12.	"	16 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	15.	"	9 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	16.	"	10 "	"	none
"	3	"	"	12.	"	22 "	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	13.	"	16 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	14.	"	6 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	15.	"	3 "	"	2 "
"	"	"	"	16.	"	18 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	17.	"	6 "	"	5 "
"	4	"	"	12.	"	none "	"	19 "
"	"	"	"	13.	"	23 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	14.	"	1 "	"	5 "
"	"	"	"	15.	"	7 "	"	~~8~~ "
"	"	"	"	16.	"	34 "	"	none
"	"	"	"	17.	"	none "	"	7 "
"	5	"	"	16.	"	none "	"	14 "
"	"	"	"	18.	"	none "	"	3 "
"	6	"	"	15.	"	3 "	"	8 "

I certify that the above is a true Statement of the Result of said Election as shown from the Original returns.

Jas A Young
Judge of Probate
Marengo County

Record of an Election held the First monday and first day of May 1854 for two Commissioners of Free Public Schools for Marengo County

At the	Macon Precinct	No 1	For N B Whitfield	15.	For Ennis Lofton	0	Scattering	15
" "	Jefferson "	" 3	"	17	" "	13	"	4
" "	Spring Hill "	" 4	"	12	" "	7	"	7
" "	New Beat	6	"	12	" "	12	"	0
" "	McKinley	7	"	24	" "	24	"	0
" "	Linden	8	"	29	" "	27	"	4
" "	Doss or Hills	9	"	5	" "	5	"	0
" "	Nanafalia	10	"	16	" "	16	"	0
" "	Hampden	13	"	18	" "	18	"	0
				148	" "	1221	"	30

For Genl N B Whitfield 148 Votes
" Ennis Lofton 122 "
" Scattering 30 "

I certify that the above is a true Statement of the result of said Election as shown by the Original Returns

Abstract of Comptroller's report of the Sixteenth Section Funds for Marengo County 1853

Township	Range	Cash[illegible]	Returned	Total
9	11 East	7.50	.....	7.50
12	3 "	419.88	8.64	428.52
12	4 "	478.80	.....	478.80
13	3 "	281.42	14.35	295.77
13	4 "	397.01	.....	397.01
14	1 "	598.15	838.89	1437.14
14	3 "	.....	760.35	760.35
14	4 "	.....	2528.50	2528.50
15	3 "	1.119.26	1544.29	2654.15
15	4 "	3248.38	.....	3248.38
15	5 "	1085.91	59.41	1145.32
15	6 "	2442.19	.....	2442.19
16	2 "	951.40	.....	951.40
16	3 "	65.44	1005.72	1071.16
16	4 "	1.302.64	1191.72	2494.36
16	5 "	2.993.36	2401.00	5394.36
17	3 "	396.63	46.66	431.29
17	4 "	.....	5856.88	5856.88
18	5 "	4648.00	.....	4648.00
		$20.419.17	$11.250.91	$36.676.08

At an election for County Commissioners of Free Public Schools for Marengo County held the first Monday in May A.D. 1854 - General Nathan B. Whitfield and Ennis Loftin Esq were duly elected -

J. & F. Young

May 20th 1854 - This day was filed the resignation of N.B. Whitfield as Commissioner of Free Schools, he having declined qualifying as such -

J. & F. Young

Interest on School Funds belonging to Marengo Collected by Comptroller for 1853

Township	Range		Amt.	Township	Range		Amt.
Township 11	Range 1	E.	52 03	Township 15	Range 4	E	194 90
" 16	" 2	"	57 08	16	" 4	"	74 99
" 12	" 3	"	25 19	17	" 4	"	389 16
13	" 3	"	16 88	15	" 5	"	65 15
15	" 3	"	44 56	16	" 5	"	59 22
16	" 3	"	3 95	18	" 5	"	278 88
17	" 3	"	23 44	15	" 6	"	146 63
12	" 4	"	28 68	9	" 11	"	45
13	" 4	"	33 84				1659 35
			278 53				278 53
							1937 88

At an Election held the 2d Monday in May A.D. 1854 the following named persons were duly Elected Trustees of Free Schools in Marengo County for the several Townships as follows Viz:

In Township	12	Range	1 West	Bryan B. Comstock, James Cruikshank & Jno F. Smith
" "	12	"	1 East	No Election held in Marengo County
" "	13	"	1 "	Wm L. Williams, Jacob B. Williams & A.R. Chrisman
" "	14	"	1 "	Geo: Goodwyn B.A. Easley & J.J. Pickens
" "	15	"	1 "	[illegible]
" "	16	"	1 "	Jno M. Williams, B.F. Morrow & Jno M. Scruggs
" "	17	"	1 "	No Election held
" "	12	"	2 "	No Election held in Marengo County
" "	13	"	2 "	Thos L. Buckham, Jno M. Coleman & D. J. Hendrix
" "	14	"	2 "	D.W. Jackson, J.D. Parmis & F. A. Rogers
" "	15	"	2 "	Julius E. Boehuty, John M. Reuben & S. S. Taylor
" "	16	"	2 "	Alph. Hahn A.M. Jones & John M. Smith
" "	17	"	2 "	Scott Whitfield, D.W. Hackworth & Lewis Simmons
" "	18	"	2 "	No Election held in Marengo
" "	12	"	3 "	Seaton D. Jones, D.R. Herman, Thos C. Deloach
" "	13	"	3 "	A.J. Lewis, A.B. Hewes, H. Threadgill
" "	14	"	3 "	B.F. Bradford, Jonathan Hays & Jas M. Decker
" "	15	"	3 "	Benj Ringgold, D.C. Houston & [illegible]
" "	16	"	3 "	No Election held
" "	17	"	3 "	No Election held
" "	18	"	3 "	No Election "
" "	12	"	4 "	N.L. Phillips, Wm A. Easterling & Jno J. Nelson
" "	13	"	4 "	H.W. Walch, Thos J. Threadgill & Robt. Pritchett
" "	14	"	4 "	No Election held
" "	15	"	4 "	Griffin Segall, Z. Clapp & Erwin E. Cade
" "	16	"	4 "	Jas A.R. Gunnery, Aurelius Easley & Jno R. Segall
" "	17	"	4 "	Edw't Baptist, David Thorp & R. A. Morgan
" "	18	"	4 "	No Election held
" "	14	"	5 "	Wm Worten, L. Moulder, Miles Fort
" "	15	"	5 "	Jno C. Leroy Benj Horn & H. K. Hunt
" "	16	"	5 "	No Election held
" "	17	"	5 "	W.H. Horton, Oliver Greene & A. Blankford
" "	18	"	5 "	Wm Sullivan, Robert Sullivan & Wm G. Jones
" "	15	"	6 "	No Election held

The above is taken from the original Returns on file

(Illegible)

J. & F. Young, Judge

Trustees qualified

Township 11 R. 1 E. - George Goodwyn - no B.A. Easley qualified August 10 1854

Township 17 R. 5 & 6 W. H. Horton and Oliver Greene qualified May 23 1854

" 16 " 2 " Alex Hahn A.M. Jones & Jno M. Smith " " 25 1854

" 16 " 4 " Jas A.R. Gunnery & R. Segall " " 29 1854

" 14 " 5 " L. Moulder & W. Worten " " 29 1854

" " " " M. Fort " " 29 1854

" " " " " " " 2 June 11 1854

List of Trustees qualified Continued

Township	18	R 3 E	Robert Sullivan & William Sullivan,	qualified	July 31 1856
	13	" 3 "	N J Lewis, A B Hocea, & H Threadgill	"	" " "
	16	" 1.	I M Williams, I M Heldreth	"	Aug 24 "
	13	" 2	I W Alexander & A. Ethendy	"	Oct 17 "
	14	" 4	V J. Pope G B Jones, O D Thomason	"	Nov 20 "
	17	" 3.	B H Mason, Zara Stubbs, & J W McCarty	"	Jany 21 1855
	17	2	G W Whitfield. I W Hackworth & J Holder		
	"	"	W Simmons & Oswell Eddins		
	17	" 4	K. C DuBose M E Matthews & D Monge		Oct 10/54
	16	5	J. H Sanders D B Turner, & Thos F Griffith		

List of School Trustees Elected May 12 1856

In Township	12	R 1 W.	
	12	1 E	A. S. Waller, Miles E King, & R S Armstead
	12	2 E	W. P. King W H Abernethy & Saml Pruett
	12	3 E	Thos C Deloach, Cornelius Moore, & A H Hearon
	12	4 E	
	13	1.	
	13	2.	Wm S Arrwood, Riley Roberts. Jno Kelly
	13	3.	Joseph Agee, Allen Mobley and Thos J Skinner.
	13	4.	Robt Pritchett & W Hatch & Wm Harris
	14	1.	
	14	2	
	14	3	Jonathan Glass Wm T Desmukes Spencer Adams
	14	4	
	14	5	
	15	1	
	15	2	
	15	3	
	15	4	
	15	5	
	15	6	
	16	1	B. P Morrow. I M Heldreth, & J M Williams
	16	2	Jno W Smith, Jno Besteder & Bowen Seabrook
	16	3	Strother Madison, D C McFarland & Wm Glover
	16	4	Jas A R Gunney. R. W Price & Thos J Woolf
	16	5	Thos B Gaines, J. Holder & W. Forde
	17	1	
	17	2	
	17	3	
	17	4	David Monge. M E Matthews & Robt A Morgan.
	17	5	Saml A Fitts, Charles Walker, & Henry Branie.
	18	2	
	18	3	
	18	4	
	18	5	

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Free Public Schools of Marengo County —

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held the Fifth day of June Jas A Young Esqr Judge of Probate of Marengo County — and Ennis Loftin Esqr one of the Commissioners Elect met and duly organised as a board of Commissioners of Free Public Schools for Marengo County —

There being no business before the Board the ~~Meeting~~ was adjourned to the Eighth of August next

attest Jas A Young

August the 8th 1854

This day appeared James A Young Esqr and Ennis Loftin & likewise Doctor Syd. Smith who produced the Certificate of his appointment as a Commissioner in place of N. B Whitfield resigned, by Wm F Perry the Superintendant of Education, and Doct. Smith having qualified took his Seat as a member of the Board & the following proceedings were had, viz

It is ordered that D B B Turner, Thos Griffith and Jos H Sanders be appointed Trustees of Free Schools in Township Sixteen Range five East in Marengo County.

It is ordered that James M Rembert be appointed Trustee of Free schools in Township 15 Range 2 East in place of John Burden deceased

It is ordered that R. E D W Bose, and M E Matthews be appointed trustees of Free schools in Township 17 Range 4 East in place of Edwd Baptist and R A Morgan who decline serving —

It is further ordered that Wm Cunningham be licensed as a teacher of Free Schools in Marengo County

It is further ordered that John W Gilmore be licensed as a teacher of Free schools in Marengo County

And On Motion. It is Resolved that the County Commissioners of Revenue & Roads be applied to for an appropriation to pay the Expenses of Advertising about Schools, &c.

It is ordered that Miles E King & B W Hearon be appointed Trustees in Township 12 Range 1 East for so much of said Township as lies in Marengo County

It is ordered that J E J Macon, W J Alexander be appointed trustees in Township 12 Range 2 East

~~It is ordered~~ & the Board adjourned

attest

Jas A Young
Judge Pro Tem

Minutes of Commissioners of Free Schools

Statement

Of the amounts due the several Townships of Marengo County being the interest on their 16 Section Funds on deposit in the State Treasury from the 1st day of December 1853 to 1st day of December 1854

T	R	Amount		T	R	Amount				
12	5E	25	19	16	4E	357	17			
"	4	28	68	"	5E	179	60			
"	13	5	17	44	17	2	5340	38		
"	"	4	23	32	"	3	23	44		
"	14	1	35	89	"	4	341	16		
"	15	3	66	56	18	5	278	88		
"	"	4	194	90			2,239	29		
"	"	5	65	15						
"	16	2	57	18						
"	"	3	3	93						

July 12. 1855. Jacob Smith the duly appointed & qualified Co. Collector of Marengo County has the abstract hereon drawn on the Auditor of the Confederation which was accepted by him & sent to Montgomery by mail

Twenty Five hundred & Ninety Nine 29/100 Dollars

The Scrip belonging to 16. 4E. 16. 5E. 17. 4E. & 18. 5E. as presented in the above statement of the Supt. is in my hands.

July. 27. th 1855

Jacob Smith

Of the abv amt. embraced in Dr Smith's Receipt I hereby acknowledge the Receipt from him of Two hundred and Seventy Eight 88/100 Dollars belonging to T 17 R 4 E.

March 26 1855

Jas A Young

Ca & Pd by Wm Burnett on T. 18 R 4 E.

Seventeenth Section Township one accounts to Edmund Co

T 12 R 3 E. Township twelve Range three East

1855 Cr.

By Amt Rec'd from M & N McNeill as per Return Page 20 — $ 25.19

Dr.

To Amt paid M Thorn & Co Edmonton June 1855 with Receipt — 25.19

1856 By Amt Rec'd from Jas Collector drawn for Oct 26 1855 — $ 10.91

" " " " " " " July 26 1856 — 10.91

$ 21.82

$ 141.52

T. 12 R 4 E. Township twelve Range ~~four~~ East

1855 Cr.

By Amt Rec'd from M & N McNeill as per Return in Page 20 — 28.68

Dr.

To Amt paid order of N G Phillips & Co a Easterling May 30 1855 — $ 28.68

Sixteenth Sections in account with School Commissioners

T 13. R 3 E. Township Thirteen Range 3 East

1855 Cr.

By amt Received as pr Return on Page 20 — 17.46

Dr.

To amt paid to A B Hosea & Jos Agee — $ 17.46

Feby 28th 1855.

1856 Cr. By Amt Recd from Tax Collector drawn for Oct 30/55. — $ 112.23

Dr. To Amt paid Trustees - Jany 16 1856. — $ 112.23

By Amt recd from Tax Collector drawn for Feby 26/56. — $ 112.23

T 13. R 4 E. Township Thirteen Range Four East

1855 Cr.

By amt recd as per Statement on Page 20 — $ 23.32

Dr.

Sixteenth Sections in account with School Commissioners

T 14 R 1 E. Township fourteen Range 1 East

1855 Cr.

By amt Received as pr Statement on Page 20 — $ 35.89

T 15. R 3 E. Township Fifteen Range three East

1855 Cr.

By amt recd as per Statement on Page 20. — $ 66.56

Dr.

To Amt paid over to B. Ringgold & F. A. McNeill Trustees

Aug 31 1855 — Due me from Mr R $ 3.45

Due me from B Ringgold 3.40 — 66.56

Dec 23/55. Recd Payt from B. Ringgold — $ 66.56 — $ 66.56

J. A. Young

1856 By amt Recd from Tax Collector drawn for Dec 12/55 — $ 66.56

Sixteenth Sections in account with School Commissioners

T 15 R 4 E. Township Fifteen Range Four East

1855 Cr.

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20 $194.90

Dr.

To Amt paid Z Glass & Saml Holt Trustees July 4 1855 $60.00

" Amt paid Order of Z Glass & S Holt to Wm Burnside 40.00

T 15 R 5 E. Township Fifteen Range Five East

1855 Cr.

By Amt rec^d as per Statement on Page 20 $65.15

" " " from Tax Collector drawn for Dec 30/55 22.55

Dr. To Amt paid Trustees as pr Rec^d Oct 9/55. $65.15.

Sixteenth Sections in account with School Commissioners

T 16 R 2 E Township Sixteen Range Two East

1855 Cr.

By Amt rec^d as per Statement on Page 20 57.08

T. 16 R 3 E. Township Sixteen Range Three East

1855 Cr.

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20 $3.93

Sixteenth Section in account with School Com^rs

T16 R4 E. Township Sixteen Range [illegible] East

1855 Cr

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. $357.17

Dr

To Amt paid I R Gunning & Jn Rettigall as p^r Rec^d of March 3 1855. $357.17

By Amt Drawn for Feby 26/56 — $176.37

T16 R5 Township Sixteen Range Five East

1855 Cr

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. [illegible].60

Dr

To Amt paid to D B Turner & J H Sanders March 8/55 — $179.60

Sixteenth Section in acct with School Com^rs

T17 R2 E Township Seventeen Range Two East

1855 Cr

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. $209.[illegible]

Dr

Feby 1855 To Amt paid G W Whitfield & Jno Hackworth 118.61

Apr 1855 " " " L. Sixeman, & O Eddings 90.47 = 209.08

T17 R3 E Township Seventeen Range Three East

1855 Cr

By Amt Rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. $23.44

1856 " " " from Jarcollecti as p^r dif^t Decr 12/55 23.43

Sixteenth Section in Account with School Commissioners

T. 17 R 4 E Township Seventeen Range Four East

1855 Cr

By Amt rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. $ 341.16

Dr

To Amt paid to K C Dr Bow & M E Matthews trustees March 15 1855. } 341.16.

T 18 R 5 E. Township Eighteen Range Four East

1855 Cr

By Amt rec^d as per Statement on Page 20. $ 278.88

Dr

To Amt paid Jas Sullivan & Robt Sullivan trustees April 9 1855. } 278.88

By Amt Drawn for Feby 26/56 $ 278.88

" Amt paid trustees (Sullivans) April 30/56. 278.88

Township 12 Range 1 East in act with Comm^r of Schools

T 12 R 1 E.

1856 By Amt rec^d as per war^t dated Oct 30 1855 $ 38.00

Township Fifteen Range 1 East

Cr.

1856 By Amt drawn for Oct 30/55 rec^d from Jay Collector 6.02

" " " " Dec 12/55 " " " 6.01

Dr 12.03

To Amt paid over to trustees Feby 16/56 as p^t Receipts $ 12.03

Sixteen Sections in Acct with School Commissioners

T. 12 R 2 Township 12 Range 2 East

Cr.
1856 By Amt Recd from Tax Collector as pr dft Decr 12/55. 212.45

Dr. To Amt paid trustees order to Wm Cunningham Feby 4/56. $ 148.50
63.95

T 13 R 2 Township 13 Range 2

Cr
1856 By Amt Recd of Tax Collector on dft of Decr 12/55. 125.83

Dr. To Amt paid to trustees as pr Receipt of March 5 1854 $ 125.83

Sixteen Sections in Acct with School Comrs

T. 15 R. 2 E Township 15 Range 2 East

Cr
1856 By Amt Recd of Tax Collector on dft of Decr 12/55. $ 42.75

Dr. To Amt paid Trustees as pr Receipt Feby 21/56 $ 42.75

T. 13 R 1 E. Township 13 Range One East

Cr
By Amt drawn for Feby 26/56. $ 97.53

Dr.
Apl 1856 To Amt pd W.G. & S.B. Williams Trustees 97.53

Sixteenth Sections in Act with School Commissioners

T 14 R 3 E	Cr Roy Amt drawn for July 26/56.	$66.81
	Dr. Pa Amt. paid J Glass & S. Adams Trustees Apl 7/56	$66.81.

Order of Court on Probate of Will.	The State of Alabama Marengo County	Probate Court Stated Term Feb 10th 1862
	Estate of Nathan Lipscomb dec	See Minutes H. Page 316.
		Probate Court Stated Term March 10th 1864.
	Estate of Nathan Lipscomb dec	See Minutes H. Page 324

Will of N Lipscomb

State of Alabama Marengo County day and date at the Conclusion –

I Nathan Lipscomb of the State & County above being old and in my Seventy Second year and Sound of mind and body – for which I desire to thank the Lord and as I no not when the Lord may call for my Spirit under these considerations I make this my last Will At my death I give my Spirit to God who gave it and my Body I desire to be buried by the side of my loving Wife in the full belief in the Coming of the Lord Jesus when Soul & body will be united As for the Worldly goods that the Lord has blessed me with in the first place – I wish all my just debts paid and my House & Land sold on a Credit of one Mo & three years – Credit I except half an acre including the Grave Yard – which I wish my Executors to Lay off and to be Kept for a burying place for the Connexions perpetually And as for my personal property to be sold on Twelve Months Credit all the above property to the Highest Bidder I except the Four following Servants who are old & I wish them taken Care of in their old age and that they be appraised by the those that appraise the other property what they think might be required for their support and the same allowed to those of the Children that are willing to take them Patty & Jesse Kitty & Dealy they have assisted to raise all the Children and I wish them cared for in their old age and those that have reaped the benefit of their labor ought to be the proper persons to take care of them. My Will is that after all my just debts are paid that the proceeds of my Estate be equally divided among all my Children. My Son Samuels Children to [illegible] in for their Fathers portion. My Son Lee [illegible] Lucy Simmons. My Son William my [illegible] Esther Hallums – My Son Joseph Edwin my [illegible] Elizabeth Stewart and my Son Nathan [illegible] made them all heretofore as near equal [illegible] Could I have given each one a [illegible]

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equal. Except J. Edwin lucks a Feather Bed and if he should not get it before my death he must have it or its value I leave & wish my Two sons Lee and N. Zachary my lawful Executors to transact all the business of my Estate after my decease Whereunto I have signed the above in the presence of the Witnesses hereunto August 24th 1854. (Signed) Nathan Lipscomb

Witness
Algernon S. Vaughan
Jeremiah Noble

Filed in Court 10th Febry 1862.
J. A. Young Judge &c.

Probate Court Marengo County
March Term 1862

Order of Court.

In the matter of the Will of Nathan Lipscomb dec^d

This day came on for probate the last Will & testament of Nathan Lipscomb deceased and it appearing that notices have been served upon the several heirs at Law of said deceased who reside in said County ten days previous to this Term & it further appearing that publication of the time & place of taking said Probate in the Linden Jeffersonian Newspaper for three successive weeks has been made that the nonresident heirs may appear & contest if they thought proper & Henry A. Woolf having been duly appointed guardian Ad litem for Eleanor Lipscomb a minor who appears & accepts said appointment & Jeremiah Noble one of the subscribing Witnesses being first duly sworn deposes and

Testimony of J. Noble

states that he was present on the day said Will bears date & saw the same signed & published by said Nathan Lipscomb as his last Will & testament, that he & Dr Algernon S. Vaughan the other Witness signed the same as witnesses at the request & in the presence of of said Testator & in the presence of each other and that said Testator was at the time of same & despoising mind & memory

Signed J. Noble.

Upon the foregoing Testimony of said Jeremiah Noble subscribed by him in open Court. It is ordered that said Instrument be received & recorded as the last Will & testament of said Nathan Lipscomb dec^d

Jas A. Young
Judge &c

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Nov 13th 1861

Order of Court

Estate of Aden Little dec^d

See Minutes H. Page 274.

Probate Court Special Term Dec 16th 1861

Order of Court

Estate of Adin Little dec^d

See Minutes H. Page 289.

Will of Aden Little

Know all men by these presents, that Aden Little of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound & disposing mind and memory and fully impressed with the uncertainty of human life do make & ordain this to be my last Will & testament hereby revoking all other Wills.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my brother James Little all of my tract of Land lying in Sections nine & Ten in Township Twelve of Range One East in said County Containing Four hundred & Seventy Two Acres more or less to have & to hold unto him & his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my said brother James Little, all the Stock of Horses, Mules, Cows & Hogs I may have at the time of my death except the Jack Mule I got from my Brother Gray Little

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my sister Nancy Taylor the sum of Two dollars.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Walker the sum of Two dollars.

Item 4th I give & bequeath to my brother Jesse C Little the sum of Two dollars.

Item 5th I give & bequeath to my sister Lydia Mays the sum of Two dollars.

Item 6th I give & bequeath to my sister Sarah Ann Garrett the sum of Two dollars.

Item 7th I give & bequeath to my nephew Thaddeus Taylor the sum of Eight Hundred dollars to be paid to him by my Executor Gray Little hereinafter appointed provided the girl Daniel Frances hereinafter bequeathed to my brother Gray Little, survives me, but in case said girl dies before I do then it is my Will that the said Thaddeus Taylor have nothing of my Estate

Item 8th I give & bequeath to my brother Gray Little Negro Woman Eliza and her Child Smart, Dolly and her Children Margaret, Ben, Tom & Neptune also all my tract of land lying in section Six Township Twelve of Range Two East in said County Containing Two Hundred acres more or less the Mule Jack hereinafter mentioned together with all the residue of my Estate to pay my funeral Expenses and all my just debts and the [illegible] acres herein bequeathed Also the negro girl Daniel Frances. The remainder after payment of [illegible]

Legacies I give & bequeathe to my said brother Gray Little to have & to hold unto him & his heirs forever. It being my intention to convey said property to my said brother Gray Little Charged only with the payment of my debts & legacies And after the payment of said debts and legacies the property is to be to him in absolute right. It is also my intention to bequeath to my said brother Gray Little all the future increase of the negro Slaves which I will to him and all the property not Willed to others.

I hereby nominate & appoint my brother Gray Little Executor of this my last Will & testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal on this the 21st day of January AD 1860

Filed Nov 13th 1864 J A Young Judge &c. (Signed) Adm Little Seal

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in our presence who in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator and at his request have hereunto signed our names at Witness (Signed) H C Grayson. W H Davis Jr.

Testimony

The testimony of H C Grayson a subscribing Witness to the foregoing Will taken in open Court at a Term of the Probate Court held for Marengo County in the State of Alabama on the 16 day of December 1861. who being duly sworn deposes & States that he was present on the day the same bears date or about that time & saw Adm Little sign & publish said Instrument as his last Will & testament, that he & W H Davis the other subscribed said instrument at the request and in the presence of said Testator & of each other as attesting Witnesses. He further States that he wrote said Will at the request of said Testator Little and in accordance with his directions and that said Little was of sane mind & memory at the time of executing the said Will and as Witness believes was fully acquainted with Contents thereof

Attest

Signed H C Grayson

J A Young Judge of Probate of Marengo County

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Stated Term Aug 10th 1863

Order of Court.

Estate of John T Lomax dec'd — See Minutes H. Page 489

Probate Court Special Term Sept 29th 1863

Order of Court

Estate of John T Lomax dec'd — See Minutes H. Page 501

Will
J. T. Lomax

"Exhibit A"

I John T Lomax of Demopolis in Marengo County make this my will and testament on this the 10th day of February AD 1863 All my estate of every kind & description I give and devise to my Wife Elmira

And I nominate & appoint Samuel Strudwick Esq'r & Dr James S Raffin to be the Executors thereof And I desire & request that no security be required of them or either of them for the administration of my Estate

Witness my Hand (Signed) John T Lomax

Subscribed by John T Lomax in our presence as his will and we subscribed our names as attesting witnesses thereto at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other this 10th day of Febry 1863 (Signed) Robert Kornegay

Filed August 10th 1863 " L A Sledge

J A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court held 29th September AD 1863

Order of Court,

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Jno T Lomax dec'd — This day came on to be heard the probate of the last Will of Jno T Lomax dec'd and it appearing that all of the next of Kin of said Lomax have had ten days notice of the taking said probate and Henry A Woolf Esq'r having been appointed guardian ad litem of the minor heirs of said dec'd & accepted said appointment & appeared on their behalf and Levin A Sledge one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will being sworn, deposes & States "That he was present on the day said Will bears date & saw said John T Lomax sign & publish said instrument as his last Will & testament that he & Robert Kornegay the other witness subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of each other & in the presence of & at the request of said Testator Witness further States that said Lomax was at the time of sane & disposing mind when he executed said Will (Signed) L A Sledge

Testimony

Attest

J A Young
Judge of Probate of Marengo County

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court. July 15th 1863.

Order of Court. Estate of Mrs Susan Browning dec'd — See Minutes H Page 484

Probate Court Second monday in Sep 1863

Order of Court. Estate of Mrs Susan Browning dec'd — See Minutes H. Page 492.

Probate Court October 12th 1863

Order of Court. Estate of Mrs Susan Browning dec'd — See Minutes H Page 508.

Will. Susan Browning

I Susan Browning of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and testament After the payment of my just debts & funeral Expences I give devise & bequeath unto my Sons, William G. and Joseph L. Browning all of my Estate real & personal, choses in action, & property of every description, of which I may die seized & possessed or entitled to to be equally divided between them and if either of them should die before I do - then I devise & bequeath his share to his child or children, should he leave any - but if he should not I devise & bequeath the share to which he would be entitled if living to my Surviving Son & his children I hereby express as my desire and will that neither Wayne E Lee or his children are ever to have any property of any description which I may leave as I consider they have wronged me & my sons out of property to which they had no moral right.

Witness my hand & Seal this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord - one thousand, eight hundred & fifty one. Signed Susan her X mark Browning Real

Signed & Sealed in the presence of
Signed W E Clarke. Thos Holt. John A Donaldson.

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Stated Term Oct. 12th 1863

In the matter of the Will of Mrs Susan Browning dec'd

This day came W G Browning and also came Arthur, Smith Ula Smith & Walter Smith minors by W E Clarke Esqr. and the Probate of the alleged Will of Susan Browning dec'd coming on to be heard this day - and it appearing that the citations to the heirs of said deceased have been duly executed and that notice of the time & place of taking said probate has likewise been given by publication for three successive weeks in the Sunday Jefferson Newspaper - And Wm E Clarke Esqr. one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will being first duly sworn States that he was present in 1851 and at the request of said Susan Browning wrote said Will according

Testimony

to her directions, that she signed the same in his presence and in the presence of Thomas Holt & John A Donaldson the other witnesses and that he and the other witnesses subscribed the same at the request of the said Susan & in her presence and in the presence of each other. He further states that the said Susan was of sound mind & memory - at the time she executed the same.

(Signed) W E Clarke

And upon said testimony it appearing that said will was legally executed by Mrs Susan Browning It is ordered & decreed that the same be admitted Established & recorded as the last Will & testament of said Susan Browning dec'd and that letters Testamentary be granted thereon

J A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Jany 26th 1863

Order of Court. Estate of Wm G Williams dec'd — See Minutes H Page 432.

Probate Court Special Term Mch 2th 1863

Order of Court. Estate of Wm G Williams dec'd — See Minutes H Page 447.

Will. Wm G. Williams

State of Alabama Marengo County
August 20th A D 1862

In the name of God Amen! I William G. Williams of the State & County above written do make and ordain this my last Will & Testaments!

1st. I wish all my just debts paid -

2nd. I give to my beloved wife Henry S Williams the negro woman named Martha and her child Justina also my Buggy & Horse Bob for her own use and benefit to do as she sees proper with

3rd. I also give to my beloved wife Henry S Williams the following named negroes towit: The man Charles - Woman Lida boys Henry & Jim girls Becka & Mary - also all of my lands - except the tract given to my son Absolam also all my Horses Mules - Cows - Hogs & Sheep also my wagons & Baroucke Household & Kitchen Furniture Also the Crop of Cotton now on hand for her use and benefit during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between all my heirs counting in the amounts I have already given to my sons Absolam J Williams & Caleb C Williams and daughter Elizabeth J Mixon counting interest on the amount given to each

4th. I give to my son Absalom J Williams all that tract of land deeded to me by John & Martin McMillan except the South forty acres of the Martin McMillan

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Also one Bay mare valued at one hundred & Twenty five dollars
5th I give to my son Caleb C Williams one Sorrel mare valued at one hundred & fifty dollars —
6th I give to my daughter Elizabeth J Mixon One Black Mule valued at one Hundred & forty Eight also the sum of Twelve dollars — (Signed) William G. Williams

A R Christian
Thos C Johnson

Filed Jany 28th 1863.

J A Young

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Mch 2nd 1863

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Wm G Williams dec

This day came on for Probate the instrument heretofore propounded as the last Will of Wm G Williams dec and now here come Caleb C. Williams in his own person and Louisa Williams, Penn Williams & Caroline Williams minor heirs of said deceased by Wm E Clarke Esqr their guardian a Litem who accepts said appointment and Thomas C Johnson and Asa R Christian the subscribing Witnesses being duly sworn in open Court depose & State that they were present on or about the day of the date of said Will & saw said Will Executed by William G. Williams the same being signed by Jacob B Williams at the request of and in the presence of said Testator he being sick at the time: that said Wm G Williams declared the said instrument to be his last Will & testament and requested the said deponents to subscribe the same as Witnesses that they severally signed the same as Witnesses in the presence of said testator & of each other They further depose that said William G Williams was at the time of the Execution of said Will of sane & disposing mind

Signed A R Christian
Thos C. Johnson

and it appearing to the Court that all the next of Kin of said testator have had ten days notice of the time of taking said Probate and it further appears from the foregoing testimony of the attesting witnesses signed by them in open Court that said Will was legally executed by Wm G Williams & published as his last Will and testament It is therefore ordered & decreed that said written instrument so propounded as aforesaid be received established & recorded as the last Will & testament of said Wm G Williams deceased

Jas A Young
Judge &c

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State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term May 16th 1863

Order of Court

Estate of Mrs Elizabeth Lipscomb decd

See Minutes H Page 468

Probate Court Special Term July 9th 1863

Order of Court

Estate of Mrs Elizabeth Lipscomb decd

See Minutes H Page 481.

Will

I Elizabeth Lipscomb of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and constitute this my last Will & testament in manner and form following — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca C Hackworth during her life and then to devolve to the heirs of her body — the following negroes: Andy Emry Abram Julia boy Albert & Emmer also all my household and Kitchen furniture except such articles as I may give and bequeath to others and all my stock of horses, mules — Cattle, hogs — and sheep — and one Carriage and Puggy — Now if my said daughter Rebecca should die without any heir from her own Body — I make this disposition of all the property hereby bequeathed to her; I desire that all the said property with its increase be sold and that an equal division of the proceeds of the same be made to and amongst all the heirs of my deceased husband William C Lipscomb At my death I desire that Mary E. Westbrook take possession of my house servant Maria and her child Andrew and pay over to my said daughter Rebecca C Hackworth such amount of money — as four uninterested men of the neighborhood shall value said negroes at. And provided my said daughter shall die without an heir in before named before she receives the money for these two negroes — this money is to devolve to and be equally divided amongst the heirs of William C Lipscomb.

At my death I desire that my faithful old servant Peggy be set at liberty to live where she desires also that Amy and her boy Moses be sold to the highest bidder and that the proceeds be given to my daughter Rebecca C Hackworth in the same manner and under the same provisions as before named I give and bequeath Senae H Westbrook and William C. Brassfield a feather bed each.

I hereunto affix my name to this my last Will & testament thereby revoking all others: April 3rd 1863

Signed Elizabeth Lipscomb her X mark

attest
S D Smith
W W Gilmore
John W Smith

Filed May 16th 1863.

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term July 9th 1863

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Elizabeth Lipscomb dec'd

This day came on for Probate the instrument in writing heretofore propounded as the last Will & testament of Mrs Elizabeth Lipscomb and it appearing that Mrs Rebecca Hackworth the only heir at Law of said Elizabeth, has had ten days notice of the time & place of taking said probate; And John W Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will being duly sworn in open Court deposes & states "that he wrote said Will at the direction of said Elizabeth, that she signed & published the same in his presence and in the presence of the other witnesses and that he & said other witnesses all subscribed their names thereto at the request of said testatrix and in her presence & in the presence of each other and that said testatrix was at the time of executing said Will which was on or about the day of its date, of sane & disposing mind & memory." John W Smith

Testimony

And upon said testimony subscribed in open Court by said John W Smith It is ordered by the Court that said instrument be received & recorded as the last Will & testament of said Elizabeth Lipscomb deceased, & that letters of Administration be granted thereon

J A Young
Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Jany 1st 1863

Order of Court on filing Will

Estate of Narketa Loftin dec'd

See Minutes H Page 420.

Probate Court August 11th 1863

Order of Court on probate of Will

Estate of Narketa Loftin dec'd

See Minutes H Page 489.

Will
N. Loftin

I Narketa Loftin of Marengo County, State of Alabama do make & ordain this my last Will & testament & dispose of my worldly estate in the following manner.

1st I bequeath to my brother Spencer Loftin my entire Stock of Horses in Ellis County Texas.

2nd I wish & command that my negro boy Mack be sold by private sale on Twelve months Credit & after paying all my just debts the remainder shall be equally divided between my Two Brothers Virgil A Loftin & Spencer Loftin

3rd I do hereby appoint Virgil A Loftin my Executor to execute this my last Will & testament

In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this one thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty one May the Eleventh

Signed Narketa Loftin

Signed, Sealed and declared by the said Narketa Loftin as his last Will & testament in presence of us who in presence of him & of each other have hereto subscribed our names as

Signed Leonard M Hall, Leonard J A Hall

Filed Jany 1st 1863 J A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court August 11th 1863

Estate of Narketa Loftin dec'd

This day came on for Probate the last Will of Narketa Loftin dec'd and Leonard J A Hall one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will who being duly sworn deposes and states that he was present & saw said Narketa Loftin sign Sealed & publish the within Instrument as his last Will & testament and that he & the other witness subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date He further states that said testator was of sane and disposing mind (Signed) L J A Hall

Testimony

And it appearing from the testimony of said Leonard J A Hall subscribed by him in open Court that said Will was duly & legally executed by said Narketa Loftin It is ordered & decreed by the Court that the same be received established & recorded as the last Will & testament of said Narketa Loftin dec'd & that Virgil A Loftin be appointed Executor thereof

J A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Aug 4th 1859

Order of Court on filing Will

Estate of J W Tucker dec'd

See Minutes G. Page 746.

Probate Court Oct Term 1859

Order of Ct on Probate of Will

Estate of J W Tucker dec'd

See Minutes G. Page 765.

Will.

I James W Tucker of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory and being mindful of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make this my last Will & testament.

In the first place: I wish all my property both real & personal property to be kept together & worked for the benefit of my wife & children until the youngest child arrives at sixteen years of age. I then [illegible] my property both real & personal equally [illegible]

among my surviving children or legal heirs at Law.
I wish reserved however for the use and benefit and
support of my wife Martha W Tucker during her natu
ral life Two negro men & one negro woman Slaves
such as she may select out of my personal proper=
ty, and one hundred & Sixty acres of Land of my real
property wherever she may select it and also as
much of my Stock of all kinds Household and
Kitchen Furniture as she may select and at her
death the said property to be equally divided among
my Surviving Children or legal heirs at Law
I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Martha
W Tucker my Executrix to execute & carry out the
provisions of this my last Will and testament
and I hereby authorize her to act as such without requiring
her to give Bond and Security for the faithful perform
ance of her duty And I hereby authorize and invest
her with full power to sell any property real or
personal or to purchase any property for the benefit
of my children and legal Heirs at law. And to make
good and sufficient titles to the same or for the purpose of
paying any debts or legal liabilities It is also my Will
& last testament that whereas I give some years ago a negro
girl to my daughter Francis D J Madison that she pay
over the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars to be equally
divided among my other children and legal heirs at law
which amount I consider the value of said negro girl at
the time I give her to my daughter I hereby invest my
Executrix with full power that in the event that any of
my children should marry before the division of my prop
erty, to give them as much of the household & kitchen
furniture as the other children had when they married
or as much as she may think necessary
Signed Sealed & published on the 27th day of April
A D 1858
In presence of us
A B Hosea
W M Curlin
Signed James W Tucker Seal
Filed

Codicil. I James W Tucker being now sound in mind and
memory & in my proper sense do make this Codicil
to my last Will & testament In the event if my
wife Martha W Tucker should die before my young
est Child arrives at Sixteen years of age then
my will & desire is that my real and personal
property should be divided at her death among
my children and heirs at law according to the pro
visions of the above Will I consider it necessary to
make this change as my wife the said Martha W
Tucker may die before my youngest Child arrives

at Sixteen years of age. and it would then be unnecessary
to keep the property together any longer than she lives
This is the only change I wish to make
Signed Sealed & published on the 16th day of May
A D 1859
In presence of us
A B Hosea
Thos J Skinner
Signed James W Tucker Seal
Filed August 4th 1859 Jas A Young Judge &c

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court October Term A D 1859

In the matter of the
Probate of the last Will &
testament of J W Tucker dec.

This day came on to be heard the Probate
of the Will of J W Tucker dec. and now
this day came H A Woolf guardian ad litem

Testimony

for the minor heirs of said J W Tucker dec. and A B Hosea one of the sub
scribing witnesses to the instrument propounded as the last Will
& testament of J W Tucker and also a subscribing witness to the Codi
cil thereto being first duly sworn & deposes & says That he was
present on the 27th day of April 1858 the day of the date of said
Will & saw Col Jas W Tucker sign said Will and at the request
of said Tucker subscribed his name as a witness in his presence
He further states that he was present at the execution of the Codicil annex
ed on the 16th day of May 1859 the day of the date thereof & saw the
same executed by said James W Tucker & subscribed his name there
to as a witness in the presence of the testator & at his request He fur
ther deposes that both the Will & Codicil are in his witness hand
writing and were read over to or read by said Testator before he
put his signature thereto and that said Testator was at the execution
of said Will & also of Execution of said Codicil of sane & disposing
mind & memory
Signed A B Hosea
And Thomas J Skinner the other subscribing witness to said Codicil being
also duly sworn deposes "that he was present on the day of the date there
of & saw the same executed by said testator & at the request & in the presence
of said testator subscribed his name thereto as a witness He further sta
tes that said testator was at the time of sane & disposing mind & memory
Signed Thos J Skinner
And Wm M Curlin the other subscribing witness to the said Will being also
duly sworn in open Court deposes & says that he was present on the
day of the date of said last Will & saw said testator execute the same &
at the request & in the presence of said testator subscribed his name
thereto as a witness He further says said testator was of sane
mind at the time
Signed W M Curlin
Upon the above testimony said will & codicil is established & ordered
Attest J A Young to be recorded.
Judge of Probate Marengo County

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term Apr 8th 1863

Order of Court on filing Will — Estate of Edward Baptist dec^d — See Minutes H Page 457.

Petition propounding Will. — To the Hon Jas A Young Judge of Probate of the County of Marengo State of Alabama.

Edwd Baptist — The undersigned E. J. C Baptist Widow of Edward Baptist late of said County dec^d shows unto your Honor that the said Edward Baptist departed this life in said County on the 31st day of Mch AD 1863 and that he was at the time of his death a resident of ~~Marengo~~ said County that he left a last Will & testament dated the 5th day of May 1856 witnessed by T. J. Woolf and Winfield Woolf with two Codicils annexed thereto, the first dated the 23rd day of May AD 1856 witnessed by R Augustus Jones & W. F. Terrell and the 2nd dated the 6th day of November AD 1861 witnessed by T. J Woolf & Enos Rogers — That the undersigned & Edward G Baptist are by said Will appointed as Executrix & Executor thereof and that the said Edward G Baptist declines to act as such Executor and has renounced his appointment in writing. The undersigned further shows unto your Honor that the said Edward left him surviving in his own heirs at law, and distributees — his children to wit, Edward G. Baptist who resides in the State of Virginia, Wm H Baptist who is in the Confederate army — in a Surgeon at Fredericksburg in said State of Virginia, Ann Baptist Margaret Hill, and Laura Baptist who reside in said County of Marengo — and Eliza E. Gay — wife of Benjamin C. Gay — that the said Eliza E resides in said County of Marengo — and the said Benjamin C. in the City of Mobile in State of Alabama, and that all of said heirs and distributees are of full age — and the undersigned hereby submits to your Honor the said last Will & testament & Codicils thereto for Probate, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

E. J. C Baptist
By Clark & Terrell heratly

The State of Alabama

Subpoena for T. J Woolf, W Woolf, R. A Jones, W F Terrell, E Rogers — To any Sheriff of the State of Ala greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Thomas J Woolf Winfield Woolf Enos Rogers R A Jones & W F Terrell to be and appear as witnesses before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof in Linden on the Second Monday of May 1863 on the 1st day of said Term from day to day of said Term of Court to testify & give evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court. Intermatter of the Probate of the will of Edward Baptist dec^d

and have you then & there this Writ with your endorsement thereon

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of April AD One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty Three

Jas A Young, Clerk

Endorsement — We hereby acknowledge service of the within May 9th 1863

Wm F. Terrell
Thos J Woolf

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court April Term AD 1863

Citation to Edward G Baptist — To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Edward G Baptist if to be found in your County to be & appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of May 1863 and show cause if any he have why an instrument in writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Edward Baptist dec^d this day propounded for Probate, should not be admitted to record as such last Will &c.

Herein fail not, and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of April 1863

Jas A Young Clerk.

Issued April 8th 1863 — & returned with the following endorsement

Endorsement. — I hereby acknowledge legal service of this Citation Apr 10/63

Signed E. G. Baptist

The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court April Term AD 1863

Citation to Ann Baptist, Laura Baptist, Margaret Hill & E E Gay — To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay to Cite Ann Baptist Laura Baptist, Margaret Hill & Eliza E Gay if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of May 1863 and show cause if any they have why a writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Edward Baptist dec^d propounded this day for probate, should not be admitted to record as such last Will &c.

Herein fail not & have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon.

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of April 1863

Jas A Young Clerk.

Issued 8th day of April 1863

Endorsement. — We hereby acknowledge legal service of this Citation Apr 10 1863

Signed A H Baptist Laura A Baptist Margaret L Hill Eliza E Gay

Citation to Benjn C Gay — The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court April Term AD 1863

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite Benjn C Gay if to be found in your County to be & appear before the

able Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday of May 1863 and show cause if any he have why a writing propounded this day as the last Will & testament of Edward Baptist dec^d. should not be admitted to Record as such last Will &c

Herein fail not & have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of April 1863 Jas A Young Clerk.

Issued 8th day of April 1863

Endorsement. Received in Sheriff's office 18th day of May A.D. 1863 and on the 20th day of May 1863 I served a Copy of the within Citation on Benjn Gay — John H Higley Shff M.C.

By Henry, T. Gaines, D.S.

Will of Rev. E. Baptist

Marengo County
State of Alabama

In the name of God Amen!

I Edward Baptist of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind & memory but advancing in years and considering the uncertainty of human life and the importance of a constant preparation for death in my temporal circumstances as well as my spiritual & eternal Condition do make constitute and ordain this my last Will & testament revoking all others of a previous date

Item first, As our deceased friend Mrs Ann Hickman gave in her Will to all our children then born and living certain negroes and our daughter Laura A M Baptist who was born since, was not included I give and bequeath to my said daughter Laura my negro girl Adeline and her increase on conditions mentioned in Item Eighth & she is not to be included in the final settlement of my Estate Also boy Charles —

Item 2nd. As the negro girl Suckey given by A Hickman dec^d to my daughter Margaret L Baptist died I give & bequeath to her my Mulatto girl Eliza as specified in deed of record and she will not be included in final settlement of my estate

Item 3rd. Should either of the negroes given by A Hickman dec^d die before they pass into the entire possession of my children, Edward, William, or Powhattan or by me to Laura, the place of the deceased shall be supplied by one of equal value out of my estate;

Item 4th. If we should not make the arrangement before my death I wish at my decease and it is my desire by & with the consent of my wife, that all the negroes given by Ann Hickman dec^d to my children & by me to Laura as specific Legacies shall be given up to their full possession Also in addition personal property to the amount of Sixteen hundred dollars at Cash Valuation shall be apportioned to each of my children Ann, Edward

William, Margaret, Powhattan & Laura to make them equal to what I have already advanced to my daughter Eliza Gay over & above her specific Legacy out of said Hickman's reversionary Estate (viz) advanced in cash, Eleven hundred dollars and a Mullatto girl Lucella valued on delivery at five Hundred dollars making in all $1600 —

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife E J C Baptist during her life, & widowhood all the residue of my estate real and personal not devised in the above Items for her support and benefit —

Item 6th. At the death or marriage of my wife, should she marry again my will & desire is that all my Estate real & personal including that of Ann Hickman deceased loaned to her & not previously disposed of shall be equally among our seven Children divided as follows —

In the execution of the powers & authority vested in me by the last Will & testament of Ann Hickman deceased I hereby give and devise the real & personal Estate left by her said last Will & testament and the increase of the female slaves so left by her to my following named children — to wit:

Item 7th. To my three sons Edward, William & Powhatan in fee simple the tract of land on which we now reside estimated at four hundred & Eighty acres — including the reversionary interest of A Hickman dec^d as well as that in my own right to be accounted for on a final settlement at Cash valuation with this proviso, in relation to son Powhatan, that before he shall take possession of his share of the land he shall make a good & lawful title to D F McCrary — for any interest which he may have or claim in the three Eighths, which I have sold & conveyed to said McCrary — I wish it understood that my sons shall be made, including the land, equal to my other children out of my personal Estate or that of A Hickman dec^d —

Item 8th. To my three daughters Ann, Margaret & Laura I give and bequeath the personal Estate left in the Will of A Hickman dec^d. It shall be equally divided among them and should it exceed their due proportion of the whole Estate loaned to my wife then the surplus shall be refunded

This property at Cash valuation I give to them during their life and at their death to their children but should they or either of them die childless, then the property left to such shall revert to my right heirs —

Item 9th. To my friend & neighbor Richard H Adams I give one seventh part of the amount of my whole Estate real & personal including that of A Hickman dec^d loaned to my wife & reverting to my children To him I give it in trust at Cash valuation for the separate and exclusive support and benefit of my daughter Eliza E. Gay formerly Eliza E Baptist for and during her natural life and at her [illegible] to her [illegible]

but in default of Children the same to revert to my right heirs forever. The above legacy in trust shall be taken out of the negroes belonging to me in fee simple they are Armenda Armintaz - Little Mahia - Letty - Candace - Peter - Mat - Matt Juliet - James - Cora - Abner - England - Big Maria - Washington - Archer - out of these negroes my daughter E. Gray legacy in trust shall be taken

Item 10th The residue of my Estate real & personal I wish equally divided among my Children The Lot in Tuscaloosa to be sold & title made to the Purchaser.

Item 11th It is to be distinctly understood that none of the property loaned to my wife in Item 5th shall be enjoyed by my Children until the expiration of her life Estate therein unless she may choose to surrender it

Item 12th I constitute & appoint my wife Executrix and my son Edward G. Baptist an Executor of this my last Will & Testament and desire that they shall not be required to security in taking out Letters Testamentary on my Estate.

Item 13th No interest shall be charged on any advancement made to any of my Children -

In witness whereof I herewith subscribe my name & affix my Seal this fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

In presence of Witness
Jno J Woolf
Winfield Woolf

Edward Baptist [Seal]

Codicil 1. I make and execute this as a Codicil to this my Will according to Item 4th I give to my daughter Margaret L Hall of Lafayette Georgia my male Servant Alfred & female Servant Celia with her future encrease together valued at Sixteen Hundred dollars - They are already deeded to her & to testify this & hereby set my hand and Seal this 23rd day of August A.D. 1856

Witness, Wm F Ferrell
R Augustus Jones

Edward Baptist [Seal]

Codicil 2nd In consequence of the death of my Son Powhatan it becomes necessary for me to dispose of the interest conveyed to him by my foregoing Will which I hereby do as a Codicil thereto I devise & bequeath the Share of my Estate therein given to my said Son to my daughter Ann and to make the Share of my other children in my Estate equal to hers I hereby devise that the Share thereof, conveyed to her in my said Will be equally divided between her my said daughter Ann, my Children Edward William Laura and Margaret and Richard Williams as Trustee for my daughter Eliza the same to be held & enjoyed by each under the same Trusts restrictions and Conditions set forth in my said Will as applicable to Shares of my said Children And I further will & bequeath to my Son Edward according to Item 4th my negro girl Judy & her increase now by Bastian & Sister Jane

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order of Court

The State of Alabama
Tuscaloosa County

In the matter of the Estate of the Will of Edward Baptist dec'd

Probate Court June Term held at the Court House in Tuscaloosa on the 5th Monday & 8th day June A.D. 1863

On this cause coming on to be heard and it appearing that the heirs at law of said Edward Baptist have been duly notified of the time & place of taking the Probate of the Will of said Edward Baptist dec'd and it appearing on this day to be heard and Dr. Winfield Woolf one of the Subscribing Witnesses being first duly sworn deposes & states that he was present on or about the date of said Will saw said Edward Baptist sign & publish said Will as his last Will & Testament & that he & Thos J Woolf the other Witness signed their names at the request & in the presence of the Testator & in the presence of each other & he further states that said testator was at the time of executing the said Will of sound & disposing mind & memory - Signed W Woolf

Testimony

And Thos J Woolf another of said Witnesses being also sworn deposes to the truth of the above stated & sworn to by said Winfield Woolf and further states that he was present & saw said Edward Baptist Executor the 2nd Codicil to said Will hereto annexed and that he & Ezra Rogers the other witness thereto subscribed their names to the same as Witnesses at the Request of the Testator and in his presence & in the presence of each other & he further states that said Edward Baptist was at the time of executing said Codicil of sound & disposing mind & memory

Thos J Woolf

And Dr R J Jones one of the witnesses to the first Codicil to said Will being also duly sworn deposes and states that he was present on or about the 23rd day of August 1856 & saw said Edward Baptist sign & publish the first Codicil to said Will & that he and Wm F Ferrell the other subscribing witness subscribed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of said Testator & in his presence & in the presence of each other Witness further states that said Baptist was at the time of same & disposing mind & memory

R Augustus Jones

And upon the evidence aforesaid subscribed by the said witnesses in Open Court it is considered & ordered that said instruments be & be received established & recorded as the last Will and Testament of said Edward Baptist deceased and that letters testamentary issue thereon

Jas A Young
Judge

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court January 26th 1864

Order of Court. In the matter of the Last Will & testament of O H Prince dec'd — See Minutes H Page 560.

Petition. To the Hon Jas A Young Judge of said Court.

The undersigned respectfully represent unto your Honor that Oliver H Prince late of said County was killed on the 20th day of September AD 1863 at the battle of Chickamauga leaving the paper hereto appended & marked "Exhibit A" as his last Will & testament.

That Wm H Ross one of the witnesses thereto, is a resident of Mobile County in said State but is at this time assistant Chief of supplies or subsistence in the army of Genl B Bragg in Tennessee where he is on duty That Columbus W Lee the other subscribing witness resides in Perry County in said State That the said Oliver H Prince left surviving him a wife Sallie N Prince and three children to wit: Helen L aged about 16 years - Allen Prince aged about years - and Haywood Prince aged about years - all of whom reside together in said Marengo County and the undersigned would pray that proceedings be had in the premises to establish the said paper as the last Will of said O H Prince according to law &c

F S Lyon & S N Prince
By Geo G Lyon atty.

Subpoena. The State of Alabama

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Columbus W Lee if to be found appear before the Honorable the Judge of Our Probate Court at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof in Linden on the 2nd Monday of February 1864 on the 1st day of said Term from day to day of said Term of Court to testify and give evidence in a certain Cause pending in said Court between F S Lyon & S N Prince proponents and the heirs of O H Prince defendants in the matter of the Probate of the Will of said O H Prince on the part & behalf of the said proponents & have you then & there this Writ with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 26th day of January AD one thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty four

Jas A Young, Clerk.

Issued 26th day of January 1864

Endorsement. Received in Shfs office Febry 4th 1864 & Executed Febry 10th 1864

T D Cole Shef
per D A Boyd, D.S.

Citation to Helen L Prince Allen Prince & Haywood Prince. The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court Special Term Jany 26th 1864

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded without delay to cite Helen L Prince Allen Prince & Haywood Prince if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 2nd Monday in February next 1864 and shew cause if any they have why a writing Propounded as the last Will & testament of O H Prince dec'd should not be admitted to record as the said Last Will &c.

Herein fail not & have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 26th day of January AD 1864

J A Young, Clerk.

Endorsement.

Answer of Cdn ad litem. The State of Alabama Marengo County — Probate Court July 4th 1864.

In the matter of the Probate of a writing purporting to be the Will of O H Prince dec'd — In this Cause the undersigned appointed by said Court Guardian Ad litem for the minors named in the petition propounding said pretended Will to defend their interest on the hearing of the same Comes into Court & hereby accepts said appointment & for answer on behalf of said minors says that he denies that said decedent executed said paper as stated in said petition and denies that said paper was ever executed as the last Will & testament of said O H Prince and denies that said Prince was of sane mind at the time of the pretended execution of said Paper & he prays the Court to require strict & legal proof of said facts.

Signed H A Woolf Gon ad litem

Filed July 4th 1864

Will O H Prince. I Oliver H Prince of Marengo County in Alabama do make & publish this my last Will & testament as follows First, I give & bequeath to my wife all of my property & Estate of every kind and description to be held & enjoyed by her so long as she remains my widow and in the event she marries she shall take one third & the other two thirds be equally divided among my children I make this bequest hoping & believing she will never marry and I trust my children to [illegible] but am unwilling that any other man she [illegible]

marry shall have the Control of them
2nd I give my Watch to my son Allen to be delivered to him when he becomes 18 years old –
3rd My Shot Gun I wished filled up with Tallow & wrapped in Tow. Soaked in Tallow & saved for Hay wood until he is large enough to use it
4th I give ~~and bequeath to my wife & my darling Chil dren my love and my blessing & in~~
to my lovely daughter Helen the little Pocket Book & money which belonged to my poor boy Norwood & request her never to spend it also the other little Trinkets which belonged to him –
5th I give and bequeath to my wife & my darling Chil dren my love & my blessing & am sorry I have not been able to leave them more property
As Witness my hand & Seal this 11th day of April 1862
P.S. I leave F S Lyon and my wife my Executors
As Witness my hand & Seal this April 11th 1862
Signed O H Prince Ex
Signed Sealed & Published in presence of us who at the request of the Testator & in presence of each other have hereto signed our names as Witnesses
Wm H Ross
C W Lee

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } Special Term July 4th 1864

Testimony

Before me James A Young Judge of said Court personally came William H Ross who after being by me duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the premises says that he knew Oliver H Prince very well, that the paper hereto appended & marked "Exhibit A" signed by O H Prince is in the handwriting of said Oliver H Prince was written & signed by said Oliver H Prince on the 11th day of April 1862 in the presence of this deponent & one Columbus W Lee that the said Oliver H Prince requested this deponent & said Columbus W Lee to witness the same. in his last Will & testaments which was done on that day & at that time in the presence of said Oliver H Prince & in the presence of each other by signing the same on the left hand side under the certificate under the signature of said Prince when our signatures yet appear That this deponent conversed with the said Oliver H Prince at that time & found him in every way qualified to attend to business and he believes he was as sound in mind as he ever had been in his life & knew perfectly well what he was doing that the said Columbus W Lee saw said Prince sign the said Will and

also saw this deponent sign it as a witness & that he & Lee signed their names thereto as Witnesses in presence of said Prince Signed Wm H Ross
And upon the above Evidence It is ordered & decreed by the Court that said writing so propounded & proved be received established & recorded as the last Will & Testament of O H Prince dec'd
Jas A Young
Judge &c
Probate Court July 4th 1864

Order of Court

In the matter of the last Will of O H Prince dec'd } See minutes H Page 627
J A Young Judge &c

The State of Ala Marengo County
Probate Court, June 6th 1864

Order of Court on filing Will

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Jas Buck dec'd } See minutes H. Page 619

Citation

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } June Term A D 1864.
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are hereby commanded without delay to cite J W Buck, G W Buck, Wm Buck, D Y Buck, Edwin Buck, Thomas J Buck and Martha A Buck, if to be found in your County to be & appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 20th day of June 1864 and contest an alleged Will of Joseph Buck dec'd filed this day by James W Buck, for probate if they think proper Hereinfail not & have you then & there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon
Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of June 1864 Jas A Young Clerk

Endorsement

Received in Shff's office the 7th day of June 1864 & Executed in full on the 8th day of June 1864 Saml E Chapman Shff
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Notice to Guardian ad litem

State of Alabama } To any Sheriff of said State Greeting:
Marengo County }
You are hereby commanded to make known to W M Johnson that he has this day been appointed by order of the Honorable the Probate Court of said County Guardian a litem of J W Buck, G W Buck, D Y Buck, Edwin Buck & Martha A Buck minor heirs of J H Buck dec'd to defend the interest of said minors in a certain cause pending in said Court in the matter of the probate of the Will of said Joseph Buck
Hereinfail not but make due return of this [illegible]

Endorsement

Answer of Guardian ad Litem

Witness Ja^s A Young Judge of said Court at Decatur this 20th day of June A D 1864
Jas A Young Ja Pro
Jackson Ligon Service of the within & accept said appointment
Wm Johnson

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Morgan County } June 20th 1864.

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Buck dec^d } Came the undersigned appointed guardian ad litem of the alleged Will of said deceased by the Honorable the Probate Court of said County. Guardian ad litem for J W Buck G W Buck D H Buck Edwin Buck & Thos A Buck minor heirs of Joseph Buck dec^d to defend their interest on the hearing of an alleged Will of said deceased. Comes & hereby accepts said appointment & for answer on behalf of said minors says: That he denies that said writing was executed by said deceased as his last Will & Testament - That the said Joseph Buck was not of sane & disposing mind & memory at the time of the pretended execution of said writing & prays the Court to require strict and legal proof of the same

Will & Pet^n pray &c
Wm Johnson
Genl Guardian &c

Will Jos^h Buck

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents. That
Morgan County } I Joseph Buck of the County aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory - knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in the following manner namely vizt

Article 1st I will & bequeath to my beloved wife and children all my property both real & personal & all monies & evidences of debt due me to be divided among them according to the laws of Alabama

Article 2nd It is my will that my property be kept together & worked together during the natural life and Widowhood of my wife with the condition that each of my Children shall be entitled to his or her share when they attain their majority

Article 3rd My Executor is hereby empowered & authorized to sell my land on such terms as he may deem best and reinvest the monies in another tract of land for the use of my family whenever in his opinion it shall be beneficial for them to change their home.

Article 4th My Executor is also authorized & empowered to sell any of my personal property that in his opinion may not be necessary for the use of my family on such terms as in his judgment may

Article 5th It is my will that my negro man Ned be sold at the earliest possible day after my death on such terms my Executor may deem best. And if any negro woman should shall desire to go with Ned then she must be sold with him but if she desires to stay with my family she must be permitted to do so.

Article 6th I desire that my children be liberally educated in the English Language & if any of them wish to be taught the Dead or foreign Languages or the higher branches of Mathematics it is my will that the same be paid for by my Executor out of the proceeds of my Estate.

Article 7th I hereby appoint my beloved brother James M Buck Executor of this my last Will & Testament

Given under my hand this the 14th day of May A D 1864 Signed Joseph Buck

Witness
W B Medawell
Saml E Chapman

Testimony

In the matter of the Probate of the said Will & Testament of Joseph Buck dec^d } Probate Court Morgan County Alabama held the 20th day of June 1864

The testimony of W B Medawell & Samuel E Chapman the subscribing witnesses to the Will of Joseph Buck deceased taken in open Court on the 3rd Monday & 20th day of June 1864 who being first duly sworn deposes & state that they were present on the 14th day of May 1864 and saw said Joseph Buck sign & publish said Will as his last Will & Testament, that they severally subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other They further state that said Testator was of sound mind at the time he executed said Will

Sworn to before me in open Court June 20th 1864 Ja^s A Young Judge &c

Saml E Chapman
W B Medawell

The State of Alabama Morgan County Probate Court June 20/64

Estate of Joseph Buck dec^d } See Minutes H Page 622.

Ja^s A Young Judge &c

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court May 23rd 1864 –

Order on filing Will

Estate of Sarah M Harwell dec

See Minutes H Page 610.

Petition propounding Will

The State of Alabama Marengo County

To the Honorable James A Young Judge of Probate Court of said County

The undersigned, respectfully represents unto your Honor that Mrs Sarah Harwell late of said County, departed this life at Demopolis in said County on the day of March 1864 leaving the paper hereto appended as her last Will & testament attested by S M Torbert J J Hall & T G Cornish as witnesses who all reside in said County. That the said Sarah Harwell, left seven Children and grand children surviving her who are her next of kin & heirs at law. viz; Mark W Harwell, who is named in said paper as her Executor and who resides in Falls County in the State of Texas. Sarah E Lee wife of J Backman Lee, of Kechi County of State of Texas Robert R Harwell, of Clarke County State of Alabama who is now in the Confederate Army – Ishmael S. Harwell of Marengo County in said State of Alabama & who is now in the Confederate Army – Edward W Harwell her grandson & who is the son of Edward Harwell deceased of Clarke County in said State of Alabama & who is now in the Confederate Army – The undersigned Evelina T Henley of Marengo County in said State of Alabama of whom are over (21) Twenty one years of age and also her grand son Robert R Alston, who was the Child of her late daughter Harriet H Alston dec^d and who is about 15 years of age and is supposed to be in the Confederate Army – And the undersigned would further state that the said Mark W Harwell who is named as the Executor of said Will is now in the State of Texas and the thinks cannot conveniently come to this County to administer the said Estate & she therefore prays that such step be taken as is necessary to admit the said paper to Probate and appoint an Administrator with said Will annexed according to law in such cases made & provided

Signed Evelina T Henley

Answer of Gon ad litem

State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Special Term June 16th 1864

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Mrs Sarah M Harwell dec^d

To the Hon James A Young Judge of Probate of said County

The undersigned appointed by your Honor guardian ad litem of Robert T Alston et als minor heirs of Sarah M Harwell dec^d

to represent them in the matter of the Probate of the will of said deceased – hereby comes & waiving legal notice accepts said appointment & for answer says that he denies that Mrs Harwell made a last Will & testament & prays the Court to require strict & legal proof of the same – & will

Ever pray &c.
Wm Johnson Gon ad litem
for R T Alston Et als –

Will

In the name of God, Amen;

I Sarah M Harwell of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound health & disposing mind, memory & understanding and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs whilst I have the capacity & strength to do so, do hereby make & publish this my last Will & testament hereby revoking & annulling all wills & codicils by me heretofore made. And first & principally I commit my soul to God who gave it with a firm reliance on the merits of Christ who redeemed it, and my body to the Earth from whence it came will a full assurance of a glorious resurrection at the last day – And as to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to entrust to me a disposal of the same as follows – to wit

Firstly: I direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named as soon after my death as it can be done without the sale of any of my slaves –

Secondly – I give and bequeath unto my grandson Edward William Harwell, for and during the term of his natural life and should he die leaving issue, living at the time of his death then from and after his death to his issue living, a certain negro girl slave named Clarissa aged about nineteen years & her increase but if the said Edward William Harwell shall die without leaving issue living at the time of his death then I bequeath said slave & her increase from and after his death to my children Mark W Harwell Evelina T Henley – Robert R Harwell, Sarah E Lee and Ishmael S Harwell to be equally divided among them

Thirdly: I give & bequeath unto my grandson Robert Harwell Alston, for and during the term of his natural life & should he leave issue living at the time of his death, then from & after his death to the issue of his body living at the time of his death a certain negro girl named Adaline and her increase, aged about fifteen years but if the said Robert Harwell Alston shall die without leaving issue living at the time of his death then I give & bequeath the said girl Adaline & her increase from & after his death to my children Mark W Harwell, Evelina T Henley Sarah E Lee, Robert R Harwell and Ishmael S Harwell, to be equally divided between them

But should the said slaves to wit, the girl Clarissa hereinbefore bequeathed to my grandson Edward William

Harwell, and Adeline bequeathed to my grand son Robert Harwell Alston, either or both of them die before a final distribution of my property among the heirs and distributees under this will I desire and direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall replace them or either of them by allotting to the said Edward William Harwell or the said Robert Harwell Alston or to both of them as the Case may be, one of my other female slaves or two as the Case may be, who shall be of Equal value with the said Clarissa or the said Adaline at the time of their death

Fourthly; I will & bequeath all the rest of my property to be divided into five Equal Shares and to be disposed of as hereinafter directed to wit; To my daughter Evalina T. Henley I will & bequeath one fifth of said property to be used enjoyed & disposed of as to her may seem best. but should I survive my said daughter Evalina T. Henley I will & bequeath the share designed for my said daughter to be equally divided among any issue that she may leave at the time of her death To my daughter Sarah E Lee I also will & bequeath one fifth of said property, for & during the term of her natural life to be to her sole & separate use and to be free from the debts & control of her present or any future husband and at her death to her child or children to be equally divided among said children if more than one survive her. But should I survive my said daughter Sarah E Lee, then I desire that any issue she may leave shall take share intended for her or their Mother to be equally divided among them if more than one survive I also will & bequeath to the lawful issue of my children Mark W. Harwell, Robert R Harwell, and Ishmael S Harwell, living at the time of my death or that may be born to my said Children after my death to the issue of each of said Children one fifth of said property, to be equally divided among said issue—

Fifthly; And now in order that this my last will & testament may be the better understood and my wishes more clearly set forth, I desire & intend by the foregoing provisions of this my said will to bequeath to my grandson Edward William Harwell the girl Clarissa with her increase and to my grandson Robert Harwell Alston the girl Adaline with her increase each of Slaves to be replaced in case of their death by a female Slave of equal value as before mentioned and the balance of

my property, to be equally divided between Evalina T. Henley, Sarah E Lee, the lawful issue of M. W. Harwell, the lawful issue of Robert R Harwell and the lawful issue of Ishmael S Harwell subject to the Conditions hereinbefore written but I desire it distinctly understood that in no event shall my grand son, Edward William Harwell, receive more than the said girl Clarissa with her increase to be replaced in case of death in manner hereinbefore described nor my grandson Robert Harwell Alston receive more than the girl Adaline with her increase to be replaced in case of death as before described

Sixthly, I nominate & appoint my son Mark W. Harwell, the Executor of this my last Will & testament & earnestly desire him to accept said appointment

Signed, Sealed & published on this the 4th day of March A.D. 1861 by the said Sarah M Harwell as & for her last Will & testament who at her request, in her presence & in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses (Signed) S M Torbert J G Hall, T G Cornish

Signed Sarah M Harwell

Testimony

In the matter of the Will of Mrs W M Harwell dec

Probate Court Marengo County June 18th 1864

The Testimony of Sydney M Torbert one of the subscribing witnesses to said will taken in open Court, on the 18th day of June 1864, who having been first duly sworn deposes & states that "He was present on the 4th day of March 1861 the day said Will bears date and saw Mrs Sarah M Harwell sign & publish the same as her last Will & testament and that he, T G Cornish & John G Hall the other ~~subscribing~~ witnesses subscribed their names as witnesses to said will at the request & in the presence of said Sarah M Harwell & in the presence of each other. He further states that said Sarah M Harwell was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time she executed said will signed S M Torbert.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in open Court June 18th 1864

Jas A Young Judge of Probate Marengo Co

Order on Probate of Will

Probate Court June 18th 1864

Estate of Sarah M Harwell dec

See minutes H Page 621

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Last Will & testament of Jno A Meade

In the name of God Amen: I John A Meade of the County of Dinwiddie do make this my last Will and testament

First I wish my just debts paid

The balance of my Estate of every kind I wish kept together for the support of my family & the education of my children I wish my Executrix to have the full power & control of my estate, to sell, exchange, or dispose of any part of it in any way that she may think is to the benefit of my Estate In the event of my wife's marriage, I wish my Executrix to be control my Estate, as that her husband shall have nothing to do with it, unless my Executrix shall think it best for my Estate In case of the marriage of my wife I wish her to consult her brothers as to the disposition of my estate & their advice shall be binding on my Executrix I also wish my Estate not to be divided until my youngest child arrive at the age of Twenty One, then to be equally divided among them, giving my wife if not married her third, if it be enough to support her, otherwise to be continued kept together until there be enough to support her. by taking the third, if married to be equally divided among my living children. My wish and desire that if any of my children should die before the time appointed for a division and without issue living the share or shares of such deceased child or children shall be divided among the surviving brothers & sisters and their issue in the same way as if such deceased child or children had never lived In case of the death of my wife I wish Edward R Turnbull or Robert D Turnbull to qualify as their guardian without giving security I appoint my wife Jane E Meade Executrix of this my will and desire that she be allowed to qualify without giving security In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty Seventh day of January Eighteen Hundred and forty four.

John A Meade Seal

Order of Court.

At a County Court held for the County of Dinwiddie on the 20th day of July 1863.

This last will & testament of John A Meade dec^d bearing date the 27th of January 1844 was this day produced in Court & offered for proof and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, Wm Turnbull and Robert D Stone being duly sworn deposed and said that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the Testator and they verily believe the will & signature thereto to be wholly written by the Testator and thereupon it was ordered to be recorded as the true last will & testament of Jno A Meade dec^d, And on motion of Jane E Meade the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto, and entered into and acknowledged Bond in the penalty of 30,000 Conditioned according to law without security (the will requiring none) certificate is granted her to receive probate of said will in due form.

Test C A Hargrave Clerk

I Charles A Hargrave Clerk of Dinwiddie County Court do hereby certify, that the foregoing Copy of the will of John A Meade deceased is a true transcript from the records of my office

Dinwiddie Seal

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my said Court this 24th day of December 1863 and in the 88th year of the Commonwealth

Charles A Hargrave Clerk
Dinwiddie County Court

I William Turnbull Presiding Justice of Dinwiddie County Court do hereby certify that Charles A Hargrave Clerk of my said Court whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate is & was at the time of signing the same the Clerk of said Court duly Elected & qualified and that full faith & credit are due & should be given to all of his official acts.

Given under my hand this 24th day of December 1863

Signed William Turnbull Presiding Justice Dinwiddie County

Court of Dinwiddie Will

Estate of David Pence dec^d

See Minutes H Page 536.

Will

In the name of God: Amen I David Pence of Marengo County State of Alabama, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and execute this my last Will & Testament to wit:

First: I will that all my funeral Expenses & just debts be paid by my Executrix hereinafter appointed

Second: I will & bequeath unto my youngest son James D E Pence such a portion of my Estate as shall be equal in value when he shall have attained to twenty one years of age, to the value of the separate Estate of each of my other three children which they have or may hereafter inherit through their mother valuing their separate Estate at its real value when they respectively arrive at twenty one years of age

Third: I will, devise and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Ann Pence, one third part of my Estate during her natural life

Fourth. I will devise and bequeath also to my wife Sarah Ann Pence and to her heirs and assigns forever one fifth part of all my Estate to have and to hold forever.

Fifth: After the above devises to my wife and Son James D E. shall have been delivered to them out of my Estate I will that the remainder of my Estate be equally divided among my four children

Sixth: I will that in the event of the death of my child James D E before his majority my wife Sarah

Ann shall inherit forever that portion of my estate hereinbefore given to my said Son James D.E.

Seventh: I will to my son James D.E. Pence my gold Watch and in the event of his death before he arrives at twenty one years of age without Children I will said watch to my son Charles Pence.

Eighth: It is my will that my Estate be kept together and my plantation now owned or that may be bought hereafter shall be kept up and cultivated until my son James D.E. shall become twenty one years of age This to be done under the management and control of my Executrix hereinafter named

Ninth: It is my will, that my wife Sarah Ann as Executrix of this my will, and she is hereby authorized and empowered at any time after my death, to sell any portion or all of my estate real or personal on such terms as she shall deem best to the interest of my Estate and invest the proceeds in other property or loan the same out at interest as she may deem best giving her full and ample power and discretion in the premises —

Tenth: I hereby appoint my wife Sarah Ann Pence Executrix of this my last Will & testament, and request that the Court shall not require any bond of her for her performance of the duties of Executrix Given under my hand & Seal this 17th day of November AD 1863 "The words "she" interlined before signing

Witnesses J D Porter (Signed) David Pence (Seal)
J D Moore

Filed Dcr 21st 1863
J A Young Judge &c.

Testimony

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court. Held 25th January 1864

Estate of David Pence dec

The testimony of J D Porter and J D Moore the subscribing witnesses to the instrument heretofore propounded as the last Will of David Pence deceased, who after being first duly sworn depose & say that the were present on or about the 17th day of November 1863 the day that said will bears date, and saw said David Pence sign & publish said written instrument as his last Will and testament, that they severally subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at the request & in the presence of said testator & in the presence of each other They further say that said Pence was of sane & disposing mind at the time he executed said Will

Signed J D Porter
J D Moore

Order on Probate of Will

Estate of David Pence dec

See Minutes H Page 565.

Order on filing Will

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court Nov Term AD 1863

Estate of Wm H Watkins dec

See Minutes "H" Page 523-

Citation

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court Nov Term AD 1863.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded without delay to Cite W A Wright & his wife Helen Wright, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 3rd Monday of December 1863 and contest, if they think proper, an alleged Will of Wm H Watkins deceased propounded for Probate by H W Hatch.

Herein fail not, and have you then & there, this Citation, with your endorsement thereon.

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office, this 9th day of Novr 1863 —

Jas A Young, Clerk

"Endorsed"

Received in Sheriff office 15th day of Novr AD 1863 "
J P Ronton Shff."

"Executed Nov 30th 1863 J P Ronton Shff."

The State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court Nov Term AD 1863

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, without delay, to Cite, Reuben Ackett & Jemima Ackett his wife, James D Watkins and Watt Henderson, if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court, at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo, on the 2nd Monday of February 1864 and contest an alleged will of W H Watkins deceased, propounded by H W Hatch for Probate if they think proper.

Herein fail not and have you then and there this Citation, with your endorsement thereon

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 9th day of Nov AD 1863. J A Young, Clerk

Endorsed "Executed on Reuben Ackett & wife & W B Henderson for Watt Henderson & J D Watkins"

Saml E. Chapman Shff.
By Will J Parker Dpt Shff

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will & testament of W H Watkins dec

See Minutes H Pages 535, 5[illegible]

"Will"

State of Alabama
Marengo County

In the name of God: Amen;
I Wm H Watkins of the State & County afore said being of sound mind & memory do make & ordain & publish this to be my last Will & testament in manner and form as follows
Item 1st: It is my will that all my just debts be first paid
Item 2nd: I Will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Pattie J Watkins and to the lawful heirs of her body all my right, title, claim or interest in any property that I may possess - or have any interest or claims upon Either divided or undivided, which are or may be of right my own Either by Inheritance or purchase both real and personal.
Item 3rd: I hereby appoint my friend H W Hatch to be my Executor to this my last Will & testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 22nd day of March A.D. 1862.
In presence of (Signed) Wm H Watkins Ex'd
S J Threadgill
T A Robinson
J P Agee

Testimony

Probate Court, Marengo County
March Term A.D. 1862

Estate of
Wm H Watkins dec'd

Testimony of T A Robinson one of the subscribing witnesses to said will being first sworn in open Court deposes & states that he was present on the day said Will bears date & saw said Wm H Watkins sign & publish said instrument as his last will & testament in the presence of deponent, and S J Threadgill & J P Agee the other subscribing witnesses to said will and that he & the other witnesses signed their names as witnesses to said Will in the presence & at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other Witness further states that said testator was of sane & disposing mind at the time he Executed said Will
Signed T A Robinson

The State of Ala Marengo Cty
Probate Court Mch Term A.D. 1862

Estate of
Wm H Watkins dec'd

See Minutes "H" Page 591

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court January 27th A.D. 1864

Order on filing Will

Estate of
J C Goodwyn dec'd

See Minutes H Page 563.

Citation:

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court
Jany Term A.D. 1864

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are hereby commanded, without delay to Cite Elizabeth A Goodwyn Tabitha Goodwyn & E G Fortner if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a Court to be holden in Linden, for the County of Marengo on the 3rd Monday of February 1864 and contest if they think proper the probate of a certain writing propounded by Mary F Goodwyn, as the last Will & testament of John C Goodwyn dec'd;
Herein fail not and have you then & there this Citation with your endorsement thereon.
Witness James A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 29th day Jany 1864.
J A Young Clerk
"Indorsed" Executed in full
S E Chapman Shff by Will F Parker D.S.

Subpoena

The State of Alabama
To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to Summon Lewis W Reeves to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof in Linden on the 3rd Monday of February 1864 and on the 1st day of said Term, from day to day of said Term of Court to testify & give Evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court between Mary F Goodwyn plaintiff & E G Fortner Evals defendants in the matter of the last will & testament of Jno C Goodwyn dec'd, on the part & behalf of said plaintiff & have you then & there this Writ with your endorsement thereon
Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at Office this 29th day of January AD One thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty four
Jno A Young Clerk
"Endorsed" Executed Febry 9th 1864 S E Chapman Shff
by Will F Parker D.S.

Answer of Gdn ad Litem

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of John C Goodwyn dec'd

Pending in the Probate Court of Marengo County State of Alabama April 11th A.D. 1864

The undersigned appointed by said Court Guardian ad litem for Elizabeth G Fortner a minor heir at law of said Estate, to defend her interest on the trial of the above case Comes and ~~hereby accepts~~ said appointment & for answer on behalf of said minor says that he denies that said paper is the last will & testament of said J C Goodwyn

and prays the Court, to require Such legal proof of the same
As Wolf Gen'l Custom &c.

Will

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Know all men by these presents that I John C Goodwyn of the State & County aforesaid being duly impressed with the uncertainty of life and having become a Soldier in the Confederate Service for and during the present War. do make and publish this my last Will and testament. thereby revoking all Wills heretofore made by me.

Sec 1st I give and bequeath to my Mother Elizabeth Goodwyn all my property of every description for and during her natural life and at her death to be divided between my Sister Bettie A. Tabitha A. and Mary F Goodwyn share and share alike

Sec 2nd I appoint my Sister Mary F Goodwyn the Executrix of this my Will and direct that she shall enter into no execution without security to her bond.

Witness my hand and Seal. this the 16th day of April AD Eighteen hundred and Sixty two

Signed John C Goodwyn Seal

Test Levi W Reeves
R J Chambers

The State of Ala Marengo County
Probate Court April Term 1862

Est Jno C Goodwyn
dec'd

See Minute A Page

Testimony

Testimony of Lt Reeves one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will, who having been first duly Sworn in open Court deposes and states - that he was present and saw said Jno C Goodwyn sign and publish said instrument as his last Will and testament, that he and Robert J Chambers the other witness signed their names thereto as Witness - at the Request of said Testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other. He further states that said testator was of sane mind at the time. He further states that R J Chambers the other witness is dead

Subscribed before me
April 11th 1862 J Young Jr Prob

(Signed) Lt Reeves

Order on filing Will

The State of Ala Marengo County
Probate Court February 20th 1864

Estate of
S Wheeler dec'd

See Minute 26 Page 579

Petition Conforming Will

The State of Ala
Marengo County

Probate Court.

To the Hon Jas A Young Judge of said Court

The undersigned would respectfully represent unto your Honor that Simeon Wheeler late of said County departed this life at Demopolis on the 11th day of February A D 1864 leaving your petitioner, Anna H Wheeler as his widow and sole surviving heir. That the said Simeon Wheeler left the paper herein appended marked "Exhibit A" as his last Will and testament. which is prayed to be taken as a part of this petition and that the said paper is witnessed by Levi W. Lawler of County in said State and W Baker of County in said State. That the said Simeon Wheeler has two half Sisters Children of his Father supposed to be living viz: Mr Hannah Corbin the wife of Austin Corbin of Davenport State of Iowa and Mrs Lucy Stephen wife of Stephens of the State of Wisconsin in the United States of America who are his next of kin And your petitioner prays that such orders may be made and steps be taken to establish the said paper as the Last Will and testament of said Simeon Wheeler as the Law directs, as in duty bound &c. (Signed) Anna Wheeler

The State of Alabama.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

Subpoena

You are hereby commanded to summon W L Baker to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge of our Probate Court at the Court to be holden for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof in Linden on the Second Monday of April 1862 on the 1st Day of said term from day to day of said term of Court to testify by sworn evidence in a certain Cause pending in said Court between Anna Wheeler Plaintiff and the Heirs of S Wheeler defendants on the part and behalf of said Plaintiff and have you then & there this writ with your endorsement thereon

Witness Jas A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of March A D one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four J A Young, Clerk

Endorsed "Received March 10th 1864 and executed March 31st 1864 John N Wright Sh'ff By Leonidas Eldon D

Subpoena

The State of Alabama

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Levi W Lawler to be and appear before the Honorable the Judge

Probate Court, at a Court to be holdent for the County of Marengo at the Court House thereof in Linden on the Second Monday of April 1864. on the 1st day of said term and from day to day of said term of Court to testify and give evidence in a certain cause pending in said Court between Mrs A Wheeler Plaintiff and the Heirs of S Wheeler Defendants on the part and behalf of said plaintiff about the Probate of the Will of S Wheeler decd. and have you then and then this writ with your endorsement thereon

Witness J A Young Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of March A D one thousand Eight hundred & Sixty four

J A Young Clerk

Endorsed. "Recd in office & Executed

Nick 23rd 1864. J C Henderson Shff

Will

I Simeon Wheeler of Demopolis Marengo County in the State of Alabama do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

First I direct all my just debts to be paid

Second, All the rest and residue of my Estate of every kind and description whether real personal or mixed and wherever situated, I give bequeath, and devise to my dearly beloved Wife Anna Wheeler to her and to her heirs forever

Third, I appoint my beloved wife Anna Wheeler sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament and Exempt her from giving bond

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 25th day of January eighteen hundred & Sixty one

(Signed) S Wheeler Seal

The above writing was signed in our presence by the Testator S Wheeler as and for his last Will and testament and we hereunto subscribe our names as Witnesses in his presence and at his request Signed Levi W Lawler

W L Baker

Commission to R Tuller & T A Hamilton

The State of Alabama

To Rush Tuller Thomas A Hamilton Esqr.

We reposing full confidence in your prudence & fidelity have appointed you & each of you Commissioners to take the testimony of Levi W Lawler & W L Baker to be read on the trial of a certain cause pending in the Probate Court for the County of Marengo. In the matter of the Probate of the last Will & testament of Simeon Wheeler, late of said County deceased

We therefore hereby authorize & require you or any one or more of you, that you cause the said Levi W Lawler & W L Baker to come before you or any one or more of you at such time & place as you may appoint for the purpose and after causing them to be duly sworn as witnesses in said cause that you then & then proceed to take their examination & continue from day to day until the same be completed and the said examination reduce into writing, read to, and cause to be signed by the witnesses and certify the same to us under the hand & seal of such of you as may take the same; and the said examination so taken on oath & certified as aforesaid, and this Commission you will then Close up & seal & direct, and transmit the same to the Clerk of our said Court with all condiment speed

Witness James A Young Judge of said Court at office this 12th day of April A D Eighteen hundred & Sixty four

Jas A Young Judge

Interrogatories

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court

Interrogatories to be propounded to Levi W Lawler & W L Baker the answers to which are to be used on the hearing of the cause pending in the Probate Court of said County in the matter of the Probate of the paper hereto appended, purporting to be the last will & testament of Simeon Wheeler late of said County deceased

Int 1st. Were you acquainted with Simeon Wheeler in his life time ry so how long did you know him; Is he living or dead and if dead when did he die & where?

Int 2nd. Look upon the paper hereto appended marked "Exhibit A" and say whether you ever saw it before if yea when & where did you first see it, who wrote it; Did you or not see Col Simeon Wheeler sign it and did you not sign it as a witness and if so at whose request and in whose presence who else signed it as a witness — Did all the parties sign it in the presence of each other, Where was it signed at —

Int 3rd What was the condition of Col Wheeler mind at the time he Executed this paper. What was the condition of his health at that time?

(signed) Lyon atty for Petitioner

Testimony

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

By virtue of the Commission hereto appended issued from the office of the Probate Court of and for the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama to me and Rush Tuller or either of us directed I have this first day of June A D 1864. caused and cabled William L Baker to come before me, at his residence in said County of Mobile for the purpose of taking his deposition to be used in evidence in a certain cause pending in said probate Court towit In the matter of the probate of a paper purporting to be the last Will & testament of Simeon Wheeler late of said County of Marengo deceased. And the said Wm L Baker being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth in the premises to the Interrogatories to him propounded and which are hereto attached answer and says

To the first Interrogatory he answers and says — He was acquainted with Simeon Wheeler in his life time. He knew him well and knew him for several years — probably as many as six or eight years — Said Simeon Wheeler is not now living — he is dead. Witness understood he was killed at Demopolis & thinks it was early in the year 1864

To the Second Interrogatory Witness answers & says — He is [illegible]

at the paper referred to in the Interrogatory marked exhibit A. He has seen it before. He saw it in the office of Baker, Lawler & Co. in the City of Mobile where Col Wheeler wrote it at the time it was written. This was as witness believes on the day the paper bears date viz the twenty fifth day of January A.D. 1861. Col Wheeler wrote the said paper himself. Witness saw Col. Simeon Wheeler sign his name to the said paper. Witness signed it as witness at his the said Simeon Wheeler's request & in his presence. Levi W. Lawler also signed it as a witness. Said Lawler & witness both signed the will in the presence of Col Simeon Wheeler & witness believes the parties all signed it in the presence of each other. Name signed in the office of Baker & Lawler & Co. in the City of Mobile.

To the Third Interrogatory the witness answers & says that Col Simeon Wheeler was in good health of body & mind at the time he executed the said paper. Col Wheeler told this witness before reading the will that he was going to write his will & took the paper & wrote it & it was then executed. Col Wheeler at the time was perfectly aware of what he was doing & was entirely himself in all respects.

Signed W. L. Beckett

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 1st day of June A.D. 1864

Signed Thomas A. Hamilton Commissioner

And I Thomas A. Hamilton Commissioner as aforesaid hereby further certify that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of said witness, that the foregoing deposition was taken by me at the time & place & in the manner set forth in the caption, that the said witness was duly sworn & that he testified as it is hereinbefore set down, that his testimony was by me reduced to writing as speedily as practicable in the language of the witness, that he subscribed his name to his testimony in my presence after the same had been first read over to him by me & by him approved. I further certify that upon inquiry I have not been able to find the other witness (Levi W. Lawler) in the City of Mobile & I am satisfied he is not either in this City or County of Mobile. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal as Commissioner aforesaid at Mobile this first day of June A.D. 1864 (Signed) Thos A. Hamilton Jr. Commissioner

The State of Ala. Marengo County
Probate Court. July 4th 1864.

Estate of Simeon Wheeler dec'd. See Minutes H. Page 629.

Order on filing Will

Petition

The State of Alabama Marengo County
Probate Court. May 28th 1864

Estate of John McKinney dec'd. See Minutes H. Page 614

The State of Alabama Marengo County. To Thaddeus Jones Probate Judge of the County Court of Probate of said County.

The petition of Charles Doby and Henry A. Wood respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late Daniel McKinney who was an Inhabitant of this County departed this life on the day of May A.D. 1864 having a last Will & Testament duly signed & published by him and attested by W. M. Johnson, S. Matlock & W. H. Grayson as Witness, in which your petitioners do this verily believe are named as Executors thereof, which said Will is herewith produced to your Honor and is proposed for Probate and record in this Court.

Your petitioners further state that all of the next of kin of decedent known to your petitioners are as follows, to wit!

1st Zachariah McKinney a brother of full age sane mind & residing in the State of South Carolina

2nd Ann Brown a sister (living) of full age sane mind and resident (of living) in the State of South Carolina and of the deceased leaving children or their descendants their names age and residences are unknown to petitioners

3rd The children of Benjamin McKinney dec'd who was a brother of said testator, to wit, Amelia Adams wife of Martin Adams of Macon County, Georgia, William McKinney of Wilcox County Georgia, D. J. McKinney of Houston County Georgia, John McKinney, Benjamin McKinney and Peter McKinney all of full age residing in Pulaski County Georgia all said parties of full age & sane mind and the children of Zachariah McKinney dec'd who was a son of the said Benjamin McKinney dec'd residing in the State of Georgia whose names & ages are unknown to your petitioners.

4th The children of Darcus Brown dec'd who was a sister of said Testator but the number ages or residences of said children or their descendants are unknown to your petitioners

5th The children of Henry Spinkley dec'd who was a sister of said Testator but the number ages or residences of said children or the descendants of such as may be dead are unknown to your petitioners.

6th Wm McKinney if living is brother of testator & if he be dead his children or descendants of children but your petitioners all ignorant as to the boys residences or names of said parties and do not know the residences of said William or of his children

7th The children of Frances McCoy dec'd who was a sister of testator, to wit Nancy Jackson

Mary E Yaples Martha A Dawson and John B McEvoy all of lawful age heirs and next of kin of the said deceased and your petitioners do not know of any other heirs or next of kin of said deceased

Wherefore your petitioners pray that the last will and testament of said deceased may be admitted to record and that letters testamentary may be issued to your petitioners as executors thereof and that they may be allowed to qualify as such executors and that they may be authorized to sell the personal property of said estate and to collect the debts due said estate and to do all other things necessary to be done in the premises and your petitioners will ever pray &c

Geo W Wood
Chas Irby

The State of Alabama } In Probate Court
Marengo County } June Term A.D. 1864

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama Greeting

You are hereby commanded Without delay to cite John B McEvoy if to be found in your County to be and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court at a court to be Holden in Linden for the County of Marengo on the 1st Monday in July 1864 and Show Cause if any he have why an alleged Will of B M McKinney &c propounded by G W Wood & Chas Irby should not be admitted to Record &c

Herein fail not and have then and there this Citation with your endorsements thereon

Witness J A Young Clerk of said court at office this 4th day of June 1864 and in the year of the Independence of the United States

J A Young Judge
J.

The State of Alabama } In Probate Court
Marengo County } July (4) Term 1864
Estate of } In the Matter of the Probate
B Mc McKinney } of the last Will and testament
Dec'd } of Bunel McKinney deceased

George A Lyon having been appointed the Guardian ad litem of the unknown heirs names in the petition propounded

the said Paper executed on 1st day of May 1864 as the last Will of the said Bunel McKinney Comes and accepts the appointment and for answer says that the said paper was not executed by said Bunel McKinney as set forth in said petition and that it is not his last Will and testament and moves the Court that petitioner may be required to make strict proof of all the facts set forth in their said petition

George A Lyon
Guardian
ad litem

In the name of God! Amen

I Bunel McKinney of the County of Marengo in the State Alabama being of sane and disposing Mind and memory do make this my last Will and testament in words following viz. Whereas a suit in Equity was instituted against me for a large amount of the property now owned by me by the administrator of Newin Cox for the benefit of Mrs McEvoy and others in the Circuit Court of said County in which suit or suits a judgment has been rendered against me which said suit or suits has been removed by the Chancery Court held for said County on a bill filed by me against the said administrator and Mrs McEvoy and others and in which Chancery suit a decree has been rendered as I am informed in my favor Whereas it is my desire and intension to litigate during my life and have litigated after death the claims aforesaid and by all manner of means to the laws of my County defeat a recovery of the property in said suit as aforesaid now therefore with a view to carry out my just intentions First I do nominate my friend Dr Lyon my friend Doctor Charles Irby and Henry A Wood my executors to execute my Will and intentions as herein more particularly set forth Second it is my will that my executors immediately after my death take possession of all of my estate whether real personal or mixed and keep the same together and continue to work the same as nearly in manner as I have kept and worked the same during my life as can be done until such proceedings have elapsed as shall render it wholly unprofitable that the said aforesaid can be removed or in any manner prosecuted Third it is my Will and I do hereby impose upon my executors that they resist a recovery of the said administrator Newin Cox McCox and others to the very last for the purpose of which I give them to do so I hereby vest in them full and ample power to apply any and all the proceeds of my said estate both real and personal of the same to be used for that purpose Fourth the testimony of my Will that when in the opinion of my

of sound and able legal counsel there is no doubt in my mind to believe that the said Administrator of said Estate or Wm W Cowan or any other person or persons on account of them can or will prosecute their claim against my estate or to recover any part thereof the or my executors shall cause my whole estate, except that part specifically disposed of) to be devided into three parts and shall deliver one half or half thereof to my brother Zachariah McKinney if he be living. and when he dies or if he be dead then two thirds of said half of my estate shall be delivered to my nephew James C McKinney the only son of the said Zachariah McKinney. and the daughters of my said brother shall receive the remaining third of said half of my estate— and it is further my will that my executors shall deliver the other half of Estate, except that herein after specifically disposed of as above said) to my nephew John McCoy

Fifth. Further my Will and I hereby bequeath to my nieces Harriet Maury and Catharine sisters of the said John McCoy one fourth of my estate according to valuation at the division exclusive of the specific legacies hereinafter named and set fourth said fourth of my estate to be made up in negroes my slaves as have no connection on my plantation, and in Money or hand. proceeds of sale of personal or personable property on the breaking up of my plantation any of either of them should die without Children then her or theirs shall go to the survivor or survivors—

Sixth. For the purpose of clothing my said executors with full and authority to carry out and execute my intentions as herein before expressed and declared I do further bequeath and devise my estate above named to the said Charles Tooley & Henry Woolf my said executors in first after pay my just debts. and delivering the specific legacies hereinafter named. to carry out execute the several provisions of this my last Will and testament as before expressed.

Seventh. This my Will and I hereby direct that that my nephew John McCoy shall have charge of executors and of my plantation under the direction and control of my said Executrator as long as my estate is kept together under the provisions of this my Will. and for my executors shall have him reasonable wages—

Eighth. It is my Will that in the division of my estate as provided for in this My Will. that My two girls and boy called Slaves Cloe and Delaney shall be first in the possession of my estate that shall be allotted to my brother Z McKinney or his Children.

Ninth. I give and bequeath to my friend Dr Winefield Wolf my Gold Watch Dutty and Child James and my two young Grey Mares. Nick Nancy also all in his possession this bequest is made without any request or solicitation of

My said friend. but I make it freely and voluntary on account of his kindness to me for many years that this bequeath to be delivered by my executors immediately after my death

Tenth. I Will and bequeath to my friend W A Woolf all my Gold Coin. about nineteen hundred Dollars it is my nephew James C McKinney survives the present Year then said W A Woolf is to deliver and pay over to him one Thousand Dollars of said Coin, but if he should not survive the year then said Thousand Dollars shall be delivered by said W A Woolf equally amongst the sisters of the John C— the balance of said Gold coin I Will and bequeath to said friend W A Woolf upon him to use & accomodating by and prudently. said Gold coin to be retained by said Woolf Three my death

Eleventh. I Will and bequeath to my nephew John McCoy My horse Bridle and Saddle in the possession of Dr. P W Riddle. Saddle and Bridle. My Gun. Gold watch Gold spectacles Rifle gun and dog. this bequeath to be delivered by my executors immediately after my death

Given under my hand and seal this the first day of May A.D. 1860 Three Whole lines & two parts of lines on 2nd page erased before signing

B McKinney

W W Johnston
S. Mattock
V W Grayson

State of Alabama Marengo County July Term 1864 4th day of July 1864

Estate of B McKinney } Testimony of W W Johnston one of the Subscribing witnesses to the Will of said B McKinney deceased Duly Sworn to in Open Court this day of the said W W Johnston being first duly sworn states that he was present on the day that Will bears date of said Burrell McKinney Execute said Will by subscribing his name thereto that he signed his name as witness as did also S Mattock & V W Grayson the other Witnesses. at the request of said Testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other. and the said McKinney was of sane Mind & disposing Memory at the time he Executed Said Will

W W Johnston

Will of Jacob Breitling

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

I, Jacob Breitling of said County and State, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and declare my last Will and testament in words and figures as follows:

1st I desire all my just debts shall be paid out of my Estate

2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Catherine Breitling, all of my Estate both real & personal for and during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among my children Barbara Vidmer John Breitling, Mary Catherine Michael, Henry Breitling, Gotlieb Breitling and my grandson Jacob Alfred Breitling son of Jacob Breitling deed; share & share alike in the following manner, that is to say: that at the death of wife I desire that three disinterested persons from among those being in my neighborhood to be appointed by the Probate Court of Marengo County to appraise all of the said Estate & increase thereof, if any; and under said appraisement divide it equally among my children & grandchild as aforesaid, share and share alike my said grand-child Jacob Alfred Breitling taking a full child's share; and I desire that the share allotted to my said grand child Jacob Alfred Breitling shall be paid in money over to his Guardian if he shall be under 21 years of age, and the interest thereof to be used by said Guardian for the support and education of my said grandson until he arrives at mature age and I desire that all my property shall remain with my family as aforesaid and not be sold to strangers. and to carry out that end, I direct that either or any of my children shall have the right, after said property is ~~allotted~~ appraised & allotted out to take any of said property at the appraised value and pay the money therefor which shall go to the one said property is intended for by said allotment and I desire and hereby direct that if my grandson Jacob Alfred Breiding shall die before he arrives at the age of 21 years, then and in that event I bequeath that part of my estate going to him, or so much of it as may not have been used in his education & support to be equally divided among the rest of my children that may then be living

I hereby nominate and appoint my son Henry

Breitling my Executor of this my last Will; and having confidence in his discretion and honesty, direct that he may not be required to give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties as such

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 13 Septr 1854

Signed sealed and published as the last Will of Jacob Breitling by him in our presence on this 13 Septr 1854

(Signed) Jacob Breitling

Alfred Breitling
Simeon Buford
Geo. G. Lyon

Testimony

Estate of Jacob Breitling decd
Probate of Will

The State of Alabama Marengo County

The testimony of Geo G Lyon one of the witnesses to said Will, who being first duly sworn deposes that he saw the said Will executed by said Jacob Breitling on the day of its date that he and Alfred Breitling & Simeon Buford the other witnesses subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, at the request and in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other He further states that said testator was of same mind at the time he executed said Will sworn & subscribed in Open Court

Geo G Lyon

July 4th 1864 Jas A Young Judge

order of the Court See Minutes page

Order on filing Will See Minutes page

Petition Propounding Will

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court

To the Hon James A Young Judge of said Court

The undersigned respectfully represents unto your Honor that Jacob Breitling late of said County, died in said County on or about the 1st day of September 1863 leaving the paper hereto appended & marked Exhibit A as his last Will and Testament, that the said Jacob Breitling also left him surviving the following persons who are his heirs or next of kin viz Mary Catharine Michael, who is over 21 years of age and resides in said County, that his daughter Barbara Vidmer died before said Jacob & she left three children viz John Vidmer and George Vidmer who are both over 21 years of age & are now in the Confederate Army, And a daughter named Adele who has married one Jacob Rabley who resides in Mobile County in said State, Henry Breitling who resides in the state of Arkansas & is over 21 years of age, Jacob Alfred Breitling, who is the son of John Jacob (the son of said Jacob) and who died

some years prior to said testator, that said John Jacob resides in the State of Mississippi & is over 21 years of age. And the undersigned who is over 21 years of resides in said Marengo County that two of the witnesses to said paper viz Alfred Breitling and George G Lyon reside in said Marengo County and the other one Simeon Buford resides in the State of Texas and your petitioner prays that such proceeding be had [illegible] the premises as may be necessary to determine whether the said paper is the last Will and testament of said Jacob Breitling according to law &c

John Breitling
pr Lyon Atty

Will of A. J. Crawford Decd

In the name of God. Amen!
I Andrew J. Crawford of Marengo County and State of Alabama being of sound mind and of disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, to Wit

First — It is my will that my funeral expenses and just debts shall first be paid

Second — I will devise and bequeath the whole of my estate of every kind and description to my wife Margaret W. Crawford for and during her natural life for her support and for the support and education of my little grand son Willie Tharin, now living with me

Third — After the death of my wife, and after the payment of all just and proper debts by her contracted, I will and devise all my said property divided into four equal parts one part or share it is my will shall go to my son Andrew J Crawford Jr. one to my son Josiah E Crawford one to my daughter Sarah Alford wife of Warren Alford of the State of Mississippi, and the other remaining share to my said grand son Willie Tharin — And in as much as I have already given to my daughter Frances Wilcox wife of Lucius Wilcox now of the State of New York more than I am able to bequeath to any one of my said Children & grand child. I do not think I ought in justice to them bequeath any of my present estate to the said Frances Wilcox and she is therefore hereby prohibited from receiving any part thereof

Fourth — It is my will and I hereby authorize and empower my Executors or either of them either to keep up and carry on my farm (by hiring labor) after the present year or to break up the same as they or either of them may think proper. Also to rent out my lands or sell all or any part of my estate real or

personal and convey titles to the purchaser or purchasers and most the proceeds as in their judgement will be most beneficial and which will make the most income for the purposes expressed in the second clause thereof. It being my will and wish that a sufficient amount of income may be realized for the purposes aforesaid without encroaching upon the Corpus of my estate, but if not then the proper amount may be raised by a sale of any portion of the same.

Fifth — I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Margaret W Crawford Executrix and my friend Henry A Woolf Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any former will by me made. And I further declare it to be my will that no bond shall be required of my said wife or my said executor as such.

Given under my hand and seal this the twenty first day of June A D 1866

Witnesses
W. H. Grant
Richard Drummond

A. J. Crawford (Seal)

State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court of said County

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of A. J. Crawford decd

Before me Thos J Woolf, Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court W H Grant and Richd Drummond who having been by me first, respectively duly sworn & examined did and do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them & which purports to be the last Will and Testament of A. J. Crawford decd late an inhabitant of this County; That said Crawford since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last Will & 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 & in the presence of each other and at his request. 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

Affiants further state 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 & Subscribed before me this 6 day of August 1866

W. H. Grant
Richard Drummond

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of Spencer Gorr dec'd.

I Spencer Gorr of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind do make my last Will and testament as follows to Wit:

1st I desire my just debts paid

2nd I devise and bequeath to my friend John T Walton of said County all of my property of every description. Real. personal and mixed. upon the following trusts. to Wit: that he will as soon after my death as he deems most expedient sell in such manner and on such terms as he thinks proper all of my property. real and personal excepting my female slave Mary Jane and her three children – Laura Thomas and William

3rd That he shall collect the proceeds of the sale of such property and loan it out as he may think best so as to have it bearing interest

4th I request and desire the said John T Walton to take possession of the said Mary Jane and her said three children and to keep them until the said children or the survivors or survivor of them have all attained the age of twenty-one years. and to support the said Mary Jane & her children during the Minority of said children in as comfortable manner as they may require and to give the said children. Laura Thomas William a good trade & a plain English education provided he can do so conscientiously with the laws of the State in which he may locate them. and I hereby exempt and absolve the said John T Walton from any and all liability to account for the hires of the said Mary Jane & her children the said Laura Thomas & William. whilst he may have them in his possession or under his control

5th After the said Laura Thomas and William or the survivors of them have attained the age of twenty-one years I desire the said John T Walton to take them to such State or County. where by the laws thereof they shall be entitled to enjoy their freedom and then and there emancipate them and after they are so emancipated to divide equally between them. the said Laura. Thomas & William or the survivor or survivors of them. all of the monies in his hands of my estate, arising from the proceeds of the sale aforesaid as well as any other source. which may remain unexpended after educating supporting and removing the said slaves as aforesaid

6th After the said Laura Thomas & William are provided for as aforesaid I hereby authorize the said John T. Walton to make such disposition of the said Mary Jane as he may in his discretion think proper. My object being to provide for her comfort in her old age. and that he may not be embarrassed in carrying out my wishes in this particular I hereby

decret that he shall never be required hereafter to account to any one for the said Mary Jane or her value or hires

6th For the purpose of executing the foregoing trusts I hereby decret the said John T Walton to appropriate so much of the monies of my estate as may be necessary either of the principal or interest thereof

7th As my principal object in making the foregoing disposition of my property is to provide for the happiness and welfare of my said slaves. the said Mary Jane and her said children as far as I have the power to do by the laws of any State and to provide for the contingency which might happen by the death of the said John T Walton before he is able to perform the trusts hereinbefore confided to him. I hereby authorize empower and request him to appoint by the his last Will & testament some suitable person or persons to execute the trusts herein before created in the event he the said John T Walton should die before performing and executing the same. and for that purpose I hereby confer on any and all such persons so appointed by him as aforesaid all the powers herein and hereby conferred on him as aforesaid as fully and completely as if such appointment were made by me in person

8th I hereby constitute and appoint the said John T Walton Executor of this my last Will and Testament and having implicit confidence in his ability and integrity to execute the same I hereby request the Probate Court not to require a security of him in taking out letters testamentary thereon

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal in the presence of the undersigned witnesses this 21st day of December A.D. 1858

Spencer Gorr (Seal)

We the undersigned witnesses hereto subscribed our names as witnesses to the foregoing instrument in writing as the last Will and testament of the above named Spencer Gorr in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other on this the day he signed the same. Dec 21 1858

W E Clarke
J A. Donaldson

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County }

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Spencer Gorr deceased.

Before me this Wrolf judge of the said Court personally appeared W E Clarke who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did & does depose & 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 & Testament

of Spencer Orr deceased, late an inhabitant of this County that said deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bore date in his presence, and in the presence of of J A Donalson the other subscribing witness. That said Donalson subscribed his name in his presence and the presence of said testator at his request. the said testator then declaring that said instrument constituted his last Will and Testament. 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 the said testator was on the day of the said date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. further that the said testator executed his said will without any undue influence being exerted by any person, as far as witness knows.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 18th Day of August 1866

W. E. Clarke

Thos. Woolf Judge Probate

Will of Alice G Vaughan dcsd

I Alice G Vaughan of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind memory and discretion as hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

1st I direct my funeral expenses & just debts to be paid

2nd I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Susan A. third daughter of my son Alfred G Vaughan and the sum of five Hundred Dollars

3rd To my Grand daughter Theodosia B. fourth daughter of my said son Alfred G Vaughan I give and bequeath my female slave Sally.

4th To my daughter Evelina E White I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars and my female slave Margaret (Called Peggy) the daughter of Darby & Margaret

5th To my son Samuel Watkins Vaughan I give and bequeath the sum of One Thousand Dollars and my female slave Joanna

6th To my Grand daughter Susan A. the daughter of my son Samuel Watkins I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred Dollars

7th To my daughter Martha V Sargent I give and bequeath the sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars I also give devise & her my house and lands where I now reside that is to say all my real estate - on condition this shall be

therefor to my estate sixteen Hundred Dollars (which is the price I placed for the same) and upon the further condition that she allow my servants Tom Todd and his wife Eliza Tom to live and have a home on the said lands during their natural lives and that of the survivor of them and I give and bequeath my said servants Tom Todd and his wife Eliza Tom & my said daughter Martha V Sargent with the request that she will control and manage them as will be most conducive to their comfort & happiness. and I also give and bequeath to my said daughter the sum of two Hundred dollars one horse one Cow & Calf and one sow and pigs for the use and benefit of said Tom & Eliza Tom and I request my said daughter to apply the sum of two Hundred Dollars thus given to the support and maintenance of said Tom & Eliza Tom should their condition require it

8th To my Grand daughter Victoria V Sargent I give and bequeath my female slave Clara and her future increase

9 To my daughter Emily G Montague I give and bequeath my negro woman Hy all and all the money that may be due and owing me at my death from Robert V Montague her husband.

10th To my Grand daughter Susan A Duncan wife of Benj F Duncan I give and bequeath my female slave Patsy & her children with all their future increase to have during said Susans lifetime and at her death said slaves and their increase shall descend and are hereby given to the heirs of her body.

11th To my Grand daughter Virginia Kidd I give and bequeath my female slave Harriette and Child Mary together with their future increase

12th To my Grand son Andrew Kidd I give and bequeath my Slave named Adolphus

13th To my daughter Alice G Driggs I give and bequeath my slaves Darby & Margaret (his wife) and all the children which the said Margaret now has or may hereafter have (except the Child Margaret (Called Peggy) whom I have bequeathed to my daughter Evelina E White

14th All my property not herein specifically bequeathed I desire to be sold by my Executors on such terms as they may deem best for my Estate

15th All the residue of my Estate after defraying the expenses of settling the same and complying with the foregoing provisions of this Will I direct to be divided into seven equal shares and I bequeath one share to the two children of my son Alfred G Vaughan and to be divided equally amongst them - and one share to the three children of my daughter Virginia G Kidd and and the remaining five shares to my son Samuel W Vaughan and his sister Evelina E White - to

V Gasquet. Emily G. Montague and Alice G. Dugger share and share alike

16. I hereby appoint my son Samuel Watkins Vaughan and My Grand son Wm Waverly Dugger Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all wills by me heretofore at any time made and I desire that my said Executors be not required to give security upon qualifying as such.

In testimony whereof I have to this my last will and testament set my seal and subscribed my name this (9th) ninth day of October (1860) Eighteen Hundred and Sixty

Alice G. Vaughan (Seal)

We the undersigned do hereby certify that Alice G. Vaughan signed her name to the foregoing instrument of writing as her last Will & testament in our presence and that we now sign our names as witness and in the presence of each other and that she was at the time of signing the same of sound ~~mind~~ and disposing mind

As witness our hands this seventeenth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty

Henry A Taylor
Francis R Hanson } witness

State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court of said County

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of Alice G Vaughan late of said County deceased.

Before me Thos J Woolf Judge of said Court personally came and appeared in open Court Henry A Taylor who ~~being~~ having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose & 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 & Testament of Alice G Vaughan deceased late an inhabitant of this County That said Vaughan since deceased signed & executed said instrument on the day the same bears date in his presence and in the presence of Francis R Hanson the other subscribing witness that said Hanson subscribed his name in his presence & in the presence of said Testatrix and at her request & that said testatrix subscribed her name in the presence of said Witnesses on the day of the date thereof she then declaring that said instrument constituted her last Will & Testament That said testatrix was of sound mind & 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years & upwards

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17 day of Oct 1860 Thos J Woolf Judge } Henry A Taylor

(Certificate indorsed on will of Alice G Vaughan dec'd)

The State of Alabama
Marengo County } I Thos J Woolf Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County and State do hereby Certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last Will and testament of Alice G Vaughan deceased and that said Will together with said proof thereof has been recorded in my office in Book B of Wills pages Given under my hand this 17 day of September A D 1860

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of J. M. Alexander.

I Joseph M Alexander of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory hereby make my last Will and testament as follows. to wit;

1st I desire my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid and a suitable monument or tombstone to be erected over my grave to be selected by my Executor hereinafter named

2nd Having heretofore partially provided for my two sons. by giving each of them a plantation and some negroes and wishing to place my grand children - the children of my late deceased daughter Violet. in a condition to ensure them a good education and to provide well for their future comfort and maintenance particularly Albert and David. I give and bequeath to my said Grand children Albert and David the following slaves. to Wit Jordan Redin Noah and Andy and the sum of Eight thousand dollars in Cash. the profits and hire of said slaves and the interest arising from said money or as much thereof as may be necessary. to be applied to the maintenance and education of the said Albert and David until the elder of them attains the age of twenty-one years when I desire the whole of said property with any profits or proceeds accruing thereon which shall remain unexpended to be equally divided between them the said Albert and David. and should either of them the said Albert and David die before attaining the age of twenty-one years I will and desire that the whole of the property herein before bequeathed to them jointly shall go to and be to him who shall survive his said brother

5th To my Grand daughter Susan R. Anderson in addition to what I have heretofore given her I give and bequeath my slaves Nancy and Ellen and the sum of two thousand Dollars in Cash

4th To my son David Clinton I give and devise forty acres of land adjoining the lands of William H. Pauling and William F. Tripp in said County of Marengo

5th The residue of my property of every description I devise and bequeath to be equally divided into three shares one of which shares I give & devise to my son David Clinton One to my son John D. and the remaining share to be equally divided between my said grand Children to Wit: the said Albert, David and Susan R.

6 I hereby Constitute and appoint my sons David Clinton and John D and my grandson in law Dr William L Anderson Executors of this my last Will and testament and exempt them from giving bond in taking out letters testamentary hereon

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this 16 day of May A.D 1861

Witness
W E Clarke
A D Gilbert

J M Alexander (Seal)

As the law does not authorize or allow slaves to choose a Master I hereby request my Executors mentioned in my foregoing Will & Testament my faithful slaves Abner & Charlotte to reside with either of my children or grand children that the said slaves shall prefer what they may be kindly treated as long as they shall live.

J M Alexander

State of Alabama
Marengo

Probate Court April Term 1865

The testimony of William E Clarke a subscribing witness to the last Will and testament of Joseph M Alexander deceased

The witness being duly sworn says Joseph M Alexander signed the written instrument of writing as his last Will and testament on the day the same bears date in presence of this deponent and Robert D Gilbert the other subscribing witness - that this deponent and the said Gilbert signed their names as subscribing witnesses to said instrument at the request and in the presence of the said Joseph M Alexander as his last Will and testament and in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date

Deponent further says that the said Joseph M Alexander was of sound mind at the time he signed said instrument and that he did so of his own free will without

as he said being influenced by any person to sign the same

W E Clarke

Sworn to & subscribed before
me in open Court April 3rd 1865

J A Young Judge &c

And upon the foregoing testimony it is ordered that said written instrument be received established & Recorded as the last Will & testament of said Joseph M Alexander

Jas A Young
Judge &c

Will of D C. Alexander

I D Will C Alexander of the County of Marengo being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make an equitable and just disposition of my property, and Conscious of the uncertainty of human existence as much publish and declare this my last Will and testament

1st I wish all my just debts paid and charges and expenses against my Estate.

2nd I will and bequeath that all the balance of my estate both real personal and mixed which I now have or may hereafter become entitled to shall be equally divided between my wife Julia Alexander and the children I now have living and such as may hereafter be born to and by my marriage with the said Julia them and them alone. Making no difference in the parts each shall take and intending hereby to provide for not only my said Wife and my children now living but such children as may be born hereafter of the said Julia by my present marriage with her and intending to make all of them equal in the amount each shall receive — I am thus particular because my wife is pregnant & desire to provide for such child or children as may be born of her by my marriage

3 As I am informed that the law does not provide for keeping up and cultivating a plantation I leave it to the judgement and discretion of

Executor hereinafter named to keep up my plantation in the said County so long as he may deem it best not to exceed five years - unless it is kept up after that time under an order of Court. I further authorize him to purchase all things necessary therefor and to incur and pay all proper expenses in carrying out the same without obtaining the order of any Court for the same that he may also hire and pay for all labor necessary to work and keep up the said plantation

I hereby Constitute and appoint my brother J D Alexander to execute all the provisions of this my Will and vest him with full powers as Executor of my estate and of this Will. Given under my hand & Seal this 26 day of October 1865

Witness

D C Alexander

E A Alexander
W E Pegram
W F Terrell

The State of Alabama } Probate Court January 22 1866
Marengo County

Before me J B Jackson as Judge of the said Court in the said County personally came W F Terrell in open Court who having been duly sworn & examined says on oath that he is subscribing witness to annexed instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last Will & testament of DeWitt C Alexander deceased. That the said Alexander is dead. That at the time of his death he was an inhabitant of the said County that he signed and executed the said Instrument in the presence of affiant & each subscribing witness on the it bears date to wit the 26 October 1865 and declared the same to be his Will & testament that the said Alexander knew the Contents of the said instrument that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness thereto in the presence of the testator & of the other two subscribing witnesses W E Pegram and E A Alexander each of whom signed it at the same time in the presence of the said testator & in the presence of each other at the request of the said testator as said Witnesses - That the said testator was of sound mind capable of making a will & over 21 years of age

Sworn & subscribed to
in Open Court January
22 1866 Same B Jackson
Judge of Probate

W F Terrell

Upon the foregoing testimony it is ordered that the said written instrument be received & filed & recorded as the last Will & Testament of the said David C Alexander

Will of Jacob Williams

State of Alabama } I Jacob B Williams of the County
Marengo County } and State aforesaid being mindful of the uncertainty of life and being now in my proper mind and senses and sound in mind and memory. In the name of God Amen! make this my last Will and testament and I hereby revoke all other wills. My will and desire is that after my death that my body should be decently intered First that my executors hereinafter named shall sell all my personally and real estate in such parcels or quantities as may seem to them best for the interests of the estate. to the highest bidder upon a credit of twelve months taking notes for the same bearing interest from date with two good securities -

Second that after paying all my just debts and liabilities I will and desire that my executors make an equal division of my estate between my daughter Mary Pritchett and her bodily heirs except to Jacob W Pritchett. they give two thousand Dollars over and above an equal share with the other heirs. And I hereby nominate and appoint as my Executors to this my last Will and Testament Mr William Jackson Sr and David J Ford as I have confidence in their integrity and ability to attend to the duties and believe that they will do their duty. And I hereby make and publish this as my last Will and testament on the twenty-first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and Sixty - &c

J B Williams

We the undersigned subscribing witnesses hereby certify that we said J D Williams sign the foregoing & that he declared the same to be his last Will & that we signed the same as witnesses at his request and in the presence of the testator July 20th 1866.

N Crouch
R M Williams
A R Christian

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will & testament of J D Williams deceased

Before me Thos J Woolf Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court R M Williams and A R Christian who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of J B Williams deceased late an inhabitant of this County that said Williams

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 and in the presence of each other. That said testator was of sound mind & disposing memory and in the opinion of Deponents 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27 day of September A D 1866

R M Williams
A R Christian

Thos J Woolf Judge

State of Alabama
Marengo County

I Thos J Woolf Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County and State do hereby Certify that the within Instrument of writing has this day in said Court & before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by proper testimony to be the genuine last Will and testament of J D Williams deceased & that said Will together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 59 & 60

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand this the 27th day of September A D 1866

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of Martha Taliaferro Decd

I Martha Taliaferro of the town of Demopolis County of Marengo and State of Alabama do make, publish & declare my last Will and testament in manner & form following to Wit: Being advanced in years - in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind & memory I deem it best now to make a disposition of such property and Estate as I own or may be entitled to and to give such directions as I deem shall be performed after my death. -

I desire therefore in the first place that my just debts I may owe at the time of my death shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named

2ndly Any and all property and Estate of every kind and description I may own or be entitled to at the time of my death including my interest of one fifth part in the property owned by my late husband Benjamin

Taliaferro at the time of his death. I give, devise and bequeath as follows, to Wit:

To my daughter Emily Donald I give and bequeath out of my property and estate the value of four slaves of the average value of negro slaves generally valued in families or stocks upon a plantation including all descriptions and to be valued by persons hereafter named

3rdly To my grand daughter Elizabeth Drummond I give and bequeath the value of one negro slave to be ascertained in like manner above.

In order to ascertain and adjust what may be the value of negroes slaves referred to in the bequests herein made to my daughter & grand daughter above named I hereby appoint to G Cornish & A J Sharpe to enquire & determine what may be the average value of negro slaves at the time this my will shall take effect & to assess such value & the value so assessed by the parties named or either of them should one not act shall be paid out of my Estate to my daughter & grand daughter as herein provided and such decision & valuation shall be final & binding upon all parties interested in my estate - All the rest residue & remainder of my estate of every kind and description which may be left after paying the bequests herein made to my Daughter & grand daughter above named I give and bequeath to my son David Taliaferro now in the army of the Confederate States but if I should survive him or he should die or be killed in battle before obtaining possession of the Estate & property herein left to him then & in that event I give & bequeath the same to my daughter Elmira Blackshear as her sole and seperate property.

I hereby appoint my son David Taliaferro Executor of this my last Will and exempt him from giving security as such Executor In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20 day of June 1862

Signed & executed by the testator in presence of the undersigned witnesses

Martha Taliaferro

John D Fisher
F S Lyon

State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court of said County

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of Martha Taliaferro deceased

Before me Thos J Woolf Judge of the said Court personally came in open Court John D. Fisher who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose

and says 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 Martha Taliaferro deceased late an inhabitant of this County. That said Taliaferro since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date in his presence and in the presence of F S Lyon the other subscribing witness. That said Lyon subscribed his name in his presence & in the presence of said testator & at her request — the said testatrix then declaring that said Instrument constituted her last Will & testament. That said testatrix was of sound mind and deposing 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years & upwards

John D. Fisher

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 8 day of October 1866

Thos J Woolf Judge

The State of Alabama } I Thos J Woolf Judge of the
Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County & State do hereby Certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last Will and testament of Martha Taliaferro deceased and that said Will together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 61 & 62

Given under my hand this the 8 day of October A.D. 1866

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of Charles Raley deceased

I. Charles Raley of Marengo County of State of Alabama being now in my proper senses and sound in memory do make this my last Will and testament.

I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan W Raley all my property both real and personal which I now have or may hereafter acquire to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood for her support and after her death or if she were to marry again then I wish and direct all my property both real and personal which may be left or remaining to be equally divided among all my children and heirs at law — I hereby nominate and appoint my son Jackson Raley and my friend J C Crowder Executors to my this my Will and last testament in the event that they do not serve then I wish the Orphans Court to appoint some suitable person to act as my Executor. I hereby authorise my Executors to manage my property as they may think best for the interest of my wife and my children and heirs at law I wish after my decease to be decently interred and I wish my executors to pay out of my estate all my just debts and liabilities if any — In testimony of which I have hereunto subscribed my name this May 21 - 1863

Signed and acknowledged in presence of us

A B Hosea
T I Hosea

Charles Raley

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of Charles Raley deceased

Before me Thomas J Woolf Judge of the said Court personally appeared T I Hosea who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose & says on oath that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him & which purports to be the last Will and testament of Charles Raley deceased late an inhabitant of this County — That said Raley since deceased signed and executed said Instrument on the day the same bears date in his presence and in the presence of A B Hosea the other subscribing witness. That said other subscribing witness subscribed his name in his presence & in the presence of said testator & at his request the said testator then declaring that said Instrument constituted his last Will and testament. 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 was on the day of the said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years & upwards

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 8 day of October 1866.

T I Hosea

Thos J Woolf Judge

The State of Alabama } I Thos J Woolf Judge of the Court
Marengo County } of Probate in & for said County and State do hereby Certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court & before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the genuine last Will & testament of Charles Raley and that said Will together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B page 63.

Given under my hand this the 8 day of October A.D. 1866 Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of J. M. Anderson

In the name of God Amen. I Jesse M. Anderson of the County of Marengo State of Alabama being infirm in body but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament in the following words and figures. 1st I desire that all my legal debts shall be paid. 2nd I will and bequeath all my property both personal property, and real estate to my beloved Wife Eliza Anderson to use and dispose of as she may think best for her self and her Children during her life time, and at her death, or after to be disposed of as she may wish or direct it to be disposed of, or distributed. 3rd I hereby leave no nomate and appoint my beloved wife Eliza Anderson the executrix to this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I have signed my name and affixed my seal November 13th 1865. Jesse M. Anderson (Seal)

In the presence of
C. B. Crokin
Shield Jackson
J. K. P. Jackson

State of Alabama } Marengo County.

Probate Court of said County In the matter of the Probate of the last Will & testament of Jesse M. Anderson Deceased.

Before me Thos J. Woods Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court Shield Jackson & J. K. P. Jackson who having been by me first respectively duly sworn & examined did & do depose & say, on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will & testament of Jesse M. Anderson late an inhabitant of this County. That said Anderson since deceased signed & executed said instrument on the day the same bears date & declared the same to be his last Will & testament and that affiants set their Signatures thereunto as the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in presence of said testator.

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 made as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was on the day of the said date of said Will, of the full age of twenty- One years & upwards.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 11th day of December A.D. 1865
Thos J. Woods
Judge.

Shield Jackson
J. K. P. Jackson

Will of Jno. J. Westbrook.

I John J. Westbrook of the State of Alabama and County of Marengo do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following. 1st I give and bequeath unto my wife Susan A. Westbrook all of my estate consisting of my lot of land, houses and entire free hold property with all my household property in the Town of Jefferson and the following named negroes. Nathan, Tony, Sam, Bryant, Miny, Margaret and Caroline, and my horse and buggy with my entire Stock of hogs and Cattle. all debts accounts notes due and owing to me and my entire interest in the estate of Moses Westbrook deceased. This property is all given to my Wife Susan A. Westbrook for the intents and purposes, for her to have, hold and enjoy the same for the support and schooling of my children Mary M. Westbrook and Sarah E. Westbrook and such other child or children as my said wife may have as my heir or heirs up to the time they may marry or become of age, then the above named and bequeathed property and estate increase if any, is to be equally divided into three parts or into as many parts as my said Wife may have children to be considered as my legal heirs counting my Wife as an heir and to divide to and be equally divided to my Wife and my heirs, and, after the death of my Wife the portion of property hereby given to her will devolve to and be equally divided amongst my heirs. I make and appoint my Wife Susan A. Westbrook executrix of this my last will and testament.

and I desire that no security be required of her as such. In testamony of which I hereunto affix my name, thereby making all former Wills

John J. Westbrook

April 2nd 1862
J. W. Ellis
S. D. Smith

The State of Alabama } Marengo County

In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of John J. Westbrook Dec'd. } Probate Court May Term 1866

The testimony of Dr S. D. Smith one of the Suscribing witnesses to Said will who being first duly sworn in open court deposes that he was present on or about the 2nd day of April 1862 & Son Said John J. Westbrook execute Said will by Signing & publishing the Same as his last will and testament. and that he suscribed his name as a witness to Said will at the request and in the presence of Said John J. Westbrook but does not remember seeing John Ellis the other witness Subscribed his name thereunto He further states that Westbrook was of Sound disposing mind & Memory at the time

Sworned to & Suscribed before me in open Court
Jas. A. Young.
Judge of Probate.

S. D. Smith

State of Alabama. } Marengo County
Probate Court of Said County.
In the matter of the Probate ~~Court~~ of the last Will and Testament of John J. Westbrook. Deceased

Before me Thos J. Woolf Judge of the Said Court personally came in open Court J. W. Ellis who having been by me first duly sworn Says 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 & testament of John J. Westbrook decease late of Said County that Said Westbrook Sinced deceased Signed and executed Said will on the day the Same bears date in his presence & in the presence of the other Subscribing witness that such other witness subscribed his name in his presence & in the presence of said testator — the said testator then declaring that such instrument constituted his last Will & testament affiant further States that Said testator was on the day of the said date of said will of sound and disposing mind & memory & in the opion of deportment fully capable of working the same at the time the same was so made as aforesaid & was of the full age of twenty one years & upward

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12 mar /66
Thos J. Woolf
Judge } J. W. Ellis

Will of Thos D. Hall.

I Thomas D. Hall being of Sound and disposing mind and in good health but considering the uncertainty of human life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and Testament; That is to Say First that after my death my funeral expenses if any, shall be paid out of my moneys that I may have on hand or otherwise at my death. Secondly it is my will that all my estate both personal and real, except as hereinafter provided shall be kept together and conducted and carried on by my Wife Ann Hall, as she may think best until my oldest child me surviving, becomes twenty one years of age unless an earlier sale of the estate as I have above described would be more to the interest of my estate in that event it may sold earlier,
Thirdly — It is my will that my two tracts of land, not adjoining my home tract. The one lying near Nanafalia and the other near McKinley be sold at private sale whenever an opportunity offers. Fourthly — that all my just debts shall be paid as early as they can be out of the proceeds of and debts due my estate. Fifthly — If my Estate is kept together till my oldest child becomes of age, then it is my will that all be sold and ~~delivered~~ divided equally divided among my children, then living or if it shall be sold earlier as above provided then In that event it be divided in the Same way

It is also my will that until my Estate is sold and divided as I have before provided, the entire support of my family and the Education of my Children shall be defrayed and paid out of the proceeds and moneys of My Estate. It is my meaning and intention in providing for a division of my estate among my Children, that my Wife Ann shall have an equal share with my Children share and share alike.

It is also my will that Rev James Beverly and J. L. Bradford be, and they are hereby appointed my Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 1st day of March A.D. 1862 in the Presence of

John Henry. Thomas D. Hall
Witness
T. H. Bradford

State of Alabama } Marengo County
Probate Court of said County.

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and Testament of Thomas D. Hall dec'd

Before me Thos. J. Woods Judge of the said County personally appeared in open Court T. H. Bradford 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 Thomas D. Hall deceased late an inhabitant of this County; That said Hall 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 set his signature thereunto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said testator the said testator then declaring that said instrument constituted his last will and Testament. affiant further States that the other subscribing witness John Henry is now dead that he is acquainted with the signature of the said Henry and say that his signature thereunto as a witness is genuine and the own proper hand writing of the said Henry, and said deponent further says 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 and that on the day of the said date of said Will the said testator was of the full age of twenty One years & upwards

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d Nov. A.D. 1866
Thos. J. Woods
Judge.

T. H. Bradford

Will of T. A. Beverly. Dec'd

I Thomas A Beverly of Dixon Mills Marengo County Alabama being of Sound mind and ordinary Memory & having recently Volunteered for the entire War in the Service of the confederate States of America, and considering the casualities of War, the uncertainty of living through the campaign, to enjoy the liberty and independence which I pray God the South may achieve for our posterity & Not for ourselves do therefore make ordain Publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament — That is to say First If I should die away from home upon the battle field by Violence, or by some disease in the Hospital erected for for sick and wounded Soldiers — It is my will and desire that my Mortal remains be brought back to Marengo and buried at the Family burying ground near my Fathers present residence, and that the expenses of transportation &c be paid out of the funds due me by the Government if there be a sufficient amt due me — if not I desire My Captain to furnish the amt and my Executor herein after Mentioned, to collect out of my effects and pay back to the Captain the amt of funds he may furnish for the above specified purpose

Second — I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my old true, and well tried friend E. W. Quinney executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereinafter written, and as my estate is small and my family needy — I do not wish my estate to be administered on in the usual way. That is to have one or two Lawyers employed, get the Will into Probate Court, keep it there two or three years pay out $500, Court cost $500, attorneys fees $500, for Guardian ad litem, Printing fees Commissioners &c &c, and at the expiration of five years, declare the estate insolvent and turn my widow and orphan children out upon the world, Cold charity, after the Husband & father having lost his life in defence of liberty, Justice and equality, for his posterity — But that my executor immediately after my death simply have this instrument recorded in its proper place in the probate office of the County, and he the said E. W. Quinney as my executor is then authorised and I do hereby authorise and impower him to proceed to collect all debts due me, by note, account or otherwise, and out of the same to pay all my just debts — the same being proven and presented according to Law — and should there not be a sufficiency to pay my just debts — he will, with the assistance of two or three disinterested persons proceed to set a side the amt of property allowed my wife and children and sell the balance to the highest bidder in such a way as will be to the best advantage for my family and creditors, or at least enough thereof to pay all just demands against me and my estate the Executor compensating himself amply for his trouble — and the balance of my estate real and personal of any and all discriptions I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Paulina Townsend, during her natural life, or widowhood, and at her death or marriage it is my Will that the entire of my estate be equally divided between my children by the said Paulina Townsend

It is furthermore my will that she during her natural life or widowhood, have the power and she is hereby impowered and authorised to sell all or any part or parcel, of any property personal or real — which it may be to the interest of her and the children to dispose of, provided however that the proceeds of such sale be reinvested advantageous to her and her children by me — and her title and conveyance in such sales shall be lawful and good — It is furthermore my will, that my Executors E. W. Quinney, shall not be required to give Bond and security for his faithful carrying out of this my last will and Testament, I require no such guaranty from so faithful a friend — But in case of his death before mine, or the provisions of this will is carried out — It is my will and desire that my Brother in law Thomas H. Skinner administer upon my estate and proceed to carry out my will as above written, In testamony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed My Name this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & sixty Two, in presence of

Jos. A. R. Quinney
N. F. Dixon

Thos. A. Beverly (seal)

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County }

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and Testament of Thos. A. Beverly Deceased Before me Thos. J. Woolf, Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court James A. R. Quinney who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose & 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 Thomas A. Beverly deceased, late an inhabitant of this county. That said Beverly since and signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date in his presence and in the presence of the other witness that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in the presence of testator & in the presence of Deponent

on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness to the same the said Testator then declaring that said instrument constituted his last will and Testament. 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 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.

Sworn to & Subcribed before me this 26 day of November 1866.
Thos. J. Woolf
Judge.

James A. K. Dunn

Will of Eli Swearengen

State of Alabama Marengo County

Know all men by these presents that I Eli Swearengen of the State and County above written in consideration of the love and affection I hear them. Do hereby give grant and convey unto my two sons Eli Swearengen and Martin Van Swearengen the following described property to wit— The slaves Old Bristol 1 Nancy 2 Alexander 3 Sold 4 Nat 5 Jim 6 Fed 7 Henry 8 Jarkey 9 George 10 Bristol 11 Tom 12 Sold 13 Henrietta 14 Lenard 15 Vicy 16 Nathan 17 Robert 18 Lucy 19 John 20 Susan 21 Sarah 22 Sold 23 and Sold 24 Also all my horses, mules cattle, hogs, farming Tools & household and Kitchen furniture, to have and to hold the same to their joint use until my youngest son Martin Van is twenty one years old and then to be equally divided between them share and share alike I hereby appoint my truthy friend Eli H. Morgan Trustee and authorize him to take possession of the above named property immediately after my decease. Keep the same together and manage it to the best advantage for the joint use of my two sons as above. until the youngest is twenty one years old and then cause the same with its increase to be equally divided between them share and share alike

The above named trustee is hereby authorized to apply so much of the profits of the above named property as may be necessary for the maintainance and education of my two sons; and the remainder if any he may invest at his discretion in the way he believes most beneficial to them. Witness my hand and seal this day of

I Eli Swearengen gave to my Wife Arrena Swearengen my wife all the property that she had when I married her namely, one Negro Name Bill and her ~~husband~~. land—

witness my hand & seal
This the twentieth day of
September Eighteen hundred
& sixty three

Eli Swearengen
B. F. Dunn
W. T. Haddox

State of Alabama } Probate court of said County
Marengo County }
In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Eli Swearengen deceased.

Before Thos. J. Woolf Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court B. F. Dunn and W. T. Haddox who having been by me first, detectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Eli Swearengen deceased late an inhabitant of this county: that said Swearengen since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared that he executed the same for the purpose therein contained and that affiants set their signature thereto. on the day the same bears date. as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator: 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 affiants further state 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
before me this 20 day of December 1866
Thos. J. Woolf Judge
R. F. Dunn.
W. F. Haddon

Will of H. Jamison Decd.

I, Harry Jamison of Marengo County and State of Alabama being of feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory but conscious of the uncertainty of life and desirous of disposing of all my worldly effects, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament. expressly revoking and annulling all others heretofore made.
1st I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible
2nd I hereby appoint John Grund of the of Demopolis my executor and I direct that he shall as my executor shall not be required to give any bond for the discharge of his duties as such executor as I depend and trust entirely to his honesty and individual responsibility.
3rd I give and bequeath to my friend William S. Gilman of Clarke County all my stock of cattle in said County of Clarke
4th I give to my said executor John Grund the amt due from Marion York the ammount I do not know but John W. Figures of Clarke County does and will furnish the proof of the debt I further give to will John Grund my dark bay mare and also the money due me H. M. Wadrum amounting to about $1300 Thirteen hundred dollars 4th I give and bequeath unto the persons now living on my lands in said County of Clarke, all of said lands to have and to hold to themselves and their heirs forever, I make this request because the parties living on said lands are poor and I do not wish them interfered with in any way. I do not know their names

but give it equally to each family to be held for the benefit of said families and not to be sold till the youngest child of each family has arrived at the age of twenty one. when the then claimants may dispose of it as they please
5. I give to John G Olds the mare he now has and I release said John G Olds of the debt he owes me.
6. I hereby make my said executor John Grund residuary legatee of my estate and do hereby give will bequeath to him all the balance of my property not herein before disposed of to have and hold to himself and heirs forever.
witness my hand this 17th day of November A.D. 1866
Signed and acknowledged in presence of
J. C. Ackerman
John Parr.
T. J. Ditless
H. Jamison

State of Alabama
Marengo County. Probate court of said County

In the matter of the probate of the last Will & Testament of Harry Jamison Deceased
Before me Thos. J. Woolf Judge of the court of Probate of said county personally appeared in open court J. C. Ackerman and John Parr, who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say on oth that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and Testament of H. Jamison deceased, late and inhabitant of this county that said Jamison since deceased. Signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last Will & Testament and that affiants set their signatures thereunto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator That said testator was of sound 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. affiants further state that testator was on the day of the said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years & upwards.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 14 Jany 1844

Thos. J. Woolf. Judge

J. C. Ackerman
Ackerman Huse
John Parr

Estate of L. R. Terrell Will

To the Hon Thos J Woolf as Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Marengo the State of Alabama.

The Petition of William F. Terrell as Executor named in the last Will of Leigh R. Terrell. Respectfully represents to your honor that the said Leigh R Terrell died during the year of 1864 – that at the time of his death he was an Inhabitant of the said State – left Property in the said County that by an act of the legislature of the said State approved on the 7th day of December 1864 which is specially referred to and prayed to be taken as a part of this Petition your petition was fully authorized and empowered to Probate the will of the said Leigh R. in the said Probate Court and to take out letters testamentary thereon and your honorable Court was vested with Jurisdiction over the estate of the said Leigh R. in all things in refference to the administration thereof – that prior to his death on the 27th day of May 1864 the said Leigh R Made executed and Published a last Will and testamente attested by Jas T. Jones – Wm T. Turner and T. K. Coleman as subscribing witness thereto – which is hereto attached Marked as Exhibit "A" and prayed to be taken as a part of this Petition that at that time he was over 21 years of age and of sound mind the only surviving next of kin and his Brothers your Petitioner George P Terrell and sister Ann H. Terrell who reside in said County and Robert A. Terrell who resides in Perry County all over 21 years of age your Petitioner prays and order & decree of your Honorable Court admitting the said Will to Probate in Manner and form as by law required and that letters testamentary thereon issue to him as Executor aforesaid W. F. Terrell

Sworn to before me Thos J Woolf Judge

Estate of L. R. Terrell Will

In the name of God amen I Leigh R. Terrell being of sound body and mind but knowing the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others that I may have heretofore made 1st I wish all my just debts to be paid 2nd I will and bequeath all my property of every character and discription whether real personal or mixed either in possion or expectancy to my beloved Brother William F. Terrell in fee simple and forever to have and to hold unto himself and his heirs without any limitation on condition whatever 3rd I hereby nominate Constitue and appoint the said William F. Terrell sole Executor of this my last will and testament and require that he shall give no Bond whatever for the execution of this my said will our testimony whereof. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 27th day of May one thousand Eight hundred and sixty two

L. R. Terrell (Seal)

attested by us in the presence of the Testator & of each of us

Jas. Taylor Jones
Wm T. Turner
T. K. Coleman

State of Alabama Marengo County

Probate Court of said County Before me Thos J. Woolf Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County and State. Came in open Court Jas Taylor Jones who being by me duly sworn says 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 L. R. Terrell deceased late an Inhabitant of Perry County That said Terrell since deceased signed and executed said Instrument on the day the same bears date in his presence and in the presence of W. T. Turner and T. R. Coleman the other witness thereto that such other witness subscribed their names as witnesses in his presence & in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date the said testator then declaring that said instrument Constituted his last Will and testament – that said testator was of sound Mind and deposing Memory at the date of the execution thereof and fully Capable of making his said Will and that he was of the full age of twenty one years

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 21th day of March 1867

Thos J Woolf Judge

James T. Jones

State of Alabama } I Thos J Wood Judge of the Court of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County hereby
certify that the within Instrument was this day in said
Court and upon me as the Judge of said Court duly proven
to be the Genuine Last will and Testament of L. R.
Terrell dec'd and as such the same has been duly recorded
in my office in Book of Wills B at Page 78
Given under my hand this 20 March 1867

Thos J Wood
Judge

Will of Green E. Jones

I Green E. Jones of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding do Make publish and declare this to be My Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Making null and void all former Last Wills and Testaments and Writings in the nature of Last Wills and Testament by me heretofore Made My Will is first - that my funeral Charges and Just debts Shall be paid with the Money on hand (if any) at My decease, or with the first Money that Comes into Possession of My Executors hereinafter named - And it is further more My will that the Meainder and ballance of My entire Estate and property both Real personal and Mixed which Shall not be required for the Payment of My Just Debts and funeral Charges and the expenses attending the recording and Execution of this My Last Will and Testament - Shall belong to My beloved Wife Mary E A Jones having full Confidence in her Skill and ability in Managing My Estate and Property to the best advantage and interest for the Children of our Mutual affection - I Will and bequeath it all to her together with all the Profits issues rents and increase thereof to have and to hold to her and her heirs executors and administrators forever and their use and behoof forever - She having full right and Controll of the Same - to buy property both real & personal and Sell property both real and personal Make debts and Collect them due and be Sued in her own Name to do Just as She thinks proper without any let or hinderance from any person or thing Whatever She having the full Power and right to give off the Property at such times and in such Quantities and quantities to our beloved Children as may in her Judgement seem best - and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint My beloved wife Mary A Jones My Executrix to Carry out this my Last will and Testament and I do further more will and request that She shall not be required to give bond or security but that She shall be required to simply have this will and Testament recorded and then take full possession of my entire estate and further More that She Shall not be required to give bond and security for her faithful performance of this My Last will and Testament - I leaving full Confidence in her to carry out My Intentions &c In Testimony whereof I the said Green E Jones have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed My seal this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight

G. E Jones

signed Sealed and delivered by the said Green E Jones to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in the presence of each other

John A McMillan
Thos A Beverly
W B Modawell
B F Shields

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of Green E Jones dec'd Before me Thos J Wood Judge of the Probate Court of said County Personally appeared in open Court John A McMillan who being by me first duly Sworn and Examined does depose and say on oath that he is a subscribing witness to the Instrument in writing now shown to him purporting to be the last will and testament of Green E Jones late a Citizen of said County deceased that the said Green E Jones 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 set his signature thereto as the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said Testator and in the presence of Thos A Beverly W B Modawell and B F Shields the other subscribing witnesses to said will and that he also at same time saw said subscribing witnesses sign the same as witnesses that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing Memory and Capable of making his will at the time the same was made as aforesaid and that said Testator was of full age of Twenty one years

John A McMillan

Sworn to and subscribed
before me Jany 10th 1867

Thos J Wood
Judge

Will of Wm B Cleiland deed

State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen!
Marengo County } I William B Cleiland of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in body and mindful that life is short and uncertain in its duration do make this my last Will & Testament as follows, to Wit!

Item 1 I give, devise and bequeath all my real estate and all my personal property of every description and kind unto my beloved wife and dear children, charging my property with the payment of my debts and funeral expenses.

2 It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary shall be executrix of this my will, that she shall keep all my property together and manage the same unless it shall become necessary to sell the same or some part thereof to pay debts or for some other purpose and in that event I hereby ordain that she shall have full power and authority by this my will to sell and depose of all my property both real and personal, upon first having the written approval of the sale from my son James Cleiland; and she is hereby empowered to sell the same or any part thereof as she and my said son shall think best as aforesaid without getting any order to do so from the Probate Court. I only require her to report the sale or sales, when made, to the Probate Court.

Item 3. And lastly, it is my will that my property both real and personal be equally divided between my wife and children or invested again, which she is permitted to do, that each of them for whom invested shall have an equal share in the same. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 1st of August 1867, eighteen hundred and sixty seven.

W B his Cleiland mark

Attest B. F. May
W K McDuffie.

Testimony

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of William B. Cleiland deceased.

Before me Thos J Woolf Judge of the Probate Court of said County personally appeared in open Court W K McDuffie who being by me first duly sworn and examined did depose on oath and say that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument in writing now here shown to him purporting to be the last Will and testament of W B Cleiland deceased, late an citizen of said County, that said Cleiland 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 set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said testator, that said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory that he, affiant, also saw Dr B F May the other subscribing witness to said instrument sign the same as a subscribing witness at the same time and that he the said affiant and the said B F May signed said instrument as witnesses together at the same time in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other and that said testator was about fifty three years of age and of sound mind sworn to & Subscribed before W K McDuffie
me Augt 21st 1867.

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of John Drinkard Deed

State of Alabama Marengo County March 6th 1866.
Know all men by these presents that I Jno Drinkard do this day give and devise to my son S R Drinkard the within named property, to Wit, Land 120 acres, Stock One mule, eleven head of cattle thirty head of hogs more or less two hundred and fifty (250) bushels of Corn two thousand (2000) pounds of fodder household and kitchen furniture, also all notes and accounts held by me against any person or persons for and in consideration of the above mentioned real estate & notes & accounts I Jno Drinkard of the State and County aforesaid do give and bequeath to my son S R Drinkard his heirs and assigns during their live to protect and provide for in all respects myself wife and my daughter Fanny during our natural lives. All deeds of conveyance or will made or granted before or after this date is hereby revoked and is null and void and this will or deed of conveyance which I have now made or caused to be made is a true and correct one and made entirely by my wish and concurrence and whilst I am in my proper mind

Witness O P Slater
T R Robison.

Jno his Drinkard mark (S.S.)

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said
Marengo County } County. — In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of John Drinkard deceased. — Before me Thomas J Woolf Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court O P Slater who [illegible] been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose & say on oath that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to him [illegible]

which purports to be the last Will and testament of John Drinkard deceased late an inhabitant of this County. That said Drinkard since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last Will & testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date in the presence of said testator & in the presence of T R Robison the other subscribing witness that said Robison signed his name in his presence & in the presence of said deceased and at his request & that said deceased also signed his name by making his mark in the presence of said affiant & of said T R Robison. That said testator was of sound mind & disposing memory & 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

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 9 day of Septr 1867

O. P. Stater

Thos J Woolf Judge

Admitted to probate & Recorded 9 Sept 1867

Thos J Woolf Judge

Will of Mrs E H Nelson Dec'd

In the name of God Amen — I Elizabeth H Nelson of the County of Marengo State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament. That is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath to my two daughters Sally Harrison Nelson and Mary Minge Nelson to be divided equally between them share and share alike. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my son Hugh Nelson to be executor of this my last Will and Testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Elizabeth H Nelson Seal

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Elizabeth H Nelson in our presence and acknowledged by her to each of us and she at the same time declared the the above instrument so subscribed to be her last Will and Testament and we at the testators request and in her presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

David Minge

Geo W H Minge

(over)

Testimony

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Elizabeth H Nelson deceased, Before me Thomas J Woolf Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County and State personally appeared in open Court Geo W H Minge who having been by me first duly sworn and examined and does depose and says 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 Elizabeth H Nelson deceased late an inhabitant of this County. That said Nelson since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said testatrix and in the presence of David Minge the other subscribing witness thereto, that such other subscribing witness signed his name as a witness in the presence of said testatrix & of this affiant and that said Testatrix signed her name to the same in the presence of such other witness on the day the same bears date, That said testatrix was of sound mind & 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty-one years of age and upwards.

Geo W H Minge

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 14th October 1867

Thos J Woolf Judge

The foregoing will admitted to probate and recorded 14 day of October 1867.

Thomas J Woolf Probate Judge
Marengo County Ala

Will of Alexander Fournier Dec'd —

Being fully aware of the uncertainty of man's existence, and being in full enjoyment of my mental faculties, with the grace of God, the following is my last Will and testament and candid expression of my sentiments —

I leave this world with with friendly & kind feeling towards all and every person, wishing peace and contentment to all; I die with firm belief in the adorable truths and admirable precepts of the holy Catholic Church, rendering my soul to God, and praying humbly for his pardon.

I give and bequeath to my devoted and beloved wife Adele, Bentley Festival Fournier, for her life-time all and every kind of property either real or personal that may be my own at the time of my death, with full power and authority to sell, to dispose of, of any part or parcel thereof, and to

the proceed thereof; when in her judgement and it is evident, that such acts, are or may be conducive to the welfare and interest of my little estate. After her it is my will that this little estate be divided in equal shares, between my children, to wit, Louisa, Corine, Cecile, Adeleja, Sorinsky, Alexander, Edmund Henry d'Estival, all six my beloved darlings; whom I beg and pray to love, cherish and protect one and other, and favour, in the division of my too small estate, those who will be the poorer, and who need most.

My dearest Adele my sweet companion, and you my dearest children, I wish I had been more successful and had left you ampler means, as it is I hope that with economy and prudence, you dear Adele and the children living with you, may enjoy a modest and comfortable existence. You will bear in mind the interest I hold in the house of O. Valeton & Co. the copy of the act of partnership is amongst my papers. of course my just debts are to be paid as early as possible, Now my dearest Adele may God bless you, may you forgive my faults, pardon me if I have not rendered you, as happy as you deserve, it was not the fault of my heart. Pray for me.

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

A Fournier. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, who signed in presence of each other and in presence of the testator.

Wm H. Roberts
Alfred Breitling
A. M. Shahan
J. A. Martiniere

Codicil, this 18th day of August 1860. Be it known that in case there is any obligation to apply to the Probate court for testamentary letters, or simply have this will probated I hereby relieve entirely my dear wife the said Adele B. d'E Fournier from the usual obligation of giving security, to obtain testamentary letters.

A Fournier.

Testimony The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court
To Hon. Thomas J Woolf, Judge of said court.

The undersigned, Adele, Bonitte d'Estival Fournier, respectfully represents unto your Honor that Alexander Fournier late of said county, died at Demopolis in said county of Marengo, on the 31 day of December 1867, leaving the paper hereto appended and marked "Exhibit A" as his last will testament. That the subscribing witnesses to the execution of said will are all dead except Alfred Breitling 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:

1st Sorinsky Alexander Fournier who resides in the city of New Orleans State of Louisiana —
2d Edmund Henry d'Estival Fournier who resides in city of Mobile State of Alabama —
3rd Louisa Hayden, wife of George B Hayden who resides in the city of Demopolis Marengo county State of Alabama —
4th Cecile Grayson wife of John B Grayson who resides in Sumter county, Alabama
5th Corine Laura who resides in Demopolis in said Marengo county and
6th Adele McCarty, wife of Lewis B McCarty who resides in said city of Demopolis Marengo county and all are of mature age —

And she therefore pays that such proceeding be had, to admit the said paper to Probate, as the last will of said Alexander Fournier as is directed by law in such cases &c.

A. B. d'E Fournier

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo 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 county personally appeared in open Court Alfred Breitling who having been, by me, first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and says 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 Fournier, 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, and in the presence of the other subscribing

witnesses on the day the same bears date, 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 goeuntor. The said testator then declaring that said instrument to be his last will and testament. 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. Affidavit 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 Witness further deposes and says 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

B Breitling

Sworn to subscribed before me this 9 day of March 1868.

Thos Moore Judge

Will of Thos Sower.

I Thomas Sower 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 Executor to procure and place over my grave a neat and substantial tomb stone.

× 2nd I devise to my son in law, — John R Webster the tract of land on which I reside, containing 480 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 leave him surviving — and if he die leaving no child or children 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 —

× 3rd To my daughter Zalcina Pointer, I devise my West half of land containing 320 acres to be held by the said John R Webster 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 survive, and the descendants of such as may be dead — such descendants to take the share to which such deceased parents would be entitled if alive.

4th To my son — Joseph I give and bequeath the sum of One hundred dollars in cash —

5th To my daughter Irena Oneal — wife of James Oneal of Arkansas — 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 — Narcissa Beasley, — Thomas Sower — Zalcina Pointer and Narcissa Webster, to be equally divided between them, this shares there of my son Thomas and Zalcina Pointer to be held for their use by my said son-in-law — John R Webster on the same trust and to be subject to the same conditions and limitations as the real estate conveyed to them in the 2d and 3d clauses of this my last Will and testament —

7th I hereby constitute and appoint my said son-in-law John R Webster Executor of this my last will and testament, and direct that the Probate Judge shall require no bond and security of him, on granting Letters testamentary herein —

In witness whereof I have to all my hand and seal this 30th day of June A. D. 1867

Thomas × Sower his mark Seal

We the subscribing witnesses hereto certify that the said Thomas Sower signed his name to the foregoing in our presence as his last will and testament and requested us to attest the same ~~requested us to attest the same~~ by witnessed them to and that we do so attest the same in his presence this 30th day of June A. D. 1867. J. B. Clarke W. H. Tarrell

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Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama May Term held this Second Monday and 11th day of said month 1868 — The Probate of the above will In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Sower dec'd came the Petitioner and on this day to be heard and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the [illegible]

issued to the next often have been duly executed and that publication has been made for three successive weeks in the "Linden Jeffersonian" newspaper for the new resident next of Kin to appear and Henry A. Woolf having been duly appointed guardian ad litem for John Thomas and Mary Pointer minor heirs of said deceased and the said Woolf appearing and accepting said appointment. And W. E. Clarke are of the Subscribing witnesses to said will being duly sworn deposes and states that he was present and saw Thomas Greer Jun. sign and publish said instrument as his last will and testament. That he and W. F. Terrell 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 bears date. He further deposes that said testator was at the execution of his will, of sound & disposing mind and memory. Deponent further states that he wrote said will under and according to the instruction of the testator and that the contents thereof. He further states that said testator signed and published said will in the presence of said W. F. Terrell the other witness as well as of himself. W. E. Clarke

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

The undersigned John R. Webster respectfully shows unto your Honor that Thomas Greer late of Marengo County departed this life on the 13th day of Feb. 1863 in said County leaving the instrument hereto 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 distributors the following his children. Joseph Greer residing in the State of Texas, Irena Oneal wife of James Oneal residing in the State of Arkansas. Clarissa Webster wife of the undersigned (John R. Webster) residing in Greene County Alabama, Thomas Greer residing in Marengo Alabama. and Narcissa Early residing in said County of Marengo. and the following grand-children, who were the children of Dulcina Pointer, the said Dulcina having departed this life in the life time of the said Thomas Greer dec'd. to wit: Thomas Pointer about twelve years of age, who resides with his father John Pointer in the County of Wilcox, Ala. Mary Pointer about ten years of age and John Pointer about six years old who reside in the County of Greene with the undersigned (John R. Webster) and the undersigned

hereby propounds for Probate, the said Instrument in writing and prays your Honor to admit the same as the last will and testament of said Thomas Greer dec'd.

John R. 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 bequeathe 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. Walters, 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

Attest
C. Kornegay
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 dec'd. before me T. 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 does depose and say on oath that he and C. Kornegay are 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 dec'd. late an inhabitant of

County: that said C. 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. Kornegay 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 25th 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 13th 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 being then present to take notice or bear witness that it was his last will and desire that at his death P.D. Towles was to have to himself and heirs 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 writing by me this the 17th day of March 1868

Attest
J. H. Smith

G. H. Elkins
Amelia Litchfield
mark

State of Alabama } In the matter of the
Marengo County } Probate of the last will and testament of Chas P. Litchfield coming on to be heard this the 13th day of July 1868 to be established by the testimony of George H. Elkins and Amelia Litchfield witnesses to said last will and testament. G. H. Elkins being sworn deposed and said that he was present at the residence of Chas P. Litchfield in said County during the time of his last sickness and at his residence of said Litchfield where he had resided ten days or more before his death and that he called upon witness to take notice and bear witness that if he Litchfield died before Mr. Towles came, to tell him P.D. Towles that he wanted him to have all of his property. That said Towles afterwards came, but he was then so far gone as to be unsensible so far as witness knows and also said Litchfield wanted Mr. P.D. Towles to pay Mrs. Sarah Allen one hundred dollars out of his Estate after all of his debts were paid. Said witness further testifies that said will was reduced to writing on the 3rd day after the death of said decedent by

John H. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me } G. H. Elkins
July 13 1868 } Thos. J. Woolf
Judge

Amelia Litchfield being next sworn deposed as follows: She says she was present at the house of Charles P. Litchfield dying 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.D. 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 3rd day of ~~[illegible]~~ after the death of said C.P. Litchfield and witnessed by me

her
Amelia X Litchfield
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court this the 13th day of July A.D. 1868

Thomas J. Woolf
Judge

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this County that said Mary Blakeney since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her 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: That said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of deponents, fully capable of making her will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards

Signed J. M. Garrard
J. N. Breckenridge

Subscribed and Sworn to
this, the 19th day of
September A.D. 1868,

E. E. Conrad
Judge.

State of Ky } Garrard County Court
I Mary Jackson of the State and County aforesaid be of sound mind and in good health and this my last will and testament I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson one negro man named Jerry Jackson during his natural life and then to be the property of a certain boy or girl to be chosen by my four children Thomas Jackson, Jane Jackson, Sarah Ann Mundy and Elizabeth Jackson, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my bay mare Kate, my bed and furniture, I have in use, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my cupboard and cow and calf and my sow and pigs and my corn in the crib and all the fodder in the barn and stable, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my gray mare Dolly, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my bay mare Kate, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my bay mare Kate, I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas Jackson my bay mare Kate

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Upon in peace & harmony Each my hand & seal
to this my last will & testament on this 24th day march
1868
witness Garry Jackson
his mark

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County }

In the matter of the codicil of the
last will and testament of Garry Jackson deceased
Before me P.B. Cowan Judge of the said Court personally
appeared in open Court, John S. Imes who being
duly & first duly sworn and examined doth
and does depose and say on oath that Samuel
Threadgill who is a subscribing witness to the codicil
of the will of Garry Jackson deceased has presented
the said will and codicil unto this Court that Garry
Jackson might see it. And then and there in the
hearing of this was his will and codicil as aforesaid
said ~~yes~~ that it was his will and codicil and he
saw the said Garry Jackson sign & publish and declare
said & presence and in the presence of the said
Garry Jackson
sworn to and subscribed John S. Imes
before me this 13th day of
September 1871
P.B. Cowan
Judge &c.

Will of John Talbert

The last Will and Testament of John Talbert.

I John Talbert of Marengo County in the State of Alabama in perfect in body, but of sound mind and disposing Memory. Bless be God for the same do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. That is to say I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried and what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and dispose of in the following manner and form, to wit:

1. My will and desire is that all my outstanding debts be paid by Executors hereinafter named as early after my death as it can be done.
2. My will and desire further is that a note of about Two hundred and Sixty Dollars held on me by my Son John M Talbert be paid to him, and also Seven hundred Dollars in Cash, to be paid out of the first money that may be collected. I also give and bequeath unto my Son John M Talbert, my Horse, Saddle and Bridle, and I wish it expressly understood that notwithstanding the above gifts to my Son John M Talbert that it is my will and desire that at the final settlement of my Estate, that he is to have an Equal share with the rest of my Legal heirs.
3. It is my will and desire that B.G. Talbert who is indebted to me in the sum of about Eighteen hundred and fifty Dollars by a note of hand I hold on him, be granted indulgence on it until such time as he can pay it.
4. It is my will and desire that as fast as my Executors can make collections, that it shall be divided out equally between my Legal representatives, share and share alike, and as soon as possible after my death, to wind up and make a final settlement of my Estate.
5. Finally, I appoint my friends B.G. Talbert and my Son John M. Talbert my Executors who are to see this my last will and testament performed in this sheet of paper contained according to its true intent and meaning, and I do hereby revoke all former wills, by me at any time made, and declaring this to be my last will and Testament, and I expressly will and direct that my Executors whom I have appointed above, be permitted by the Court, to qualify and carry out the provisions of this Will, without being required to give bond and security as I have every confidence in their honesty and fidelity in carrying it out in good faith, as much so, as if they were bound by bond and security. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven. Signed Sealed and Published by the Testator, as his last will and Testament, in our presence and by us subscribed as Witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other

John Talbert. [Seal]

R.J. Harris
A.J. Major

Testimony

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of John Talbert deceased

Before me P.B. Cowan Judge of the said Court, personally appeared in Open Court R.J. Harris who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath 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 John Talbert deceased late an inhabitant of this County, that said John Talbert 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 he set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said Testator. That said Talbert was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of making his will at the time he the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testator on the day of the said date of said Will of said

twenty one years and upwards.

R. T. Harris

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 11th day of January A D 1869.
P. E. O'Connor
Judge &c

WILL OF L. B. LANE JR

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

I, Levin B. Lane 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. Lane all my real and personal property, consisting of land, negroes, horses, mules, oxen, cows, hogs, moneys, 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 this the 17th August A D 1859.

L. B. Lane Junr.

Signed in presence of attest
Wm Gon A. Glover
J. F. 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. Lane Junr. } This day came Dr L. B. Lane the Executor nominated in the instrument heretofore propounded as the will of said Levin B Lane Junr & it appearing that A A Connella & Connella his wife and Lee and Lee his wife the next of kin of said deceased have had notice of the propounding 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 annexed instrument, who being duly sworn deposes that his signature to said instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Levin B Lane Junr is genuine; that he has no distinct recollection of attesting said will, but from his own habit of business he knows he would not have put his signature as a witness if he had not seen the execution of the same by said Lane and had not

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been requested by him to attest it: Witness therefore says he is confident the said will was duly executed by Lane & duly attested by him & by the other witness J. F. Griffin, although he cannot recall, now, the circumstances attending the same. He further says that said Lane was well known to him & that he was at the date of said will, of sane mind.

Wm Gon. A. Glover.

And it appearing that the testimony of J. F. Griffin cannot now be procured & it further appearing that said Levin B Lane Junr decd 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 Lane Jr decd & be entered of record as such, and that Letters Testamentary be granted thereon.

Jas A. Young Judge.

PETITION OF N. B. LANE. TO HAVE THE WILL OF L. B. LANE. JR RECORDED NUNC PRO TUNC

To the Honl P. E. O'Connor Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County.

Your petitioner respectfully represents that on the 14th day of October 1861 the Will of Levin B Lane Junr deceased was deposited in the Office of the Probate Court for this County, as appears by the records, and was probated on the 9th day of Decr 1861 (Eighteen hundred and sixty one) before the Hon J. A. Young then Judge of the Court; and that said Will was endorsed 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.

N. B. Lane.

Sworn & Subscribed to before me this the 9th Aug 1869.
W. F. 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 discharge the residue of my Estate real & personal, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha A Hobbs all of my property real & personal

to Sell and Manage as she may think best and at her death to dispose of as she pleases, and I hereby appoint my wife Executrix of this my last Will & Testament - whereunto I have this day set my hand & Seal.

Sept 7th 1868. L. W. Nobbs.

Witness- W. N. Grant.
Felix Long.

Testimony - State of Alabama } Probate Court Regular Term
Marengo County } September 13th 1869.

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of L. W. Nobbs deceased

Before me P. E. O'Connor Judge of the said Court, personally appeared in open Court, W. N. Grant who having been by me first duly Sworn and Examined did and does depose and say on oath, 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 L. W. Nobbs, deceased late an inhabitant of this County; that said L. W. Nobbs, 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 he, affiant, set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as a Subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said Testator; 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 was on the day of the said date of said Will, of the full age of Twenty-one years and upwards.

W. N. Grant.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 13th day of September A D 1869.

P. E. O'Connor
Judge &c.

The last Will and Testament of Dr Joseph Moore.

Will - The State of Alabama } Jefferson Oct 5th 1869.
Marengo County } Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Moore of the State and County above named and being of sound and disposing mind, and in view of the uncertainty of life and that death must soon close my earthly career, and being desirous of disposing of my earthly goods, I make and sign this my last will and testament.

1st I give my soul to my God who gave it, and my body to the earth from whence it came.

2d I desire that my burial Expenses shall be paid.

3d I desire & order that all my just debts shall be paid.

4th I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Leila Moore Ten Dollars. 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Annie Burton Moore Ten Dollars. 6th I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Ann Josephine Moore all of the residue of my personal property after paying the above named bequests & all of my just debts. 7th I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Ann Josephine Moore all of my real Estate consisting of a house & three acres of land in the Town of Jefferson Marengo Co Ala. Situated in Sec 4 T 16 R 2 E. 8th It is my positive order that my wife Martha Ann Josephine Moore shall execute this my will nor shall any security be required of her for the faithful Execution of the same.

Signed in the presence of } Joseph Moore.
J. R. Allen.
T. J. Daughdrill
O. A. Taylor.

Testimony. State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Dr Joseph Moore. dec'd

Before me P. E. O'Connor Judge of the said Court personally appeared J. R. Allen in open Court, 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 Dr Joseph Moore, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Moore, 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 set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as a subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said Testator; 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 was on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of Twenty one years & upwards.

J. R. Allen.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 10th day of December A D 1869.

P. E. O'Connor.
Judge &c

The Last Will and Testament of Joel M. Garrard. dec'd

WILL.

In the Name of God amen. I Joel M. Garrard of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama. being of Sound Mind and Memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, Publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say. First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my real and personal Estate, I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Harriet A. Garrard during her natural life or widowhood for hers and my Child or Childrens support, and in the event she my Beloved wife Harriet N. Garrard should Marry then to take a Childs part and the residue to my Child or Children. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my beloved Brother John E. Garrard to be Executor 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 22d day of January A.D. 1870. Joel M. Garrard (L.S.)

ATTESTATION

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Joel M. Garrard in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the ~~above~~ instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto. January 22d A.D. 1870.

D. P. Barr,
M. J. Garrard.

TESTIMONY.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County. } In the matter of the probate of the last Will and testament of Joel M. Garrard dec'd.

Before me P. E. Connor Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open Court, D. P. Barr 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 Joel M. Garrard deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Garrard, 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 he the said D. P. Barr, and M. J. Garrard the other subscribing witness set their Signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said testator: that said testator was of sound mind, and disposing memory, and in the opinion of deponent ~~was capable of making his will~~ at the time the same was 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.

D. P. Barr.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 18th day of April 1870.

P. E. Connor Judge &c.

The Last Will and Testament of James A. Gregory. Deceased.

WILL.

I James A. Gregory of the State of Alabama, and County of Marengo. being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do this day make and constitute this my last will and testament. First. I give and bequeath unto my wife Emma C. Gregory the following described land to wit, The East ½ of the North East ¼ of Section Thirty One. Township Seventeen Range ten East and the west half of the South west ¼ of Section twenty Nine of the same Township and Range, Containing One hundred and Sixty acres of Land, lying in the State and County aforesaid; also One Mare Called Vick, five head of Cattle, Thirteen head of Hogs, and my part of the crop now growing on the lands above given to my said wife. Second. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Annie Gregory the South East ¼ of Section third, Township Seventeen, Range ten East containing One hundred and Sixty acres of land lying in the State and County aforesaid; also all of my personal property, Except that portion of property given to my said wife and One Colt called Filmore and One Cow and Calf. Third. I give and bequeath unto Miss Mary Haygood the Colt called Filmore just named above. Fourth. I give and bequeath unto Miss Annie Elizabeth Gregory the Cow and Calf above named called Little Red. If the said Annie Gregory shoud die without an heir or heirs of her own body it is my will and desire that all the property given to her in this will shall devolve to and be the property of my brother John L. Gregory and his heirs. And I hereby make, constitute and appoint my brother John L. Gregory my Executor of this my last will and testament; and it is further my will and desire that he pay all my outstanding debts and such other claims as may necessarily accrue by doctors bills or burial Expenses out of the proceeds of the crops raised on the lands named in the foregoing bequests the present year. In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament this 20th day of May 1870.

Attest. John W. Smith
James Calhoun
A. S. Lipscomb.

J. A. Gregory. (Seal)

TESTIMONY.

State of Alabama } In the matter of the Probate of
Marengo County } the last will and testament of

James A. Gregory Deceased.

Before me P. E. Connor Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court, James Calhoun & A. S. Lipscomb, who having been by me first ~~duly~~ severally duly sworn and Examined, did

do depose and say on oath, that they each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of James A. Gregory dec'd, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Gregory, 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; 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. Affiants further state that said testator was, on the day of the said date of said Will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

James Cochrane.
A. S. Lipscomb.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 20th day of June 1870.

P. E. O'Connor. Judge &c

The Last Will and Testament of Ezra G. Talbert. Deceased.

WILL.

The last Will and Testament of Ezra G. Talbert.

I Ezra G. Talbert of Marengo County, in the State of Alabama being of sound mind, and disposing memory Blessed Be God for the same, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say: I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to be decently buried, and what Wordly (sic) estate, it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and dispose of in the following Manner and form. To Wit, 1. My Will and desire is, that all my Outstanding debts be paid by my Executrix hereafter named, as early after my death as it can be done. 2. I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife, Emily D. Talbert, in fee simple, with the right to Change, Sell, or dispose of it in any way that she may think Proper, just the same as I have the right to do now in my life time, the following real Estate, Ng, E½. SE¼ Sec 28. The SW¼ of sec 28. The E½ of SE¼ of sec 29. The SW¼ of SE¼ of sec 29. The NE¼ of sec 32, and the whole of sec 33. all in Township Sixteen and Range Six. Containing in all about Eleven hundred and Sixty acres all in Perry County. The following described real Estate lies in Marengo County and embraces my residence, Ng: E½ of NE¼ sec 1. Township 15. Range 6. NW¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of sec 6. T. 15. R. 6. SW¼ of SE¼ sec 1. T. 15. R. 5. NW¼ of NE¼ sec 12. T. 15. R. 6. E½ of NE¼ sec 3. T. 15. R. 6. Making about two hundred and Sixty acres in Marengo County which being added to the Eleven hundred and Sixty acres in Perry County, makes in all about Fourteen hundred and twenty acres. 3. I also give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife, Emily D. Talbert, in fee simple, my Library, and all my Private Papers, together with all the Personal Property of which I may die seized and possessed, Consisting of Horses and cattle, Hogs, Plantation tools, Waggon and Buggy, Household furniture of every description including Pianos, Kitchen utensils and anything else not Enumerated, with the right to change, sell or dispose of it in any way that she may think proper, just the same as I have the right to do now in my life time. 4. Finally, I appoint my Beloved Wife, Emily D. Talbert, my Executrix, who is to see this my last Will and Testament performed as contained in this sheet of Paper, according to its true intent and meaning. And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time made, and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. And I Expressly Will and direct, that my Executrix whom I have appointed above, be permitted by the Court to qualify and carry out the provisions of this, my last Will and Testament, without being required to give bond and security: And I further Will and direct, that my Executrix, whom I have appointed above, shall not be amenable to, or make any return, to any Court whatever. But that She shall go into the possession, in fee simple, of my whole Estate, with the right to change, sell, or dispose of the whole, or any part thereof, just the same as I have the right to do now in my life time. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 28th day of August in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Nine.

Signed, Sealed and Published by the Testator as his last will and Testament in our presence and by us subscribed as witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other.

E. G. Talbert. [Seal]

W. A. Tilford. J. Glass.
W. L. Anderson. J. A. Steele.

The words "in fee simple," in the second line of the third article, were interlined before signing.

TESTIMONY.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } August 1st 1870.

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and

Testament of Genl Ezra G. Talbert deceased.

Before me P.E. O'Connor as Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Marengo, the State of Alabama, Personally came William H. Tilford and William L. Anderson, who, being by me, respectively, duly Sworn and Examined, did, and do depose and say, on oath, that they, and J.S. Glass & J.A. Steele are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them being the last Will and testament of Genl Ezra G. Talbert, deceased, dated the 28th day of August 1869, signed by him and witnessed by W.H. Tilford, J.S. Glass, W.L. Anderson, & J.A. Steele; that the said Talbert, did sign and Execute the said instrument in writing or will, on the 28th day of August 1869, in the presence of Each of the said witnesses; that he then and there declared the same to be his last will and testament; that affiants, with the other said subscribing witnesses, set their signatures thereto at that time as subscribing witnesses, in his presence & at his request, and in the presence of Each other; that the signature thereto of the said Talbert is his genuine signature; that he was at that time, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and fully capable of making his said Will, at the time the same was so made, as aforesaid. Affiants further say that the said Genl Talbert was at the said time of making his said will, over 40 years of age; that he died on the 18th day of June 1870, in the said County; at that time was a resident inhabitant of the said County, and owned a considerable amount of real, and personal property in the same County; that he left him surviving his widow Emily D. Talbert, and the following Children his only heirs at Law, Ezra G. Talbert, John L. Talbert and Sarah Ann Lee, all over 21 years of age & reside in said State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 1st day of August A.D. 1870. P.E. O'Connor, Judge &c

W.H. Tilford,
W.L. Anderson.

The Last Will and Testament of Richard H. Adams, Deceased.

Will.

I, Richard H. Adams of Marengo County and State of Alabama being at present in rather feeble health but in perfect mind, do hereby make and declare the following as and for my last will and testament: To wit:

1st. I direct all my just debts if any to be paid from the income of my Estate at large. 2nd I give and devise the plantation I now reside upon and known as Allisons, being the north half of Section Nineteen, and section Eighteen Entire, in Township No 17 - of Range 5 East, containing about from 850, to 900 acres, more or less, together with all the Stock Mules, Horses, Oxen, Cattle, and Farming utensils, indeed Everything that is found on said Plantation at the time of my death, belonging or appertaining to the same including Provisions of all kinds, to my Beloved wife Anna Carter, and my daughter Margaret Harrison, and my youngest Son George Winston Adams, to be owned Equally, and jointly by those three. 3rd I also give and bequeath the farm recently purchased by me of Mr. J.A. Booth, together with all the Stock of every description found on the Farm, lying in Montgomery County, near Christiansburg, Va: Containing about 253 acres, more or less, including all the Household and Kitchen Furniture, indeed Everthing belonging to, or appertaining to said Farm of whatever description, to my beloved wife Anna Carter Adams. All of the above named property given and devised to my beloved wife Anna Carter, she is to hold during her natural life time, and after her death, to be Equally divided with her five children, to wit: John Minge, Margaret Harrison, Benjamin Carter, Richard Henry, & William Frances Adams, and George Winston Adams, or in case of the death of Either of the above named to their legal heirs. 4th My life Insurance insurance policy, in the New York insurance Company Policy No 62,343 for ten thousand dollars as provided in that Policy, I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Anna Carter, and to my daughter Margaret Harrison, and my youngest Son George Winston, in fee simple, the proceeds arising from said Policy, to be equally divided with said Anna Carter, Margaret Harrison, and Geo. Winston. I direct that my Executors attend promptly to the paying up of all premiums on said Policy if any should be falling due after my death, from the income of my Estate at large, that is that Each heir to this will, shall pay their relative proportion to this, annually, and before the premium falls due. 5th My four Vacant lots in the City of Selma, on Alabama, and Union Streets, I give and devise to my daughter Margaret Harrison and to my son George Winston Adams to be equally divided with them. 6th My rail road stock in the Selma and Meridian Road amounting to forty Shares, I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Harrison Adams. My ten Shares in the northwestern rail road Company I give and devise to my son George Winston Adams. The Vacant lots in Selma and the rail road Stock, bequeathed to Margaret Harrison and the rail road Stock bequeathed to Geo Winston Adams may at any time be sold by my Executors free of all charge for Commissions for selling the same, if deemed

advantageous by my Executors, to their respective interest, or any part thereof. In the event of a sale or any part thereof, I direct my Executors to apply the proceeds of the sale at once, in some good real Estate, paying rent if possible, in the State of Alabama, or State of Virginia, as preferred by the heirs & concurrance of my Executors. 7th A note I hold of my son Richard Henry, for twenty five hundred dollars, borrowed money, with the interest on the same, I give and devise to my daughter Margaret Harrison, and my son George Winston, the proceeds of same to be equally divided, & with the desire that the holders will be as lenient as possible in forcing the collection of the same. 8th In the event of the death of my daughter Margaret Harrison without issue, all the property I herewith give and bequeath to her, I direct shall be equally divided with her five brothers named above, and herewith mentioned, or, to their legal heirs in case of the death of either of them. 9th If any portion of the property I herewith give and devise to my son George Winston, should be sold before he attains the age of 21 years, I direct it to be invested in good real Estate in the State of Ala, or Virginia all of which I herewith bequeath to said George Winston is in fee simple. I also direct my Executors to give said son a liberal education at the expense of my Estate at large, and in an Economical scale, that is, at any time not to exceed a contribution of One hundred dollars from each heir to this will, annually. It is desired that my Executors will at all times impress upon said Geo. Winston, the importance of a good and thorough Education, and close application to his studies, and strict economy in all things. X 10th My plantation known as "Woodstock" and purchased of M.W. Creagh in Perry County, Contg: 1520 acres more or less. I give and devise to my four sons, John Minge, Benjamin Carter, Richard Henry, and William Frances Adams together with all the stock of Mules, Horses, Cattle, Farming utensils, and indeed everything then on, or belonging to said plantation at the time I turned said plantation over after the war, in the year 1865. for the use and benefit of said four sons. X 11th My tract of land lying in Perry County, known as the "Harrison Place" contg: 466 acres more or less. I also give and bequeath to my four Jno. Minge, Benjamin Carter, Richard Henry Adams & William Frances Adams & to be equally divided with the same. X 12th To my son John Minge, I give a note I hold of his, (for borrowed money,) for Five thousand dollars, with the interest that has accrued or will accrue upon the same, since the note was given dated Oct 11th 1865. & due one day after date. 12th I give and devise also to my son Richard Henry, a note I hold of his, for fifteen hundred dollars, with the interest accrued on same up to the time of my death, being for borrowed money. I also give and bequeath to my son B. Carter Adams, the amount of an open a/c I paid for him while living in Mobile, for upwards of One thousand dollars with the interest on the same. 13th I give and bequeath to my son William Frances Adams, all my right title and interest in a note of One Crocker, now in progress of suit in Choctaw County Ala, for about twelve hundred dollars now in the hands of Mess Glover & Coleman attorneys at Butler in said County, and also all my right & title in a tract of land, that is, my undivided half interest, in seven hundred & twenty acres, more or less, known as the Henry Brame tract, lying in Marengo County. 14th My interest in the Lime Kiln property, and the town lots of Calera, and the Orchard adjoining, all in Shelby County Ala, I give & bequeath to wit. Benjamin Carter, Richard Henry, and William Frances Adams, to be equally divided with those three sons. X 15th My tract of land in the "Flat Woods known as the Pickett Place" contg: four hundred and eighty four acres more or less. I give and bequeath to my two sons Benjamin Carter and Richard H. Adams, to be divided equally with them. 16th I will and direct all monies collected hereafter, due and payable to the late firm of Knox & Adams, formerly engaged in business in the City of Selma, be appropriated to the support of my wife and her household. 17th I constitute and appoint my sons John Minge, Benjamin Carter, Richard Henry, and William Frances Adams, Executors of this my last will and testament both in the States of Alabama and Virginia and that no security shall be required of them in either State, for the performance of their duties, and no commissions allowed them for the performance of any duties connected with said Estate in any manner. I desire that any two or more of them take charge of my Estate and preserve it from waste or injury. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix my seal this 18th day of May, One thousand Eight hundred & Seventy. The words "bequeathed to Geo. Winston Adams" & my "on the second page and legal & of & heir" on the third page, and on the fourth page the words & William Frances Adams" were interlined before signing. This writing was signed R. H. Adams.

Published & declared by Richard H. Adams the testator on the date aforesaid, & as for his last will, & Testament, in the presence of us all, & whom we believe to be in perfect sense & memory.

Geo. W. H. Minge.
Hugh Nelson.
David Minge Jr.

TESTIMONY.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Special
Marengo County. } Term. Oct 6th 1870.

In the Matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament of Richard N. Adams. dec'd.

Before me P.E. O'Connor, Judge of the said Court, this day came David Mingo Jr. who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, nothing but the truth and the whole truth in the premises, deposes and says, that he was one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Richard N. Adams, who, not being an inhabitant of this State, lately died out of this County, leaving assets therein; that said Adams, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, that is to say on the 18th day of May A.D. 1870, and declared the same to be his last Will and testament; all of which was done in the presence of this affiant, and Hugh Nelson and George W. Mingo the other subscribing witnesses to the said instrument; that this affiant and said other witnesses subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator and of each other on the day that the same bears date; that said testator was at said date over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind, and in the opinion of this deponent fully capable of making his will.

David Mingo Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October A.D. 1870.

P.E. O'Connor.
Judge &c

The Last Will and Testament of Lemuel D. Honeycutt. Dec'd

WILL.

I, Lemuel D. Honeycutt of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others and make void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with, I hereby appoint my wife Martha G. Honeycutt she being my wife as Executrix of this my will. For the natural affection which I have for her I bequeath the real estate consisting of the farm on which I now reside known as the Strother Madison tract lying in Township 16 and range 3 East, also the slaves which I now possess with their increase (viz) Milly Tom, Louis

Testimony.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Regular Term.
Marengo County. } November 14th 1870.

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Lemuel D. Honeycutt. Dec'd.

Before me P.E. O'Connor Judge of Probate in and for said County personally came J.A.C. Shaw who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of L.D. Honeycutt, dec'd, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death; that said L.D. Honeycutt lately died in said County leaving assets therein to the amount of about ($1500.00) Fifteen hundred Dollars, consisting of real and personal property; that said Honeycutt, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument during the month of May 1863, to the best of this belief, and declared the same to be his last will and testament; all of which was done in the presence of this affiant, and J.A. Rennie the other subscribing witness to said instrument; that this affiant and said other witness subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the said testator and of each other on the day the same was executed as aforesaid; that said testator was at said time over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind, and in the opinion of this deponent, fully capable of making his will.

J.A.C. Shaw.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th day of Nov. 1870.

P.E. O'Connor. Judge &c.

The Last Will and Testament of David W. Magruder Dec'd

WILL.

State of Alabama } Whereas I David W. Magruder now
Marengo County. } in my proper mind & senses do make the my last Will & Testament to wit: I give & bequeath all my property consisting of Household & Kitchen Furniture also stock that I may now be in possession of one Wagon & all the notes & accounts that is now due me & any thing else that I may be possessed of to my

Henry and Esther to have and to hold during her natural life said property is to be kept together for the support of the Children until her death and then she may dispose of the property as she may think best. She Martha G. Honeycutt has liberty at any time for the support of the family to sell any of the above described property. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in presence of James A.R. Rennie } Lemuel D. Honeycutt.
J.A.C. Shaw.

Virginia E. Magruder, to be held & kept by her without rendering any account of it to the Court & without having to go through any formality of an administration & without having to give any bond or security. But to be taken by her at my death & used or conducted at her own discretion & in her own way without disturbance from any party or parties whatever. Given under my hand & seal this the 28th day of Sept A.D. 1870.

David W. Magruder.

Signed & witnessed at the request of David W. Magruder, & in the presence of each other the day & year above named.
W. W. Cowan. Gray Little. Jno. A. Bragg.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.

TESTIMONY.

Marengo County. } In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of David W. Magruder. Deceased.

Before me P. E. O'Connor Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open Court, Gray Little, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, deposes and says, that he and W. W. Cowan and Jno A Bragg are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of David W. Magruder, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County: that said Magruder, 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 the said other witnesses set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator: 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 was on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of 21 years and upwards.

Gray Little.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Novr 29th 1870.

P. E. O'Connor. Judge &c.

The Last Will & Testament of John G. P. Coleman Deceased

Will

West View. } In the name of God amen. I
Marengo County Alabama } John G. P. Coleman of the County of Marengo State of Alabama being now of sound and disposing mind and memory mind full of the uncertancy of human life do make and publish this as and for my last will and Testament.

First I desire and direct that my executrix here inafter named shall pay all my just and lawful

debts. Secondly I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Virginia Key the wife of William O. Key, in fee simple and as her sole and seperate estate free from the debts and liabilities of her present or any future husband the house and lot in Uniontown owned by me known as the Pistillo Place and now occupied and leased by Bush Jones Esq. Thirdly I release and forever discharge my son Alonzo from the payment of a certain note executed by him on the first day of January 1870 and payable to me on the first day of January 1871 with interest from date for the sum of Four thousand Eight hundred Dollars ($4800) the same being for balance due on the unpaid purchase money of a Tract of land known as the Morris Place sold by me to my son Alonzo for which I have already executed to him a conveyance. Having heretofore made large advances to my Daughter Virginia and my Son Alonzo and believing by the advances so made and the above Legacies that my said children will have received at the least a full and fair share of my estate and my other children being unmarried having entire confidence in my wife Mary and believing she will so order affairs as to insure the best interest of my dear children I give devise and bequeath the residue of my estate Real and personal to my wife mary in fee simple absolute with power to dispose of the same by Deed or will with this simple limitation and qualification that my daughter Mary M. Ida B. my daughter Virginia and her child Mary Etta shall have and enjoy the privilege of living with their Mother free of cost so long as they may elect to do so In the event of the marriage of my daughter mary or my daughter Ida my wife will make such provision for them as to her may seem fit and property. I appoint my dear wife mary Executrix of this my last will & Testament and expressly direct that she shall not be required to syn a bond Owing no debts to necessitate a Regular administration I desire and direct that my wife will do all in her power to carry out the special Legacies here in before named without recours to Law. In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this Twenty ninth day of June A.D. One thousand and Eight hundred and Seventy One

J. G. P. Coleman

Testors. Robert Christian. John M. Adams.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } Special Term August 19th 1871

In the Matter of the probate of the last will and testament of John G. P. Coleman deceased:

Before me P. E. O'Connor Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open court John M. Adams who having been first by me duly sworn and examined does depose and say that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to

him and which purports to be the last will and Testament of John K. P. Coleman late an inhabitant of said County deceased: that the said John K. P. Coleman deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date in presence of this deponent and Robert Christian the other subscribing witness thereto and then and there declared the same to be his last will and testament and this deponent and the said Robert Christian set their respective thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing Witnesses of the same in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other at the request of said testator that said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid Deponent further states that said testator was upwards of twenty one years of age on the day of said will

Jno. W. Adams

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 21st day of Augt 65. P. R. Thomas Jr. J.P.

The Last Will and Testament of Wm L. Davidson, Deceased

Will - In the name of God, Amen. I William L. Davidson of Mecklenburg County, Ala. being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and desirous of disposing of the property with which God has blessed me do make and Constitute this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Davidson. the tract of land I bought of William Dozier supposed to Contain three hundred and sixty acres also the Twenty Eight & forty acres of land which purchased of P. H. Hudson and the following negro slaves. Jim. Linda. Elinor. Aaron & his wife Martha and her child Jim and such children as she may hereafter have. Metz. Yellow Sarah. Black Harriet & her two children Horace & John husband of Harriet: and it is my will that my wife take possession of Phebe, Rose & Amy and that she support and maintain them so long as they live. I also give and bequeath to my wife Sarah one half of my mules. Cattle. Hogs & Sheep all my farming tools Blacksmith tools & Carriage. Loom & Tackling all my house hold and Kitchen furniture of every description and one half of all the Crop at the time of my decease should there be one planted.

Item - I give and bequeath to Wm L. D. Pitts the Tract of land I bought of David Hardin by his power of attorney to Dand Hardin of about Two hundred and forty acres also the Eighty acres I bought of W. W. Adair.

Item: I give and bequeath to Dr James Houston the one half of the tract of land I purchased of Phillip P. Hudson the other half of said tract of so purchased of P. P. Hudson I will and bequeath to Florence Glen

Item: I give and bequeath to Davidson College, of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Eight Thousand Dollars.

Item - I give and bequeath to Winnman & Philotophian societies of Davidson College each one Thousand Dollars.

Item - I give and bequeath to George Davidson of Lawnesboro Two thousand Dollars

Item - I give and bequeath to Mrs Mary Mustrat of Waynesville Two thousand Dollars.

Item - I give and bequeath to William Davidson son of Rev. W. Davidson Dec'd of N. Carolina One thousand Dollars

Item - I give and bequeath to W. D. Huggins of Selma one thousand Dollars

Item - I give and bequeath to Florence Glen Two thousand Dollars

Item - It is my will that all my just debts be paid and that Executors in the sale of my negros sell them so far as practical in families so that mothers and small children be kept together as much as can be conveniently done, and my Executors are hereby empowered to sell my slaves not herein bequeathed either publicly or privately after having them fairly appraised and valued by Competent & disinterested persons observing in the sale my desire to keep families together so far as may conveniently be done

Item - I wish it to be distinctly understood that the real and personal estate which I have by this my will given to my wife is in lieu of her Dower & Distributive share in my estate and that it is so given her upon the express Condition that she accepts the same in lieu of all her legal claims to Dower or Distribution in my estate.

Item - It is my will that all my property not specifically bequeathed be by my Executors sold and after paying my debts and the foregoing legacies and bequests should there remain any thing on hand the remainder I give and bequeath to the following Legatees Equally and to be equally divided amongst them. to wit to the Davidson College. George Davidson. Mary Mustrat Florence Glen and for the [illegible]

into effect this will I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint Samuel Houston and Joseph R. John as my executors. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this 4th day of July 1862.

Signed & published in presence of
Jno H. Webster
J.B. John

Wm L. Davidson

Petition State of Alabama } To the Hon P.E. O'Connor Judge of Marengo County } the Probate Court of Said County
The petition of Joseph R. John respectfully represents unto Your Honor that the late William L. Davidson who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 13th day of November 1862 at his residence in said County leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by J.B. John who resides in Houston County Texas and John H. Webster who is now out of this State; in which your petitioner is named as an Executor thereof which will is herewith produced to Your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further States that the Widow of said decedent Sarah Davidson has departed this life: and that the next of Kin of said decedent is his sister Mrs Margaret Ewing who is of full age and resides in the State of Missouri. In Consideration of which Your petitioner prays that such proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due Probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound &c.

J.R. John

TESTIMONY Probate Court Marengo County State of Alabama
At a Special term thereof held this 13th day of September 1871. Testimony of J.R. John in the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of William L. Davidson deceased. here to annexed who being duly sworn in open Court deposes and says that he was acquainted with Wm L. Davidson the testator in his life time has seen him write & is acquainted with his handwriting That he was also acquainted with Mrs. Sarah Davidson who was the wife of William L. Davidson that he is acquainted with John H. Webster & J.B. John the subscribing witnesses to the Last will & Testament of William L. Davidson deceased and that he is also acquainted with the handwriting of both of said subscribing witnesses. That both John H. Webster and J.B. John are out of this State. That Sarah L. Davidson the Widow of William L. Davidson has departed this life since the death of her husband William L. Davidson that William L. Davidson was a resident citizen of Marengo County Alabama & being a citizen departed this life in said County & State about the month of November 1862. leaving the paper propounded to this Court as his last will. That Mrs Margaret Ewing was a sister & so far as he knows or believes was at his death his only heir at law and that she resides in the State of Missouri unless she has died since he last knew of her. That he has examined the signature of William L. Davidson as signed to the paper propounded for Probate as the last will of said Davidson and is satisfied that the same is the genuine signature of the Testator William L. Davidson. And he has also examined the signatures of the subscribing witnesses to the said last will and is satisfied that they are the genuine signatures of J.H. Webster & J.B. John and that the name of William L. Davidson was written by himself & the name of the said subscribing Witnesses to said will was written by each of said witnesses respectively for himself. And that the Testator was at the time of signing said will of sound mind and disposing memory –

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th Sept. 1871.

J.R. John

P.E. O'Connor Judge &c.

Last Will and Testament of A.M. Lewis Deceased.

WILL.

In the name of God. Amen!

I Arthur M. Lewis of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being sound in mind but weak in body and conscious of the uncertainty of life do make declare and publish this my last Will & Testament.

Item. 1st It is my will that I be decently interred and that such suitable monument or tombstone be erected over my remains as shall be consistent with my degree and circumstances in life.

Item 2. It is my will that all my just debts be paid as soon as conveniently be done after my decease and for that purpose my executrix hereinafter named is hereby authorized and directed to apply such Monies as may have on hand at the time of my death and the proceeds of such debts or claims as may accrue at the time as may be necessary.

Item 3. It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah C. Lewis have the full share of my estate including both that which I hold in my own right and that which I hold in right of my said wife - which the law would give her if no will had been made by me with this additional provision that she be authorized and permitted to select such of the house servants as a part of her share of the slaves as she may chose.

Item 4. It is my will and desire that property of the Value of Dollars be set off and allotted, at such time as may become necessary to make a division of my estate for the use of my son Green Berry Lewis and I do hereby bequeath and devise said property when the same shall be so set off and allotted to my said wife. In trust however for the use maintenance and support of my said son Greenberry during his natural life, and at his death it is my will and I hereby further bequeath & devise said property so vested as aforesaid in my said wife as trustee, over to my other Children then living and to the decendent of such of them (if any) as may be dead to be taken by them in such parts and in the same manner as may be in accordance with the law of descent now in force in the State of Alabama.

Item 5th. It is my will that all my estate of every description which may be left (after setting off the portion herein devised & bequeathed to my said wife and the said portion therein before bequeathed & devised for the use and support of my son Greenberry) be equally divided among the remainder of my Children who may be living at the time of making such division the decendent of such child or children as may then be dead said decendents to take the share which their parent would have taken if living. And it is my will and I do hereby devise & bequeath the share which may be set off and allotted to my son Owen Lewis to my said wife Sarah C. Lewis in trust for the use maintenance and support of my said son Owen Lewis during his natural life, and after the death of my said son Owen. It is my will that said property so held in trust for the use of my son Owen descend to his the said Owens Child or Children if any be living at the time of his death. And if the said Owen should die leaving no Child or Children then I further devise & bequeath said property to my other Children (except the said Greenberry) who may be then living and to the decendents then living of such of them (if any) as may be dead to be taken by them according to the law of descents now in force in the State of Alabama.

If however at any time my wife Sarah C. Lewis shall deem it safe or expedient to permit my said son Owen to take possession Control or management of the share so bequeathed & devised to her in trust for the use & of said Owen. It is my will and desire, and I do hereby authorize her so to do. reserving to herself however the right at any time she may deem it advisable to resume the possession Control & management of said property to herself as trustee aforesaid.

Item 6th. It is my will and I hereby direct that my home place whereon I now reside with my family and all the lands & tenements attached thereto together with the household and Kitchen furniture plate, stock of horses Cattle hogs and everything else thereon kept and used by me in my life time for the Comfort, Convenience and enjoyment of my wife and family, be still kept used & enjoyed by my said wife and family for their Comfort and Convenience the same as may have been done during my life, and it is my desire that no inventory or appraisement of my household effects be required, my estate being amply sufficient to secure the payment of all debts or claims which may be brought against it, without my Executor hereafter named including such household effects in her inventory of my Estate.

Item 7th. It is further my will and desire and I so direct that my two places on the Tombeckbee River now cultivated by me and known as the "Hopper" or "Ferry Place" and the Lower or "Greenville Place" with the lands at the "Ferry Place" lying on the east side of the river and cultivated by me as a part of said "Ferry Place" be kept up and cultivated and that all my slaves except those kept for house servants at the "House places be kept together on said "Ferry & Greenville places" and worked thereon the same as I have kept up and worked said places during my life time and it is further my will and I do hereby authorize and empower my said Executor to purchase other lands adjoining or contiguous to said "Ferry & Greenville places" if the same can be done without prejudice to my estate and for the purpose of providing my said Executor with the means of making such purchases I do hereby authorize and empower her to sell at public or private sale as she may deem most advisable my places in Choctaw County Alabama known as the "Kinderbook Place" and my places in Marengo County aforesaid known as the "Boyles

Place" and for the purpose of enabling my said executrix to carry out fully the objects specified in this item I do hereby vest in her as executrix aforesaid all such titles as may be necessary to effect the same without in any manner requiring the intervention of any of the Courts of the State of Alabama and all such lands as may be purchased by my said executrix shall be held and used as those so directed to be kept & used in this item, and on the final division of my estate to be divided & descend according to the provisions herein specified with regard to the rest of my Estate.

Item 8th. It is my will and I desire that all my family remain and reside at the house place with their mother until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years or marry and that they shall until such Contingencies happen live in Common & in the same style & manner they lived during my life time and that my executrix shall not be required to keep seperate accounts with them.

Item 9th. It is further my will and desire that all my estate not directed to be sold be kept together & worked in Common until my following named Children to wit: Ophelia Lewis. Alivia Lewis. Agnes Lewis. Arthur McKewes. Alabama Lewis and Carolina Lewis and such other child or children as may be hereafter born to me, shall have respectively attained to the age of twenty one years or married, and that as soon as any one of my said Children named or referred to in this item shall have so attained to the age of twenty one years or married and shall desire his or her share to be set off or allotted the share of said child in the slaves then belonging to my estate according to the provisions of this my will defining what portion each one shall have, shall accordingly be so set off and allotted to such Child and so from time to time each Child's share on the happening of such Contingencies as above provided shall be set off and allotted.

Item 10th. It is further my will that the sum of _____ Dollars shall be paid by my Executrix to each one of the above named & specified Children at the time of setting off and allotting his or her share of the slaves as is in item No. 9 directed and provided for.

Item 11th. It is my will that if any one of my children named or specified in item No 9. shall die before his or her share of the slaves be allotted to him or her without leaving issue living at that time, then his or her share of said slaves shall remain and shall be divided among my other Children named & specified in said item No. (9) nine.

Item 12th. It is my will that all the lands herein before directed to be kept together & Cultivated be kept and cultivated until my youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one & married and in the event any of my children shall have preferred to keep their portion of the slaves together on said plantation said lands shall be kept & cultivated until each one of my children shall have taken off his or her share of said slaves.

Item 13th. It is my will and I direct that all the stock of horses mules cattle hogs farming utensils provisions &c be kept and remain on said plantation so directed to be kept together until the final division of my estate, at which time my lands so directed to be kept together & cultivated shall be equally divided among all my children then living & and the descendants of such of them as may be living according to the law regulating descents in the State of Alabama, except that my said son Green Berry is not to have any share, and the share of my said son Owen to be vested in my said wife as trustee aforesaid and to be used & to descend as provided in item No.

Item 14th. I hereby clothe my executrix with full power to sell the crops of Cotton at private sale for cash & all the surplus provisions or stock which may at any time be unnecessary to keep or may become liable to waste at public or private sale as she may deem advisable without at any time requiring the intervention of any of the Courts and for the purpose of executing this my will I do hereby vest in her all such title authority & powers as may be necessary as fully and completely as I could do myself if living.

Item 15th. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife my executrix to execute this my will & do request that she be not required by the probate Court to give Bond in a Sum exceeding fifty thousand Dollars and I hereby request my said wife Sarah C. Lewis in executing the provisions of this my will and more particularly in making sales the "Winterbush & Boykin Place" and in the purchase of other lands to be attached to and constitute a portion of the tract herein directed to be kept together to Consult and advise with one or two of such of her friends as are known to be prudent and judicious in the management of their own affairs

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the day of A.D. 186

Signed sealed & published in our presence (Seal)

In addition to the foregoing and by way of more fully explaining my intentions I make this Codicil thereto as follows. It is my will above all else that my property &c. particularly my slave be kept together and that no division takes place until one of my children become of age or marries and that my wife then have her share set off to, she having the privilage of retaining the house servants at a fair & reasonable valuation. It is further my will that she have the privilage of purchasing or selling any stock she may deem necessary. It is further my will that in case any of my children shall die without leaving a child or children that his or her share shall go to the surviving children. Except said Berry Lewis. It is further my will and desire that in case the Kenterbesh place & Boyken place or either of them be sold that the hands worked thereon be removed and worked on the Greenwill or Ferry place. It is further my will that when any one of my children shall have received his or her share of the slaves or as soon after as convenient, he or she shall have the sum of three thousand Dollars paid or given to him or her by my said executrix because I do not want my land which is directed to be kept together divided or sold until my children have all become twenty one or married at which time I want my wifes dower set off & the balance of the land divided amongst my children aforesaid or sold if it be found advisable & the proceeds divided. This November 15. 1860

Signed in the presence of and Witnessed by
John W. Smith
Joseph Moor
Wm. J. Gilmore

Arthur M. Lewis (Seal)

TESTIMONY

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the Last will and testament of A. M. Lewis deceased.

Before me P. E. O'Connor Judge of said Court personally appeared in open Court J. W. Smith 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 A. M. Lewis deceased late an

inhabitant of this County, that said Lewis 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 set his signature thereto, and that the other subscribing witnesses set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said testator. 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 made as aforesaid. affiant further states that said testator was on the day of the date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 18th day of September 1871

John W. Smith

P. E. O'Connor Judge &c.

Last Will and Testament of Mary A. Jones Dec.

State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen.
Marengo County } I Mary Ann Jones considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. First after the payment of all my lawful debts I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mrs Mary Vernon McGown now the Wife of Dr. David R. McGown and her two children to wit - Elizabeth Hellen Anderson and Richard Paulding Anderson one fourth of my entire Estate to be equally divided between them and I further bequeath unto my beloved Son Green Erwin Jones one fourth of my entire Estate and I further bequeath unto my beloved Son Commerce Jones one fourth of my entire Estate and immediately after my death or as soon as practicable I want all of my Estate Real and Personal sold, and I hereby constitute my Son John W. Jones and Miss Elizabeth Anderson to hold my two Grand-childrens that is Elizabeth Hellen and Richard Paulding Anderson without being required to give bond, I hereby appoint constitute and declare my Sons John W. Jones and Commer W. Jones my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, not required to give

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Lord. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal. this the 14th day of October A.D. 1868.

Mary A Jones (LS)

The above Instrument consisting of One sheet of paper was now Subscribed by Mary Ann Jones the Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same Time declared by her to be her Last Will and Testament and we at her request Signed our names hereto as Attesting Witnesses

A. F. Dixon } Dixons Mills in Marengo
A. M. Burge } County.

Ela Hill in Marengo County

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Mary Ann Jones deceased in the Probate Court of Marengo County.

Testimony

Testimony of A. F. Dixon.

Being sworn Affiant says that he was acquainted with Mary Ann Jones of Marengo County and State of Alabama. that the Above Will was Signed by Mary Ann Jones in My presence after having been read over to her and in the presence of the other Subscribing Witness; that the other Subscribing Witness signed in My presence and in the presence of the Testator.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of September A.D. 1871.

A. F. Dixon

R. L. Manspin Judge

The Last Will & Testament of David L Davidson Dec

WILL.

State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen, I David L
Marengo County } Davidson being in good bodily health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory. Calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate with which it has pleased God to bless me, shall be disposed of after my decease, while I have strength and capacity so to do, make and publish this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other last Wills and testaments by me heretofore made. And, first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried with expense or ostentation by my Executor hereinafter named. And as to my worldly estate, and all the property, real, personal, or mixed, of which I shall die seised and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, and dispose of in the manner following, to wit:

Imprimis. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

Item. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Son Julius Houston my dwelling-house or homestead with all the improvements, including the lot or lots, Garden, orchard &c and one hundred acres of lands to be Selected by him out of my whole tract: two beds, two bedsteads and two full sets of bedclothing: one set Silver teaspoons my Wardrobe, Secretary and books: My dining-room furniture One Centre table and one half dozen parlor Chairs: my two carriage horses and whatever Stock or cattle there may be left: Also whatever ballance of money there may be on hand at my decease not otherwise disposed of: Also the Growing Crops of Corn shall be ours at my death, or the rents for my farm: to have and to hold the same, to him & his executors administrators, and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Houston one half of the balance of my lands: two beds, two bedsteads and two full sets of bed clothes: one set Silver teaspoons: my Bureau and Marble-top Wash stand, and one half dozen chairs: to have and to hold the same to him, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. It is also my wish and desire that my son William may always have a home with his brother Julius.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Houston for the sole benefit and use of his children Julia, Bell and Robert, the remainder of my lands:- and desire the same to be divided equally amongst them whenever he may deem it expedient. To have and to hold the same in Trust for the said Julia, Bell and Robert Houston

Item. I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughters Julia and Bell Houston, one bed, one bedstead and one full set bedclothes to each: my Jewelry to be divided between them

equally: to Lula: one Silver mug: to Bell one Silver Pitcher.
Item. I give and bequeath to Lula, Bell and Robert one set of Silver table-spoons and one set of Silver tea-spoons: also one Bureau, extension table, one marble top Wash-Stand: one half dozen Parlor chairs and one Settee.
Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Houston five hundred dollars in C S Currency to be applied by him to the education of his son Robert: which Sum, my Executor hereinafter named, will pay to him as soon after my decease as shall be found by him convenient.
Item. I give to my Daughter in law Mary Houston my Carriage and Harness.
Item. I desire my dinner and tea-set of china to be divided equally between my sons Julius, my son William and my three grandchildren Lula, Bell and Robert. And after making the above disposition of all my property, if there shall be any household furniture or goods left, I wish it to be equally divided between my son Julius, my son William and my three grandchildren Lula, Bell and Robert.
Lastly. I do nominate and appoint my said son Julius Houston to be the Executor of this my last Will and testament and I desire that he may carry out the provisions of this my last Will and testament without being required by any Court or law to give his bond for the execution of the same.
In testimony whereof I the said Sarah L Davidson have to this my last Will and Testament, subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the Sixth day of November A D 1869

Sarah L Davidson (Seal)

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Sarah L Davidson as and for her last Will and testament in presence of us, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

A A Smith
R T Harris

TESTIMONY.

In the matter of the Probate of the Will of Mrs Sarah Davidson Dec'd } In Probate Court Marengo Co January Term 1872

The testimony of A A Smith one of the attesting witnesses to said Will taken in open court he having been duly sworn and witness deposes & states as follows to wit That he saw Mrs Davidson sign said Will and heard her declare the same to be her last will & testament. that he signed the same as a witness in her presence and at her request and saw R T Harris the other subscribing witness sign the same as a witness at the request of Mrs Davidson and in her presence. He further says that she was of sound and disposing mind at the time she executed this Will which testimony was signed in open Court by said witness after having been read over to him & filed in said Court

attest R L Maupin
Judge &c

State of Alabama }
Marengo County }

I R L Maupin, Judge of the Court of Probate, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify, that the within instrument of writing has this, in said Court, and before me, as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the genuine last will and testament of Mrs Sarah L Davidson deceased; and that said Will, together with said proof thereof, have been recorded in my office, in Book of Wills No 16 pages 127 128 129
In witness of all which, I have hereto set my hand, this January 8th 1872

R L Maupin

The Last Will and Testament of Gideon Coward, Deceased
Petition

State of Alabama } This 10th day of February 1872 -
Marengo County } To Hon R L Maupin, Judge of Probate Court of said County:
The petition of Mary Coward respectfully represents to your Hono. that the late Gideon Coward, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 1st day of February 1872, leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by John H Hackworth and Sarah J Dunney residents of said County and State, in which will your petitioner is named as Executrix thereof and petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds the same for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states, that Mary Coward was the wife of said (Gideon Coward) deceased and was born 29th November 1806 being 65 years of age and resides near Dixons Mills in Marengo County. F E Dixon daughter of said Gideon Coward and Mary his wife was born February 19th 1831 being 41 years of age - (bared by said will) and resides at Dixons Mills in said County - Zelphia Drinkard daughter of said deceased and Mary his wife, was born 19th July 1832 - being 39 years of age and resides near Half acre in said County. A Coward son of said deceased and Mary his wife was born 20th November 1833 - being 38 years of age (bared by said will) and resides near Half acre in said County. A Coward daughter of said deceased and (Mary) (his wife) was born 27th November 1837 - being 34 years of age and resides near Dixons Mills in said County. Mary E Bowles daughter of said deceased and Mary his wife was born 12 December 1839 being 32 years of age and resides near Half acre in said County. F L Jowers daughter of said deceased and Mary Coward (his wife) was born 17th November 1841 being 30 years of age and resides (with her husband [illegible] Dowles) near Kate Ridge in said County of Coward

daughter of said deceased and Mary Coward his wife, was born 7th November 1845, being 26 years of age, and resides near Dixons Mills in said County. W. M. Coward (Son of said deceased and Mary Coward) his wife was born 28th January 1847, being 24 years of age and resides near Dixons Mills in said County. E E Coward daughter of said deceased and (Mary Coward) his wife was born 15th March 1851 being 20 years of age and resides near Dixons Mills in said County. S Coward daughter of said deceased and Mary Coward his wife was born 28th September 1856 being 15 years of age and resides near Dixons Mills in said County. S Creetsinger daughter of said deceased and Mary Coward his wife, was born 27th March 1844 being 27 years of age, and resides with her husband. W Creitsinger near Oven Bluff in Clarke County. F E Dixon, Z Drinkard and M E Bouler are widows. T. C. Jowers and S Creetsinger are married. Wherefore your petitioner prays a day to be set for hearing this petition that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February 1872
W R Quinney J.P.
Mary her mark Coward

Will

State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that
Marengo County } as life is uncertain - and that I am in my proper mind. I do this day make my last will and testament - to wit. That it is my wish and desire that my wife Mary Coward shall have all my Property both personal an real (Estate) to have to hold & dispose of as she may choose - Untill her death. That she is to have the entire controle of all my Minor heirs to school & do the best she can for them. After her death the remaining portion of the Estate left shall be sold & Equally devided among my heirs - except my daughter Frances E. Dixon & my son Newton Coward ho have received their part of my Estate. Whereof I set my hand & seal in present of April 13th 1867
Gideon Coward (Seal)
Test J W Hackworth, S J Quinney -

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Before me R L Maupin Judge
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court. J W Hackworth, who having been by me, first duly sworn and Examined, did and does depose and say on oath, that he and S J Quinney are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing. Now shown to him, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Gideon Coward, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County: that said Coward 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 said S J Quinney, set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator: 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 was, on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th day of May A D 1872
R L Maupin
Judge
J W Hackworth

The Last Will and Testament of Miles G. Askew "Deceased"

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County }

Will

I Miles G Askew of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, being of sound & disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other dispositions of my property.

1 I do hereby bequeath and will to my beloved wife Ann C Askew, all my property, both real & personal which I may have at my death either in possession, remainder, reversion or expectancy, during her natural life or during her widowhood;

2 I do further will and desire that should my wife die or marry that my property both real and personal, shall be equally divided between her, my said wife, and my children equally, share and share alike.

3 With respect to my share and interest in the business of Askew, Cornish & Co. now carried on by me in Dayton with F N Kitchell & L Cornish under the firm of Askew Cornish & Co. I do hereby empower my Executrix Ann C Askew, by and with the advice of Thos S Locke, & Saml. G Askew or either of them, to continue said partnership business, and adjust & settle all accounts & transactions relating to said business, or wind up the affairs and concerns thereof according to the provisions of the articles of partnership, or upon such other terms as shall be agreed upon by my executrix, one of her advisers and the surviving partners.

4 I do further will & desire that my wife, by and with the advice and consent of one or both her said advisers, given in writing shall have power to sell and convey any real or personal property, and settle & compromise all debts of mine.

5 I do hereby appoint my wife Ann C Askew executrix of my will, during her life or widowhood and require that she shall give no bond or security for the performance of her duties as required by law, and I do further appoint my friends

and relatives Thos S Locke, and Saml H Askew, her advisers, without bond and should either of her said advisers die or resign, I require the place to be filled by appointment of the Probate Court. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name this 23rd day of Dec AD 1871

Witness W. G. Askew

1 W F Drummond

2 Jas Pearl

C H Askew

The State of Alabama } Before me R L Maupin Judge of
Marengo County } Probate of said County, personally came and appeared C. H. Askew who having been by me first duly sworn, deposes and says, 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 Miles G Askew, decd late an inhabitant of this County: that said Askew 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, set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of W F Drummond, the other subscribing witness and of said Testator: 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, and that said Testator was on the day of the said date of said Will, of the full age of 21 years and upwards.

C H Askew

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th day of Feby. AD 1872

R L Maupin Judge

The Last Will and Testament of Richard H Wooten "Deceased"

Petition

To the Hon. R L Maupin, Judge of the probate Court in and for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama. The petition of Council B Wooten a resident of said State and County respectfully shows unto your Honor:

1 That Richard H Wooten late of said County departed this life on or about the 15th day of October A.D. 1872, leaving a last will and testament duly executed by him and attested by D.D. Yeager and S S King as witnesses: which will is hereto annexed as "Exhibit A" and prayed to be taken as a part of this petition.

2 That at the time of his death the said Richard H Wooten was an inhabitant of said County, and left him surviving as his only next of kin and heirs at law the following named persons. viz: 1 Your petitioner, a brother of said decedent, who resides in the said County of Marengo, is of sound mind and is over twenty one years of age

2 James S Wooten, a brother of said decedent, who resides in Lenoir County in the State of North Carolina, is of sound mind and is over twenty one years of age.

3- Shade Wooten, a brother of said decedent, who resides in Greene County in the State of North Carolina, is over twenty one years of age and is of sound mind.

4 Mary J Speight, a sister of decedent and the wife of James P Speight: she and her said husband reside in the aforesaid County of Greene, are of sound mind and each over twenty one years of age -

5. Abarilla Bynum, a sister of decedent and the wife of Peter Bynum; she and her said husband reside in the aforesaid County of Greene, are of sound mind and each over twenty one years of age -

6- The Children of John S Wooten, a brother of decedent and who died before him: said children are - 1- William I Wooten, who is over 21 years of age, is of sound mind & resides in the aforesaid County of Greene. 2 Mary Wooten, who is over 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides in the said County of Greene - 3- Simson I Wooten, who is under 21 years of age is of sound mind and resides with John W Isler in Wayne County in the State of North Carolina.

4 Susan Wooten, who is under 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides with the said Shade Wooten in the aforesaid County of Greene. 5 Cora Wooten, who is under 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides with the said James P Speight in the aforesaid County of Greene -

6- Elizabeth Wooten, who is under 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides with the aforesaid James P Speight -

7- John Wooten who is under 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides with his mother Elizabeth Best in the aforesaid County of Wayne

7- The children of E G Wooten a brother of and dying before decedent said children are: 1 Edward Wooten. 2d John Wooten 3- Dalaney Wooten; all of whom are under twenty one years of age, are of sound mind and reside with Elizabeth J Wooten in the aforesaid County of Lenoir -

8- The child of W T Wooten, who was a brother of and died before decedent: said child is Mystic Wooten, who is under 21 years of age, is of sound mind and resides with her mother Elisabeth J Wooten in the aforesaid County of Lenoir

9- John W Isler and Eliza Isler, the children of Susan A Isler who was a sister of and died before decedent: they are both under 21 years of age, are of sound mind and reside with their father John W Isler in the aforesaid County of Wayne -

3- Your petitioner further shows unto your Honor that by the provisions of said last will and testament he is appointed the Executor thereof - and he now propounds the same before your Honorable Court for probate and

prays that it may be proved in accordance with the laws of the state of Alabama in such cases made and provided and as in duty bound &c Council B Wooten

By W.E. & R.H. Clarke his attys

Will

State of Alabama } I Richard H Wooten of said County
Marengo County } and State, being of sound mind, but infirm body do declare this my last will and testament, after all my just debts are paid, the property remaining both real and personal I wish to be equally distributed between the following persons Shade Wooten James S Wooten Mary Jane Speight - Abanilla Bynum - Susan Isler - the legal heirs of John S Wooten deceased, and the legal heirs of Wm T Wooten deceased, and the legal heirs of E G Wooten deceased all of said persons are residents of North Carolina - and Council B Wooten of the State of Alabama. ✓

I do hereby further declare that it is my wish that my brother C B Wooten of the County of Marengo and state of Alabama act as Executor of this my last will and testament, and that the Probate Judge of said County shall not exact any bond from him. Richard H Wooten

Witness D D Yeager
S. S. King

Testimony

The State of Alabama } In the matter of the probate of the last
Marengo County } will and testament of Richard H Wooten deceased: Before me R L Maupin, Judge of probate in and for said County, this day personally appeared in open Court D D Yeager, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, did and does depose and say on oath that Richard H Wooten now deceased did on the 15th day of October 1871 sign the written instrument now shown to him - which purports to be the last will and testament of the said decedent, and which has been heretofore filed in this Court by C B Wooten for probate as such last will and testament - that the said decedent then executed the said instrument and declared the same to be his last will and testament in the presence of this affiant and S S King; and that this affiant and the said S S King subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and of each other at the same time that the same was so published by the said testator as aforesaid: that in the opinion of this affiant the said testator was at the time of the execution of said will as aforesaid of sound mind and disposing memory and was then fully capable of making his will: that the said testator was then an inhabitant of this County and was over twenty one years of age, and that he has since departed this life, being at the time of his death still an inhabitant of this County.

D D Yeager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August AD 1872 R L Maupin Judge &c

The Last Will and Testament of A H Dunn Deceased

Petition

To the Honorable R L Maupin Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County and State of Alabama.

The petition of Elizabeth F Dunn of said County and State respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Alexander H Dunn, who was an inhabitant and Citizen of this County departed this life therein on the ninth day of September AD 1872, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by him and attested by Henry H Woof, Thomas J Abernathy and J C Bow, all of whom reside in this County, in which your petitioner as she verily believes is named as Executrix thereof which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and proponded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states, that the widow of said deceased is your petitioner, and that the next of Kin and heirs at Law of said deceased are his two infant children, to wit Addie A Dunn and John L Dunn, both Minors under fourteen years of age who reside in this County with your petitioner their Mother. In consideration of all of which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, that Subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing Witnesses to testify on said appointed day, and that due notice of this application may be given 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 And as in duty bound &c E F Dunn

Sworn to before me 4th Oct 1872 by H H Woof. R L Maupin Judge &c

By Young & Woof attorneys

Will

In the name of God! Amen:

I Alexander H Dunn of Linden Marengo County and State of Alabama - being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament - First - It is my will that my funeral Expenses and just debts, be first paid by my Executrix hereinafter named - Second - It is further my will, that after these are paid, that my wife Elizabeth F Dunn, shall have use and control all the balance and remainder of my estate real personal and mixed, as she may think proper

and I hereby bequeath and devise the same to her, to use and Controle and dispose of as she may choose — Third — I hereby nominate and appoint my wife — Elizabeth F Dunn. Executrix of this my last will and testament, and do further will and request that the proper Court will permit her to qualify as such without giving any bond and security as such. Witness my hand and seal this Eighth day of September A.D. 1872

A W Dunn (Seal)

Witnesses
H A Woolf
T S Abernathy
T C Dow

In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of A W Dunn Decd } Pending in Probate Court Marengo County Ala, Oct Term 1872.

H A Woolf one of the subscribing Witnesses to said Will being sworn says, that he wrote the will of said Dunn according to his request & carefully read over and explained the same & he executed the same by requesting deponent to sign his name for him which he did on the day the same bears date — in the presence of deponent and of the other subscribing witnesses, & that all the witnesses signed the same in the presence and at request of testator & in presence of each other and deponent says that said Testator was of sound mind at the time of the Execution of said will

H A Woolf

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th day of Oct 1872

R L Manpin Judge &c

In the Matter of the Probate of the Will of A W Dunn Decd } Pending in the Probate Court Ala

Dr T.C. Dow being duly sworn says, that he saw A W Dunn execute said Will on the day the same bears date, by requesting H A Woolf to write his name thereto, that he & the other witnesses signed the same witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other, on the day the same bears date, & deponent further says that said A.W. Dunn was at the time of the Execution of said paper of sound mind

T.C. Dow

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th Oct 1872

R L Manpin Judge &c

The last Will and Testament of Ellington Drinkard Deceased

Will

I Ellington Drinkard do make & declare this to be my last will and Testament as follows: to wit;

1st Item first. It is my will & desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate that is all the debts I am owing.

2d "Item Second." I will & direct that my Daughter Jerusha Ann shall out of the remainder of my Estate Personal & Real receive at the rate of one hundred Dollars per Annum from the first day of May Eighteen hundred & seventy two until the day of death

3d "Item third" I will & direct after my creditors are paid & the Second Item of this will is satisfied that all my Personal Property including a note of Wm J. Robinson for one hundred & thirty five Dollars & excepting all old & nearly worthless Claims made previous to this year and all my Lands in Marengo County Alabama being the Tract on which I am now living & Containing about Two hundred & forty acres shall be equally divided between my Daughters Jerusha Ann Drinkard & Sarah Emaline Taylor (Wife of Benjamin A Taylor) share & share alike —

4th "Item fourth" I will & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Koonce all my Real Estate in Bienville Parish in the state of Louisana being a Tract of one Quarter Section or about One Hundred & sixty acres

5th Item Fifth — I leave old notes & Papers for Property sold previous to & about the commencement of the war, it is my will that if a sufficient amount shall be collected from these old & apparently valueless that the three oldest children of Jessee Drinkard, deceased, to wit: Emaline Burge & Alice Drinkard, & Mirah Drinkard & the two oldest children of John M Drinkard to-wit: Lucretia Dany & Henry Cadwallader Drinkard shall receive from such Collection each Four Hundred Dollars & if an insufficient amt shall be collected then of these old claims they shall receive a pro-rata share of so much as shall be collected, if however more than enough is collected to pay these bequests then it is my will that such excess shall be divided between my two Daughters Jerusha Ann & Sarah Emaline

6th Item Sixth. I appoint Alex Carleton Executor of this my last will & testament signed & sealed in the County of Marengo & State of Alabama this the eighteenth day of June A.D. Eighteen hundred & seventy three in the presence of the following Witnesses

Ellington his D mark Drinkard

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Morgan, Carleton
James Ethridge
The State of Alabama, Marengo County Before me R L

Maupin

Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court, Morgan Carleton & James Ethridge who having been by me first duly sworn and examined deposes and says that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and Testament of Ellington Drinkard deceased late an inhabitant of this County: That said Ellington Drinkard, 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: That said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory: and, in the opinion of deponents fully capapable of making his will, at the time the same was so made, as afresaid. Affiants further state that said Testator was on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of Twenty one years and upwards.

Testimony

Morgan Carleton
James Ethridge

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of November AD 1873 R L Maupin Judge &c

Filed Nov 10th A. D 1873 R L Maupin Judge &c

The last will and Testament of Elijah Rawls deceased

Will.

In the name of God amen. I Elija Rawls of the county of Marengo and State of Alabama being satisfied of the uncertainty of life but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testiment. First of all I commit my body to the earth and my spiritu to the hands of God who gave it; after which I dispose of and bequeathe my wordly goods and estate as follows. I give and bequeathe to my wife Martha Jane Rawls and to the heirs of her body my entire personal property of every desciption. Stock of Horses. Cattle. Sheep Hogs. all my household and Kitchen furniture with my Gin. Mill and running gear. All the money on hand at the time of my death with all Notes claims or evidences of debt due me, at or after the time of my death. I also give grant and bequeathe to her and the heirs of her body all of my plantation in said Marengo county known as the Gilder place, containing One Hundred and twenty acres more or less, and described as the East half of the south east quarter in section thirty and the south west quarter of the South west quarter in section (29) twenty nine, all in Township (17) seventeen Range (3) three East. And if my said wife has

no children living at the time of my death I bequeathe the above to her in her own right forever. The balance of my estate I give bequeathe and direct as follows. My Home place or plantation in said county where I now reside with the appurtenances shall be advertised and sold publicly or privately as my executors shall think best and after paying the expenses of my estate and any debt I owe at the time of my death out of the proceeds of the sale of said home place the balance of said proceeds shall be divided between my Sons, L. S. Rawls Simeon H. Rawls, the heirs of William Rawls dec^d the heirs of Benjamin F. Rawls, and the heirs of Sarah A Grower "my daughter" out of said proceeds, that is the Sale of said Home place my executor shall pay over to my Son J. N. Rawls one dollar which is my bequest to him, My grandson Thomas J. Rawls shall share equally in the proceeds of the sale of said Home place with my other heirs named before J. N. Rawls but I desire my executors to hold what may come to him until he becomes of age. I hereby appoint my wife Martha Jane Rawls and T. G. Cornish of Demopolis executors of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal this (11th) eleventh day of September AD 1872.

Signed in presence of
D M Taliaferro
R D Hoot
S S Cornish

Elijah Rawls Seal

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Elijah Rawls deceased.

Testimony

Before me R L Maupin Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County personally appeared in open Court D. M. Taliaferro, who having been by me duly sworn and examined deposes and says 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 Elijah Rawls deceased late an inhabitant of this county. That said Elijah Rawls, 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 R D Hoot and S. L. Cornish set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said Testator. 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 was on the day of the date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

D M Taliaferro

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of March 1874.
R. L. Maupin Judge &c

Filed Jany 30. 1874
R. L. Maupin Judge &c

The last Will and Testament of Coleman Bohannon dec'd

Petition

To the Honorable R L Maupin Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County State of Alabama.

Your petitioner James C. Bohannon a citizen of said county respectfully represents unto your Honor that Coleman Bohannon who was an inhabitant of this county and a citizen thereof at the time of his death departed this life in this county on the 24th day of December A D 1873, leaving a last will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by F M Dansby of Perry County Alabama & John B. Edwards of this county in which said will your petitioner and his Mother Nancy J. Bohannon he verily believes are named as executor and executrix thereof. which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in your office. Your petioner further states that the widow of said deceased is the said Nancy J. Bohannon of full age and resides in this county and the next of kin and heirs at Law are as follows. to wit.

1. Your petioner James C Bohannon a son residing in this county & of full age.
2. Mary E. Lloyd a daughter & widow of full age & residing in Scott County in the State of Miss.
3. William L Bohannon a Son of full age and resides in this County.
4. The children of Virginia A Guarrant a daughter who died before said Coleman to wit: Nancy L. Guarrant about 12 years old, and Robert Lee Guarrant about 8 years old reside with petitioner in this County.
5. John H Bohannon a son of full age residing in Perry County Alabama.
6. Saluda A Colly a daughter & wife of J M Colly and resides with her husband in Lafayette County in the State of Texas & of full age.
7. E B Bohannon a Son of full age residing in this County.

That all of said parties of sane mind. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition; that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on said appointed day. - that due notice of this application may be given to said widow and next of kin of said deceased and that such other proceedings, orders & decrees may be had & made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due Probate and record of said Will according to Law & as in duty bound &c.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2nd Feby 1874. R L Maupin Judge.

} Jas C Bohannon

The Last Will and Testament of Coleman Bohannon Dec'

Guardian ad litem

The State of Alabama } Probate Court. Febry 3d 1874.
Marengo County }

The undersigned having taken, by said court Guardian ad litem for Nancy L and Robt Lee Guarrant Minors to represent and protect their interest in this proceeding comes and accepts said appointment and consents to act as such Guardian ad litem as aforesaid; and for answer he says he denies all the allegations set forth in the foregoing application or petition and respectfully asks said court to require strict and legal proof of the same.

} David Taylor Guardian ad litem for Nancy L and Robt L Guarrant Minors

Will

In the name of God Amen

I Coleman Bohannon of the county of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous of setting my temporal affairs in such a manner as to make due and proper provision for those who are dependent upon me, do make, ordain and establish the following to be my last Will and Testament:

Item 1 It is my will and desire that after my death that all the lands which I now own and possess and also any lands which I may revert to me by reason of the nonfulfilment of the terms upon which they were sold. Shall go to and be held by my beloved wife Nancy Jane Bohanon for and during the term of her natural life. in order to enable her to have a good support for herself, and also to enable her to support maintain and educate as well as the means will enable her to do our two little grand children Nannie Eugenia Guerrant and Robert Lee Guerrant. And in case the lands above mentioned is paid for then it is my will that the money should be paid to my beloved wife Nancy Jane Bohanon, and the interest of that money to be used by her for her own support and for the support and education of our said grand Children Nannie Eugenia Guerrant and Robert Lee Guerrant.

Item 2 It is my will that the lot of land upon which my son James Bohanon now lives and which is bounded on the North by the lands of Thomas R Eaton, on the east by the Darden lands and on the South and west by the public road leading from Dayton to McKinley, should go to him and be owned by him in additiom to his distributal share of my estate, upon the condition that the said James Bohanon is not to sell said lot of land during my life time, nor during the life time nor widowhood of his Mother. And should he sell the same within the time above mentioned then it is my will that said land should revert immediately to my estate. Said lot of land is given by me to my son in consideration of his kind and dutiful attention to my wants and business. The restriction upon the sale of this lot of land is only to be

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during my life time; or the life time or widow hood of my beloved wife Nancy Jane Bohanon.

Item 3 It is my will that at the death of my beloved wif Nancy Jane Bohanon, should she survive me, or upon her second marriage, should she marry, that all of my property both Real & Personal should be equally divided among my children, and that my grand children Nancy Eugenia Guerrant and Robert Lee Guerrant should receive the same portion of my Estate that their mother would have received, had she been living, that is a full share for one child to be equally divided between them.

Item 4 I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Nancy Jane Bohanon to be the Executrix, and my son James Bohanon, to act jointly with his mother, to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby releasing them from giving bond with security. And it is further my will and desire that my said Executor and Executrix may not be compelled to take out letters testamentary, or be required to make any returns to or settlements with the Probate Court, it being my will and desire that the business should be conducted and carried on as nearly as possible as it is during my life time. Given under my hand this twelfth day of April AD 1872.

We hereby subscribe our names as witnesses, at Mr Bohanons request in his presence & in the presence of each other.

C. Bohanon

John B Edwards
F M Dausby

Testimony

The State of Alabama
Marengo County
Estate of
Coleman Bohanon
Deceased

In the matter of the Probate of the will of said decedent. Before me R L Maupin Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, personally appeared in open court J B Edwards who having been by me duly sworn and examined deposes and says 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 Coleman Bohanon deceased late an inhabitant of this county. That said Coleman Bohanon since deceased, signed and executed said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant and F. M Dausby set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of said Testator. That said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of the 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 13 day of April 1874

John B Edwards

R L Maupin Judge

Petition

The Last Will and Testament of George F Glover Dec'd

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

Probate Court March A.D. 1875.
To Hon. James W. Taylor Judge of the said Probate Court.

The petition of Alice Glover, a citizen of said County and State, respectfully represents to your Honor, that the late George F. Glover, who was an inhabitant of this county, at the time of his death, departed this life on the 26th day of February A.D. 1875, in said county, leaving a last Will and testament duly signed and published by him, and attested by George G. Lyon and James S. Ruffin, residents of the city of Demopolis in said county, in which your Petitioner is named as the Executrix thereof; and your Petitioner herewith produces said Will, which is appended hereto marked "Exhibit A" and propounds the same for probate an record in this Court. Your petitioner further shows, unto your Honor, that the said George F. Glover left surviving him a widow and three children, who are his next of kin, to wit: Your Petitioner Alice Glover, who is his widow and who is of mature age, and the names & ages of his children are Mary D. Glover, aged about 10 years, Evelena H. Glover, aged 6 years, and Susie Lee Glover, aged 4 years, all of whom are of sound mind and reside in the city of Demopolis in said county, together at the late residence of said deceased. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the parties interested in said Estate 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 in such cases.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th day of March A.D. 1875.

Alice Glover

J. S. Hanwell Notary Public

WILL

The State of Alabama
Marengo County

I George F. Glover of the said county and State, do hereby make and publish my last Will and testament in words and figures as follows

WILL

1st I desire that, after my death, my body be decently buried in the Glover family vault near Demopolis.

2nd I desire and hereby direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as can be by my Executrix without sacrificing my property.

3d I hereby give, bequeath and devise all of my property of every description whatsoever, to my dear wife Alice Glover, in trust for the benefit of herself and the children by me begotten, share and share alike, and she is hereby authorized and empowered, as such trustee, to use any money or part of said Estate, in the education of the said Children as she may think proper; and also to mortgage if necessary, and to sell and convey any part of said property; and invest and reinvest the proceeds of such sale or sales, or any other funds she may receive in any other property or business; also to make advances to any of said beneficiaries on account of their portion of said property; and in every way, to control and manage the said property as her judgement may dictate to be of the greatest advantage to the said beneficiaries which said trust and power shall continue until my said wife shall marry another man or shall die, unless she may see proper to terminate the same by resigning, or by dividing the said property between herself and the said Children as aforesaid, share and share alike; which she is hereby authorized to do whenever she may think best to do so.

4th I hereby direct that if my said wife Alice shall marry another man, then and in that event, the said trust created by the 3d clause of this will shall terminate and be settled, and the said property be divided equally between my said wife and the said children, share and share alike, so that she shall take a child's part; and the portions of said property going to any of the said children, who may then be minors, shall be managed by Guardians, as directed by law in such cases, and the divisions of the said property shall be made by three disinterested and intelligent neighbors; one to be selected by my wife, another by the children, and the third by the two so selected.

5th I hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife Alice Glover the executrix of this my last will and testament and having the utmost confidence in her honesty and good judgement & management, hereby exempt her from giving any bond for the faithful discharge of her duties as such executrix of this my last will and testament, as well as trustee as aforesaid. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21st day of February A.D. 1870. Geo. F. Glover (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence.
Geo. G. Lyon. J. S. Ruffin.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County }

Before me Jas. H. Taylor Judge of Probate personally appeared in open court Geo. G. Lyon who having been by me first duly sworn and examined deposes and says on oath that affiant and J. S. Ruffin one subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of George F. Glover deceased late an inhabitant of this county, that said Glover 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 set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said testator and of J. S. Ruffin the other subscribing witness who also signed his name as such witness in my presence and in presence of testator. 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 was on the day of the said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day March 1875. Geo. G. Lyon.
Jas. H. Taylor.
Judge of Probate.

WILL

The Last Will and Testament of David Espey Deceased.

The State of Alabama } February 21st 1862.
Marengo County } Know all men by these presents that I David Espy do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking all others and former wills. First, give and bequeath to David E. Semple One Thousand Dollars, I give and bequeath to Darcy P. Hawkins Two Hundred and fifty Dollars $250cts. also I give Darcy P. Hawkins my watch and chain. I give to the children of James Espy deceased the children now living in New Orleans One Thousand Dollars $1000cts. I give and bequeath to Miss Nancy Hannon One Hundred Dollars $100cts. I give and bequeath to Easter M. Connick One Hundred Dollars

now living in in Perth Amboy new Jersey. I give and bequeath my Sister Manfonett Sims the sum of fifty $25 Dollars. I also give to my legal heirs at law the remainder of my estate equally devided among them. I hereby entitle Berryman Hawkins to administer on my estate to pay all my just and legal debts the first money collected. (Berryman Hawkins) has full power to rent or lease my land for the term of three years after my death. The proceeds to be devided as above stated. In case of Jancy P Hawkins death Berryman Hawkins shall have the money and watch which I bequeath=ed her. Given under my hand and seal this 21st February one thousand eight hundred sixty two. 1862.

David Espy Seal

Presence of A.H. Cooper. T.T. Daughdrill. T.T. Daughdrill.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Before me R.L. Maupin
Marengo County } Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, personally appeared T.T. Daughdrill and A.H. Cooper who being duly sworn depose and say on oath that they are each subscri=bing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of David Espy dec'd late an inhabitant of this county; that said 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 and T.T. Daughdrill set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator; That said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of deponents, fully ca=pable 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 said date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to and subscribed before } A.H. Cooper.
me this 13 day of July 1874. } T.T. Daughdrill.

R.L. Maupin. Judge of Probate.

The Last Will and Testament of Richard R. Pickering

PETITION

The State of Alabama } To the Hon. James H. Taylor,
Marengo County } Judge of Probate of said county:

The Petition of the undersigned Samuel S. Pickering and Samuel H Askew, respectfully shows unto your Honor that Richard R Pickering departed this life on the 11th day of February 1874 and that he was at the time of his death an inhabitant of the aforesaid County of Marengo, that the said decedent left a last Will and testament in writing and that the undersigned are named therein as the executors thereof. Your Petitioners herewith file the said instrument in this Court and offer the same for probate, and they pray that your Honor will make an order decreeing the same to be the last will and testament of the said Richard R Pick=ering dec'd and will make such orders and cause such proceedings to be had in the premises as may be nec=essary. They further show unto your Honor that said decedent left him surviving a widow Mrs Sarah H Pickering, and that his next of kin are his four children viz:

1- The undersigned Samuel S Pickering.
2- Thirza Askew the wife of the undersigned Samuel H Askew
3- Timothy Pickering.
4- Pammy L Pickering
and his four grandchildren who were the children of Susan Gilbert a child of said decedent, who before him, said grandchildren are, 1- Lizzie Gilbert. 2- Hollis Gilbert. 3- Samuel Gilbert. 4- Mattie Gilbert.

Your petitioners show that the said widow and all of said next of kin and the said Samuel H Askew are all of sound mind; that the said widow and the said Thirza Askew, Samuel H Askew and Timothy Pickering reside in the said county of Marengo, and are each over twenty one years of age; that the said Pammy L Picker=ing resides in the said county of Marengo with the said Mrs Sarah H Pickering, and is under twenty one years of age; that the said Samuel S Pickering resides in the county of Perry in the State of Alabama, and is over twenty one years of age; that the said Lizzie, Hollis, Samuel and Mattie Gilbert are each under twenty one years of age and have no Guardian; the said Lizzie resides in the said county of Marengo with the said Mrs. Sarah H Pickering; the said Samuel resides in the said county of Perry with the undersigned Samuel S. Pickering; and the said Hollis and Mattie reside in the county of Dallas in the State aforesaid with their father Robert L Gilbert. They further report unto your Honor that the said Pammy L Pickering has no Guardian. All of which is respectfully submitted. And as in duty bound &c

Sworn to and subscribed before } S.S. Pickering
me this the 6th day of March 1875. } Saml H. Askew

James Taylor.
Judge.

WILL

I Richard R Pickering of the county of Marengo and state of Alabama, being in good health and of sound mind, do make, publish and declare my last Will and Testament as follows, to wit:

1st. I give to my beloved wife one fifth part of my personal estate, and one third part of my real estate for and during her natural life, and at her death I give her full power to dispose of her share of my estate as above mentioned, as she may see proper; that is give it to whom she may prefer.

2nd. It is my desire, that the remainder of my property both real & personal, be divided equally among and between my children now living, Samuel S, Thyrza J, Pamelia L and Timothy.

4th. It is my desire that all ~~of my~~ children account in the division of my estate for all advances made, property given &c. to wit. Samuel S to account for one thousand Dollars advanced, Timothy & Pamelia L to act for three thousand Dollars each for money paid for Walton Land, & land purchased of J. P. Wallis, Thyrza J Askew to account for three thousand Dollars for land given.

5th. It is my desire that Timothy retains a certain bay horse, I gave him in compensation for services rendered on plantation this year, and a Gold watch.

6th. It is my desire that Timothy & Pamelia L have allotted to them by my Executors ten horses or mules all of my plantation tools, waggons &c to make them equal with Samuel S and Thyrza J Askew, having given to the two last named children about the same quantity of property in kind.

7th. I give to my executors herein after named full power as follows, in order that my affairs may be conducted as if I were alive. I hereby give my Executors full power and authority to sell in such manner and on such terms as they may deem best for the interest of my estate real and personal any of my property, that I may die seized & possessed of and that they have the right to make good & lawful titles to any sale made, and in order that my wishes may not be frustrated I hereby confer the power before given to my said Executors or the survivor of such of my Executors or one alone should either of them not qualify.

8th. I hereby constitute and appoint my son Samuel S Pickering and Samuel Askew my son-in-law Executors of this my last Will and Testament and direct that they shall not be required to give security on their bonds for the management of my estate. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand & seal this the 8 of May A.D. 1874. R R Pickering (Seal) We hereto set our hands as witnessing witnesses to the above instrument as the last Will & Testament of Richard R Pickering in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request. Witness. Thos S Locke. J.K. Lemmon.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Probate Court Regular Term
Marengo County } April 12th 1875.

In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Richard R Pickering deceased.

Before me James W Taylor Judge of the Probate Court in and for the State and County aforesaid, this day came Janius K. Lemmon, who, after being duly sworn deposeth and says that he was acquainted with the said Richard R Pickering now deceased, in his life time, that on the 8th day of May 1874 the said Pickering signed with his own hand the foregoing instrument in writing in the presence of this deponent and Thomas S. Locke, and at the same time, declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that this deponent and the said Locke did then, at the request of said decedent, and in his presence and the presence of each other, subscribe their names thereto as witnesses thereof. Deponent further says that said decedent was, at the time of his execution of said Will, of sound mind, and over twenty one years of age.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April 1875. Jas W Taylor, Judge. J. K. Lemmon

The Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth J Evans Deceased.

PETITION

The State of Alabama } April 19th 1875.
Marengo County } To Hon James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate of said County.

The petition of Charles Kornegay of said County respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Elizabeth Evans, who was an inhabitant of this county at the time of her death departed this life on or about the first day of March A.D. 1875, leaving a last Will and testament, duly signed and published by her and attested by Joseph G Neal and George G Tyson residents of said County, in which your petitioner is named as Executor thereof and the said Will is herewith produced and is attached to this petition marked Exhibit A and which your petitioner now herewith propounds for probate and record in this Court as directed by Law in such cases. Your Petitioner further states that the names ages and residences of the of the next of kin of the said Elizabeth Evans are as follows, to wit; James N. Kornegay who is of mature age and resides in the county of Dale in said State Charles Kornegay your petitioner who is of mature

age and resides in said Marengo County. And your Petitioner would further represent unto your Honor that the legatees and devisees in said will described are the children of your Petitioner and that he has now only two children, viz; Robert P. Kornegay, who is about 11 years of age and James B. Kornegay, who is 16 years of age and that they both reside with your Petitioner in said Marengo County, Alabama. And your Petitioner prays that a day be set for the hearing of this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the next of kin of said deceased, and that such other and further proceedings orders and decrees may be had & made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate & record of said will according to law.

C. Kornegay.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 17th day of April A.D. 1875. I. S. Harwell, N. P.

WILL OF E. J. EVANS DECEASED

The State of Alabama } I. Elizabeth J. Evans of said
Marengo County } county being of sound mind & memory and believing that in life we should prepare for death, do hereby make and publish my last Will and testament in words and figures as follows;

"Exhibit A"

1st I hereby give, bequeath and devise all of my Estate of every description whatsoever, to my brother Charles Kornegay, in trust for his (the said Charles') children, share and share alike. And it is my wish that the said trustee shall manage and is hereby authorized and empowered, to sell and convey and invest and reinvest the proceeds, and manage the said property, as his judgment shall dictate, to be to the interest of said children, and divide to the said children, the said property, as they shall arrive at mature age or marry, so that each shall get and and recieve an equal share.

2. I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Charles Kornegay, the executor of this my last Will and testament; and direct that he shall not be required to give any bond for the faithful performance of said trust, as I have the confidence in him, to believe he will attend to it.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3d day of February 1875.

Elizabeth J. Evans. (Seal)

ATTESTATION

Signed, sealed and published by Mrs Elizabeth J. Evans as her last Will and testament, in our presence. And at her request we signed the same in presence of each other and the Testatrix as witnesses, this the 3d day of February 1875.

J. G. Neal, Geo. G. Lyon.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Probate Court, May 10th term 1875.
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Elizabeth J. Evans, late of said county, deceased. Before me James W. Taylor Judge

of said Probate Court of Marengo County, State of Alabama personally appeared in open court George G. Lyon 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 this instrument in writing, upon which this affidavit is written, and now shewn to him and which purports to be the last Will and testament of said Elizabeth J. Evans, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county. That said Elizabeth J. Evans, since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last Will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said testatrix and the other subscribing witness & that he saw the other subscribing witness, J. G. Neal sign his name thereto as a subscribing witness. That the said Testatrix was of sound mind & 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 said date of said Will of full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of May 1875. Geo. G. Lyon.

Jas W. Taylor, Judge.

The Last Will and Testament of M. Rentz, Deceased.

PETITION

State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } In the matter of the Estate of M. Rentz deceased.

To the Honorable J. W. Taylor Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County, Alabama.

The petition of the undersigned Joseph F. John respectfully represents that M. Rentz departed this life at Dixons Mills in the county of Marengo, State of Alabama, on or about the 8th day of October A.D. 1874. That at the time of his death he was a citizen of Hunt county, Texas, and left a last Will and Testament which was duly executed and admitted to Probate in Hunt County, Texas. A Transcript of the proceedings in the matter of said Probate are hereto and attached and prayed to be taken as part of this petition; That in said Will, W. W. Adair was named as the Executor thereof in the State of Texas, and has qualified and entered upon the discharge of the duties as such Executor. That said decedent died seized and possessed of Personal Estate in this State and County consisting of promissory notes to the amount of Six Thousand and Ninety Dollars, and Cash, in the hands of W. D. Rogers amounting to Two Hundred and Sixty One Dollars, amounting in all to Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty One Dollars. That the names of the heirs and distributees and legatees of the Estate of said decedent are

Jacob F. Rentz, copy age unknown, who resides as petitioner is informed in Mississippi or Louisiana. M. M. Rentz age unknown, over 21 years, resides in Monroe Co. Ala. Mary A. Smith & Idumea Hudson married women, names of their husbands and residence unknown. Jane E. Adair wife of W. W. Adair and Naomi Rentz, who reside with W. W. Adair in Hunt County, Texas. All the above named parties being children of said decedent, said decedent left no widow. That more sixty days have elapsed since the death of said decedent. Petitioner prays that the copy of the last Will and Testament of said M. Rentz hereto attached, be filed in this court and established as the last Will and Testament of said decedent. That your petitioner being a resident of this State over the age of 21 years and in no respect disqualified form serving as Administrator, and believing that said Estate should be immediately administered, to the end that said property may be collected and preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right thereto, prays that your Honor will grant letters of Administration with the Will annexed, on said Estate to Joseph F. John, upon his entering into bond in such sum as is required by the Statute, and with such security or securities as shall be approved by your Honor.

J. F. John.

State of Alabama County of Dallas } Jas. F. John being duly sworn deposes and says that the facts averred in above petition are true according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 23rd day of July 1875. Joseph Gothard, Judge of Probate Dallas County, Alabama.

J. F. John.

The State of Texas } Be it remembered that in this District Court of said county of Hunt and State of Texas, in Vacation, the following proceedings were had in the matter of the Estate of M. Rentz, deceased.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

The State of Texas } No. 180. Estate of M. Rentz, Deceased.
Hunt County } In Vacation.

In the Hon N. McDougald, Clerk of the District Court of Hunt county, Texas. W. W. Adair shows that M. Rentz dec'd on the 8th day of October A.D. 1874 at Dixons Mill, Wilcox County in the State of Alabama, leaving real and personal Estate of the Estimated value of Six Thousand Dollars and a Will duly executed as your petitioner believes that said M. Rentz at the time of his death resided in Hunt County, Texas, that your petitioner was named Executor in said Will and is capable of receiving Letters Testamentary. Wherefore he prays that notice of this application be given by citation duly posted and that said Will be probated and for

Letters Testament. W. W. Adair.

Filed November 30th 1874. N. McDougald, Clerk.

NOTICE & SHFFS RETURN

No. 180. The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the Estate of M. Rentz, Dec'd.

W. W. Adair has filed in the District Court of Hunt County his application for Letters Testamentary on Estate of M. Rentz dec'd which will be heard by the Clerk of said Court on or after the 17th day of December A.D. 1874 at the Court House in the Town of Greenville in said county at which time and place all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Witness, N. McDougald, Clerk of the District Court within and for said county of Hunt. Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in Greenville this the 30th day of Nov. A.D. 1874.

N. McDougald, Clk D.C. Hunt County.

(L.S.) N. McDougald, Clerk.

Came to hand Nov 30, and executed Dec the 1. A.D. 1874 by posting 3 notices, one at Greenville, one at Darlins and one Rays Creek Church. This Dec the 1. A.D. 1874.

N. J. Ross, Sheriff, Hunt Co.

Recorded April 7th 1875, on page 19, Book C.

N. McDougald, Clerk, by A. S. Marshall, Dept.

LAST WILL OF M. RENTZ. DECD. No. 180.

State of Texas } Know all men by these presents that
Hunt County } I M. Rentz in the State and County aforesaid being in good health and of sound and disposing mind do publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills made by me heretofore made.

First. I appoint as my Executor, W. W. Adair of the above named State & County to execute all my business in this State and elsewhere, directing him, first to pay my just debts. Second. It is my will and desire that my daughter Naomi Rentz be well educated, and for said purpose I set apart, One Thousand Dollars to pay Bord copy Tuition, Books & other necessary expenses and Five Hundred Dollars to clothe her, pay her Doctor bills & other unavoidable expenses in obtaining said education, provided she will dilligently copy attend to the same now if the said daughter above named shall refuse to attend School, so as to stop her education then and in that event the claims on the remainder of the Fifteen Hundred Dollars, shall be null & void, and be used as a part of my Estate in common among my heirs. I hereby appoint and constitute my daughter Jane E. Adair, wife of W. W. Adair, the above appointed Executor her lawful Guardian & Trustee to control and direct her welfare in all respects, and fully authorize said Guardian and Trustee to draw on my Executor above appointed, or on any funds belonging to my Estate from time to time for such amount or amounts as may be necessary to defray expenses

until paid amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars shall be made use of for said education. The time and expence of said education to begin and run from the 2nd monday in August Eighteen Hundred and Seventy two, the time when she entered School at Leesburgh, Upshur county, under the care of Professor Clarke. And in the event said Jane E. Adair shall become disabled or disqualified to attend to the same or should die, then the said appointed Executor herein appointed shall have full power to fill her place in all respects. Said Guardian or Trustee shall not be required to give Bond for said performance. Third. The Pony & Saddle which I now use and one mixed Cow & calf & one Bed & furniture which I now have in use belongs to said daughter Naomi Rentz independent of my Estate. Fourth. It is my will & desire that my daughter Naomi Rentz have set apart to her Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) on account of my having already contributed liberally to all my other children, to make her equal, or as near as may be with them. Fifth. After setting forth the above amounts, it is my will that all the remaining part of my Estate be equally divided among all my lawful heirs namely: Jacob F. Rentz, Mary A. Smith, Jane E. Adair, M. M. Rentz, Idamea Hudson & Naomi Rentz. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of the witnesses named below this the first day of November A.D. Eighteen Hundred and seventy two. M. Rentz. (Ls)

Witnesses W. C. Bryan. J. P. J. Dawson.

Filed November 3rd 1874. A. M. McDougald. Clk.

Recorded April 7, 1875 on pages 20 & 21, Book "C".

A. M. McDougald Clerk By A. S. Marshall, Dept.

PROOF OF WILL

Estate of M. Rentz } No 180. J. P. J. Dawson being first
Dec'd } duly sworn on oath says: The will of M. Rentz Dec'd being presented to witness he testifies that it is the last Will and Testament of M. Rentz dec'd, and that his signature to the same as a witness is genuine. Mr. W. C. Bryan also signed said Will in my presence. My signature and also that of Mr. W. C. Bryan was made in the presence and at the request of M. Rentz dec'd. M. Rentz dec'd also signed said Will in my presence and in the presence of W. C. Bryan. The said M. Rentz dec'd was over twenty one years of age at the time of his signing said will and was then of sound mind and memory. Myself and W. C. Bryan were both over fourteen years of age when we signed the said Will.

J. P. J. Dawson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of December A.D. 1874. A. M. McDougald Clerk D.C. Hunt Co. Texas.

By A. S. Marshall Dep. Filed Dec 17th 1874. A. M. McDougald Clerk.

ORDER PROBATING WILL &C.

Recorded April 7th 1875. A. M. McDougald Clerk D.C. Hunt Co. Texas.

Estate of M. Rentz } In Vacation Dec. 17th 1874.
Dec'd } In the matter of the last Will of said M. Rentz, Deceased, Upon hearing the petition of W. W. Adair for the Probate of a certain instrument of writing now produced in Court, purporting and alleged to be the last Will of M. Rentz deceased, and for Letters Testamentary thereon, and on reading the testimony of J. P. J. Dawson a statement of which filed with the papers of this cause, It is ordered and decreed, that said instrument of writing is proved and be recorded as the last Will of said M. Rentz deceased, and that the testimony aforesaid be also recorded with said Will. It is further ordered, that letters Testamentary thereon be issued to W. W. Adair, upon his filing a bond with one or more sureties in the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12000) and taking the oath prescribed by law on or before twenty days hereafter.

A. M. McDougald, Clerk D.C. Hunt Co. Texas.

BOND OF EXECUTOR.

State of Texas } Estate of M. Rentz, Deceased.
County of Hunt } Know all men by these presents, that we W. W. Adair as Principal and W. S. Hart and John Bottom, whose residence is in the county of Hunt as securities, are bound unto A. M. McDougald, Clerk of the District Court of Hunt County and his successors in Office in the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars, conditioned, that the said W. W. Adair, shall well and faithfully perform all the duties incumbent upon him as Executor of the Last Will of M. Rentz deceased.

Witness our hands this 17th day of December A.D. 1874.

W. W. Adair. Wm. S. Hart. John Bottom.

Approved Dec 23rd 1874. A. M. McDougald, Clerk D.C. H. Co.

OATH

I do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of Executor of the Estate of Michael Rentz deceased. W. W. Adair.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December A.D. 1874. A. M. McDougald, Clerk D.C. Hunt Co.

By A. S. Marshall, Deputy.

Filed Dec 23rd 1874. A. M. McDougald Clerk by A. S. Marshall, Dept.

Recorded April 7th 1875 on pages 21 & 22 Book "C".

A. M. McDougald Clk. by A. S. Marshall Dept.

ORDER APP. BOND & GRANT. ING. LETTERS.

Estate of M. Rentz } No 180. In Vacation Dec. 23 1874.
Deceased } In this cause W. W. Adair having filed bond as Executor of the Estate of M. Rentz deceased and having taken the oath as prescribed by law. It is ordered that bond be and the same is hereby approved. And that Letters Testamentary on said Estate do issue to the said W. W. Adair in due form.

A. M. McDougald, Clerk Dist. Ct. Hunt Co. Texas.

CLERKS CERTIFICATE

The State of Texas } I. N. McDougald, Clerk of the
Hunt County } District Court of said Hunt County
do hereby certify that the within and preceeding nine & one half pages contain a full, complete, true and exact record of the proceedings in a cause of record in the Office of said Court, in the matter of the Estate of M. Rentz, deceased. Given under my hand and seal of Office, at Office in said county of Hunt, this the day of June A.D. 1875. N. McDougald, Clk D.C. Hunt Co.

The State of Texas } I. W. H. Andrews Judge of the Eleventh
County } Judicial District of the State of Texas
said District composing the counties of Collin, Hunt, Hopkins and Delta, do hereby certify that N. McDougald whose name appears to be signed to the above attestation is, and was, at the time of signing the same, the clerk of the said District Court therein mentioned, and as such was the proper person to make such attestation, and that the same is in due form. This 26th day of June A.D. 1875.
W. H. Andrews, Judge.

The State of Texas } I. N. McDougald Clerk of the District
Hunt County } Court of Hunt County, do hereby certify that W. H. Andrews, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is, and was at the time of signing said certificate, the duly commissioned and qualified Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Texas, of which Hunt County is a part. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Office in the Town of Greenville, this the 28th day of June A.D. 1875.
N. McDougald, Clerk Dist Ct, Hunt Co, Texas.

PETITION

Last Will and Testament of Dr. J. E. Poellnitz Deceased.

To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge of Probate for Marengo County in the State of Alabama.

Your petitioner Mary R. Poellnitz of full age and a resident citizen of said County, represents unto your Honor that the late Julius E. Poellnitz, who was an inhabitant of this county at the time of his death, departed this life at his residence in said County on or about the first day of May A.D. 1875 leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by Charles Irby and Julia A. Irby both of whom reside in Wilcox County in this state, and that said testator named no person in said Will as his Executor. That your petitioner is the widow of said testator and interested in his Estate, which said last Will and Testament is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Honorable Court.

Your petitioner further shows that she is the widow of said testator as aforesaid and has as such an interest in his Estate, and that the next of Kin and heirs at law of said testator as follows, viz;

1st J. R. Poellnitz a son, of full age and resides in Hillsboro County in the State of Florida.

2nd Mary E. Poellnitz a daughter of full age and resides in this County. 3rd Sidney E. Poellnitz a son, of full age and resides in this county. 4th Julia I. Poellnitz a daughter of full age and resides in this county. 5th Louisa S. Lyles a daughter of full age and resides with her husband N. P. Lyles in this county. 6th The children of Edwin A. Poellnitz dec.d a son, who died before his said father; to wit; Eliza A. Poellnitz and Mary R. Poellnitz both minors and reside in this county. In consideration of all which, your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition; That subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day. That due notice may be given to said next of kin and heirs at law of said testator, as required by law, and that a Guardian ad litem may be appointed by your Honor to represent the interest of said minors on the hearing of this petition & that notice by publication may be given to said non resident heir of said Estate; and that such other proceedings, notices, 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 last Will and Testament according to law. And as in duty bound &c. Mary R. Poellnitz
Sworn to & subscribed before } by H. A. Woolf Atty.
me this 24th day of June A.D. 1875
J. W. Taylor, Judge.

WILL

State of Alabama } This my last Will and Testament
Marengo County } made this 8th of July 1867 and now being of sound & disposing mind, do now will & bequeath to my wife Mary R. Poellnitz all the property that I am now possessed of, viz; this house and lands thereto attached, together with furniture & stock of every description also all the moneys, notes and accounts. To have and to hold in her own wright after making Mary, Sidney and Julia even with Louisa, for moneys advanced her at her marriage viz; $120. twelve hundred dollars advanced in currency. Reinbert & Edwin heirs having had their full distributive share of my property at their marriage, are not entitled to any thing further of that which now remains. Also by this Indenture my wife Mary R. Poellnitz is hereby authorised to have secured to my daughter Sally L. Poellnitz other children Eliza, Augusta and Mary Reinbert Poellnitz heirs my son Edwin A. Poellnitz the tract of land

appurtenances on the River, known as the Rembert place; To have & to hold in their own right for all time to come. As witness my hand & seal this 8th day of July 1867. Julius E. Poellnitz (Seal)
Witness. Charles Irby. Julia A. Irby.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Probate Court, August 9th 1875.
Marengo County } Before me James W. Taylor, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said county, personally came and appeared Charles Irby who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that he and Julia A Irby are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Julius E. Poellnitz deceased, late an inhabitant of said county; that said J. E. Poellnitz 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, in the presence of affiant and said other subscribing witness; and that affiant and said other subscribing witness set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence and at the request of said testator and 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 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. Charles Irby
this 9th day of Aug 1875. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge.

The Last Will and Testament of Jas. W. Bradley, Decd.

PETITION.

To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge of Probate in and for Marengo County, Alabama,
The petition of M. A. Bradley respectfully represents to your Honor that the late James W. Bradley, who was an inhabitant of this county at the time of his death, departed this life on or about the 15th day of August A.D. 1875, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by him, and attested by W. K. Thomas and S. C. Perkins who reside in this county, & your petitioner is interested in his Estate, which said Will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that the next of kin of said decd. are as follows, to wit: Martha Tucker a daughter, wife of Henry B. Tucker, of full age, sane mind, and resides in this County but the residence of her husband is unknown, and the children of Maria Jones decd. a daughter who departed this life prior to the death of said James W. Bradley, to wit, James, Nannie, Florence, Delia and Preston Jones, all minors, and reside in Choctaw County except one, who lives in this County but which one is unknown to petitioner. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on said appointed day. That due notice of this application may be given to said next of kin of said decd. That Guardian ad litem may be appointed to represent said minors on the hearing of said matter & that such other proceedings, orders, decrees, may be had & made in the premises as may be requisite & proper to effect the due Probate and record of said Will according to law, & as in duty &c. N. A. Woolf, atty for petitioner.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th day of August 1875. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge.

WILL OF J. W. BRADLEY DECEASED

State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Marengo Co. } That I, Jas. W. Bradley, being in sound mind & legally qualified, do ordain & make this my last Will & Testament & do revoke all others made heretofore: I do will and bequeath unto my daughter Martha wife of Henry Tucker, the sum of Five Dollars and unto the heirs of my daughter Maria, formerly wife of Jones, the sum of Five dollars. The rest and remainder of all my property, both real & personal, I give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law M. A. Bradley wife of my son Ed Bradley after first paying whatever I am due or owing to Dr. J. H. George, Mr. T. T. Hosea & Mr. T. H. S. Kimmer. The above I solemly declare to be my last Will & Testament, this the 14th day of August 1875 A.D. Further I do not wish any bond to be required of M. A. Bradley. James W. Bradley.
Witness. W. K. Thomas. S. C. Perkins.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } In the matter of the probate of
Marengo County } the last Will and Testament of James W. Bradley deceased. Before me James W. Taylor Judge of the Probate Court in and for said county personally appeared W. K. Thomas and S. C. Perkins who, having been by me in open court first duly sworn and examined depose and say on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, which purports to be the last Will and Testament of James W. Bradley deceased late an inhabitant of this county, that the said James W. Bradley 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 each other and of said testator, at his request, that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinions of deponents 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 13 day of Septr. A.D. 1875. S. C. Perkins. W. K. Thomas.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge &c.

The Last Will and Testament of Edwin A. Glover dec.

PETITION

To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge of Probate for the County of Marengo and State of Alabama.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is informed that by a recent order of your Honor Special Letters of administration have been issued to Thomas J. Foster, General administrator of Marengo county on the Estate of Edwin A. Glover late of Waller county in the state of Texas deceased. The said Edwin A. Glover being at the time of his death a citizen of Waller county Texas and having died in the state of Texas. Your petitioner further states that the said Edwin A. Glover left a last Will and Testament in and by which he appointed Mrs Amanda Sterling his Executrix; and that his said Will as your petitioner is informed and believes has been admitted to Probate in the county of Waller in the State of Texas, and that letters thereunder have been issued to the said Amanda Sterling & she has qualified & is acting as such Executrix. Your petitioner further states that the law firm of Lyon & Jones of Demopolis are the Attorneys of the said Executrix and have charge & possession of the papers & evidences of debt in this state due to said Estate, and are engaged as the Attorneys of said Executrix in settling & collecting the same. Your petitioner has heard of but one debt due from said Estate, to any person in this state, and your petitioner offered to the creditor by express authority of the Executor, to acknowledge the legal presentation of the same. Your petitioner knows of no goods, property or estate of the said Edwin A. Glover situated in this state necessary to be collected or taken care of; but on the contrary believes all property & effects of the Estate situated in this state is being looked after & taken care of by the authority of said Executrix. Your petitioner states that he is individually a creditor of said Estate of Edwin A. Glover, and that the firm of Lyon & Jones of which he is a member are also creditors of said Estate. He prays therefore that letters of administration may be granted to him on the Estate of the said Edwin A. Glover situated in the state of Alabama with the Will annexed of the said Glover, so that he may be able to protect and take care of said Estate. F. S. Lyon.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2d day of November 1875. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge &c.

WILL OF E. A. GLOVER. DECEASED.

I Edwin A. Glover, formerly of the county of Marengo in the state of Alabama, but now of the county of Austin in the state of Texas, do make, publish and declare my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, to wit; First; It is my will and desire that any and all just debts I may owe at the time of my death be paid and discharged. Second. I desire to make provision for certain of the children of my late brother Jarrot H. Glover, deceased, and the descendants of certain of his children, and for the child of my late brother Allen T. Glover now deceased and to this end I give, devise and bequeth (copy) to John F. Glover, the son of Jarrot H. Glover, to Anna More (copy) the wife of David E. Moore, and daughter of my brother Jarrot H. Glover, to Elizabeth Walton wife of John Walton and daughter of my brother Jarrot H. Glover, to Anne Moore and Ellen Moore children of Mary Moore deceased, and grand children of my brother Jarrot H. Glover, to the children of Sally Watson deceased, the daughter of my brother Jarrot H. Glover, and to Rebecca Payne, the daughter of my deceased brother, Allen T. Glover, upon the terms and considerations hereinafter specified and provided, the following described real and personal property and Estate, to wit; all that landed property and real estate situate, being and lying in the county of Austin in the state of Texas, to wit; commencing on the east bank of the Brassos River on the south side of the slough that lets in the river when full, into the quarter Lake also the Bailey Lake, the line to run between the slough and the bank of the old River, East (copy) up to the road that leads from the Gin House to Bailey's Cotton house thence north to the gin house gate, thence east on the South edge of the William Glover avenue to the League line of Lank Springfield, north west corner thence south, to the south east corner of the Sam Williams league, thence south west, to the south East corner of Eighty Eight acres purchased of J. Meddlebrook

it being the north east half of a Labor, the lands before described lying south and south west of the Avenue and the line running from L. Springfield's north west corner south and south west. The tract of land herein before described supposed to contain about two thousand acres in all, and containing about eight hundred acres of cleared land. The gift and devise of the lands before described is intended to vest in each one of the persons named, an estate for life only in equal shares with remainder. As to each share to the child or children which may survive any one of said persons who may die leaving descendants. And in the event of any of the persons named, leaving no child or children the share of such one so dying shall go to the survivors named, in equal shares. This gift and devise also, so far as the same is made to females, is intended to convey to them and each of them an estate for their sole and seperate use. The devisees can, if they so choose cause the land devised to them to be divided according to the laws of Texas. And each one take possession of his part or share and use and employ the same as he or she may prefer, or they can cultivate the same as a whole, each being entitled to an equal share of the products, or they can rent out the same from year to year, each being entitled to an equal share of the rents. In the event the devisees named shall choose to cultivate the land themselves either in seperate parcels or as a whole, or to rent out the same supplying the lessee or lessees with team and tools, then I give and bequeth to the said devisees as named two wagons and all the plantation tools and implements belonging to and on the lands herein above devised, together with the mules thereon and thereto belonging, and request that they be allowed the use of one of the gin houses and gins in use on my plantation, not on the land above devised. I own five hundred and sixty acres of land east of the town of Lauderdale in Mississippi, running up to the town, a part of which has been in cultivation also a lot of some ten acres with a comfortable dwelling house well of water and a small orchard thereon also two lots in the town of Lauderdale, one of which has two store houses thereon and also a stock of Groceries in one of the stores. Whatever of these may remain my property at the time of my death I wish sold by my Executors hereinafter named either at private or public sale for the best price that can be obtained and from the proceeds of sale I desire the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars to be deposited in some safe Bank and held as a fund to defray the expenses of

the education of my grand nephew Edwin Glover the son of my nephew Pearson J. Glover. And the remainder of the proceeds of sale disposed of as hereinafter directed. My Executors to direct the application and expenditure of the fund for the education of the said Edwin Glover. I make no provision whatever in this my will for my nephews William Glover and Pearson J. Glover, for the reason that I have already done for them what I propose to do. All the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate of every kind and discription real, personal and mixed not herein before specially devised or bequeathed including the remainder of my lands in Texas amounting to some Eight Thousand acres lying north and east of the two thousand acres disposed of by the second clause of this my will, together with all my stock of every kind and description, including Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Goats, all Wagons, Carts, plantation tools and implements household and Kitchen furniture provissions on hand, Cotton Corn debts, moneys, Bonds, Choses in action and every thing I may have of value at the time of my death including what may remain of the proceeds of property in Mississippi, after setting aside the twenty eight hundred dollars for the education of Edwin Glover as aforesaid. I give devise and bequeth to my niece Amanda Sterling and her four sons, to wit; Thomas Sterling, Edwin Sterling, Creagh Sterling and William Sterling in equal shares or parts, that is to say to each one of said persons, Amanda Sterling, Thomas Sterling, Edwin Sterling, Creagh Sterling and William Sterling an to have, receive and take one fifth part of my said Estate devised and bequeathed to them, and the share or portion left to the said Amanda Sterling is to be for her sole and seperate use and benefit during her natural life and at her death to go to her four sons, named; but if she should marry again and have more children then her fifth part to go to such children. The said property to be used and disposed of by the said Amanda, during her life as aforesaid, as seperate property and estate. I hereby appoint my neice Amand Sterling Executor of this my last Will and Testament and exempt them from giving bond and security as such, and revoke and annull all Wills by me heretofore made.

E. A. Glover

Signed in the presence of J. S. Meddlebrook and J. W. Matkin two creditable witness and who have signed their names hereto in the presence of the said E. A. Glover the testator. J. S. Meddlebrook J. W. Matkin, H. B. Waller

The State of Texas } I certify that the above and
County of Waller } foregoing is a true and correct

copy of the last Will and testament of E. A. Glover as it appears on file in my office. To certify which I hereto sign my name and affix my official seal at office in Hempstead, this 12th day of March A.D. 1874.

R. P. Faddis, Clerk D.C. W.C.

TESTIMONY

The State of Texas } Hempstead July 1874.
County of Waller } The Estate of E. A. Glover deceased.

On this day a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of E. A. Glover dec.d having been filed in Court & proved by the affidavit of J. S. Meddlebrook & H. B. Waller, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which Will, together with the said affidavit is ordered to be recorded. And Amanda Sterling being appointed Executrix therein and also exempted from giving bond she is accordingly so appointed & the clerk is ordered to issue letters to her without bond. This day came Amanda Sterling Executrix of the last Will of E. A. Glover, dec.d and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law as Executrix of said Will, she being exempted by the terms and provisions of said Will from giving bond and security.

ORDER GRANTING LETTERS

DIST. CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

The State of Texas } I R. P. Faddis clerk of the dis-
County of Waller } trict Court in & for the above named county and state, do hereby certify that the above & foregoing are true & correct copies of the orders of said Court in the matter of the appointment of Amanda Sterling as Executrix of the will of E. A. Glover late of Waller County deceased, as the same appear of record in said District clerks office. These copies are given for the purpose of proving the capacity of Amanda Sterling as Executrix of the Will of E. A. Glover, deceased.

And I further certify that I am the clerk of said Court and the Keeper of all the records belonging & pertaining to the same & as such am duly commissioned & qualified. Given under my hand & the seal of said Court affixed at my office in the town of Hempstead, this the 4th day of July A.D. 1874.

R. P. Faddis, Clerk D.C. W.C.

The State of Texas } I J. B. McFarland Judge of
County of Waller } the 29th Judicial District in the state of Texas which said Judicial District comprises the county of Waller, do hereby certify that R. P. Faddis is the clerk of the District Court of Waller County State of Texas, duly commissioned & qualified as such; that he is the Keeper of all the Records of said court, that the foregoing attestation by the said R. P. Faddis, clerk as aforesaid of certain orders of the district court of Waller county is in due form & by the proper officer. I further certify that I am the presiding & only Judge of said Court, duly commissioned & qualified and that the District Courts of the state of Texas have original & exclusive jurisdiction of all matters appertaining to the Estates of deceased persons. Given under my hand & the seal of the District Court of Waller County Texas, this the 7th day of July A.D. 1874.

J. B. McFarland Judge 29th Jud. dist. of Texas

The Last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Pritchett, Deceased.

WILL

The State of Alabama } This the last Will and Testament of
Marengo County } Jeremiah Pritchett, who is of sound minde and desirous to dispose of his property as follows to wit, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Maranda Pritchett the following described real and personal property to wit, All of my land lying on the west side of a creek known as Cypress Creek, in Township thirteen, Range fore east, also one bay mair name "Fanny", two cows and calves, one side sadle, one fither bed and under bed, two shets, one countapin and fore quilts, one bed stid, one dining table, one cook stove, one wash Pot, one dinner Pot, one oven, one ax, one turning plow, one scutor, one shovel, one sup plow and thirteen head of Hogs, the above personal property to be selected by Maranda Pritchett. I will to the children of son Daniel Pritchett Ten Dollars each, and to the children of my son C. W. Pritchett Ten Dolars each, I will that my son J. J. Pritchett one cow and calf, to William Pritchett one cow and calf and one bed, to J. A. Pritchett one cow and calf one bed, Bonetia Pritchett one bed, and the small bed to Ellen Pritchett. I will that the remainder of my Estate after the above proper is set off be equaly divided betwn the folowing heirs namely, S. A. Jackson, J. J. Pritchett & William Pritchett & J. A. Pritchett, Bonetia Pritchett, Elizabeth Pritchett & Ellen Pritchett. I will that the property bequeath to my beloved wife in this Will at heair death be equaly divided beteen the heirs to wit, Bonetia Pritchett & Elizabeth Pritchett & Ellen Pritchett, I also will that my wife Maranda Pritchett bee Gardiene for my children namely Bonetia & Elizabeth & Ellid, I also will that my beloved son William Pritchett bee Executor to this my will. In witness whereof hereunto set my hand and afixed my seal this the 24 forth day of January A.D. 1876.

Jeremiah X Pritchett

Witnesses W. A. Bridges James Pritchett

TESTIMONY.

Testament of Jeremiah Pritchett Deceased
The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County
personally appeared W.A. Bridges and James Pritchett
who being duly sworn depose and say that they are
each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writ-
ting now shown to them and which purports to be the
last will and Testament of Jeremiah Pritchett deceased
late an inhabitant of this County; that said Pritchett
since deceased signed and executed said instrument
on the 4th day of February 1876 the date thereof and de-
clared 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 each 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
and 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 before } W.A. Bridges
me this the 8th day of May A.D. 1876 } James Pritchett
Jas W. Taylor
Judge of Probate

PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

The Last Will and Testament of James Tate Deceased
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 J.P. Tate J.A. Tate & J. Threadgill re-
spectfully represents unto your Honor that James Tate
who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this
County departed this life at Shiloh on or about the 1st day
of March A.D. 1876 leaving assets in this State and leaving
a last Will and Testament duly signed and publish-
ed by the said James Tate and attested by E.D. Skinner
and J.A. George of said Marengo County That no person
as they verily believe is named in said Will as Executor
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 petitioners further represents that Mary C. Tate
is the widow of said deceased and that the names ages
residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows
to wit James D. Tate who is over twenty one years of age
of sound mind and resides in Marengo County and are of pe-
titioners. C.A.V. Tate who is under twenty one years of age of sound
mind and resides in Marengo County. M.E. Tate who is under
twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo
County. Edward Tate who is under twenty one years of age of sound
mind and resides in Marengo County and A.C. Threadgill wife of
J. Threadgill one of your petitioners who is over twenty one years
of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County and your
petitioner J.P. Tate of full age of said County. Your petitioners
would further represent that E.D. Skinner & J.A. George the
said attesting witnesses reside as aforesaid in Marengo 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 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. J.P. Tate J.A. Tate J. Threadgill
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22d day of April A.D. 1876
Jas W. Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL

State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents That
Marengo County } I James Tate of the foregoing State
& County being of sane mind and fully competent do make
and ordain the following as my last Will and Testament
viz I freely give & bequeath unto my dear wife Mary C.
Tate for the use and benefit of herself and our minor children
all my books notes and accounts pertaining to my mercan-
tile business together with all money in possession at the
time of my death. In witness whereof I hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 27th day of February 1876 A.D.
James Tate [Seal]
Witness E.D. Skinner J.A. George

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County
personally appeared E.D. Skinner who being duly sworn
deposes and says that he and J.A. George are each subscri-
bing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown
to him and which purports to be the last Will and
Testament of James Tate deceased late an inhabitant of
this County; that said Tate since deceased signed and
executed said instrument on the 27 day of February 1876
the date thereof and declared the same to be his last
Will and Testament, and that affiant and J.A. George
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 pre-
sence of each other. That said Testator was of sound mind
and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponent

fully capable of making his said Will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid and 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 before me this the 15 day of May 1876. E. D. Skinner.

Jas W Taylor
Judge of Probate

Petition

The Last Will and Testament of M. O. Vaughan Deceased.

The State of Alabama } To the Hon James W. Taylor
Marengo County. } Judge of Probate of said County.

The petition of I. S. Harwell respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Mary O. Vaughan who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death departed this life on the fourteenth (14th) day of January 1876, leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by her and attested by Louise Hayden and Cicile V. Grayson, residents of Demopolis in said County, in which your Petitioner is named as Executor thereof; and Petitioner herewith produces said Will and propounds the same for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that the next of kin of the Testatrix are as follows to wit; Mary E. Harwell, wife of I. S. Harwell and daughter of Testatrix residing in Demopolis Marengo County, Alabama. Ida J. Michael wife of George J. Michael and daughter of Testatrix residing in Demopolis Alabama. Theodosia B. Vaughan daughter of Testatrix residing in Demopolis Alabama. Susan W. Henderson the wife of H. A. M. Henderson and daughter of Testatrix residing in Frankfort, Kentucky. Cicile V. Vaughan daughter of Testatrix residing in Frankfort Kentucky. Tacitus H. Vaughan, son of Testatrix residing in Newton County Mississippi. Plutarch B. Vaughan and Robert W. Vaughan sons of the Testatrix both residing in Brazos County, Texas. Henry Clay Vaughan minor a grand son of deceased, who resides in the State of Texas County unknown to petitioner and Percy W. Jones and Melaine Jones, minor children of James T. Jones and Ada B. Jones deceased, residing with their father at Demopolis, Alabama, and grand children of the Testatrix. Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given 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. I. S. Harwell.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 3d day of February 1876.

Jas W Taylor, Judge &c.

Will

The last Will and Testament of Mary O. Vaughan.

I Mary O. Vaughan of Demopolis in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind declare this to be my last Will and Testament to wit; First: I give and bequeathe to my daughter Ida Michael, wife of George J. Michael, the following described real estate to wit; Two (2) Lots situated lying & being in the City of Demopolis, County of Marengo and State of Alabama, and known and described on the map of said City as lots numbered one hundred and forty two (142) and one hundred and forty seven (147). Second; I give and bequeathe to my daughter Mary E. Harwell wife of I. S. Harwell the following described real estate to wit; two (2) lots situated lying & being in the City of Demopolis, County of Marengo and State of Alabama, known and described on the map of said City as lots one hundred & forty three (143) and one hundred and forty six (146). Third – The residence or dwelling house which has been my family residence since I first came to live in Demopolis, and which dwelling house is situated on the lot one hundred & forty two (142) bequeathed herein to my daughter Ida Michael I hereby declare is not included in my bequest No 1st, to my said daughter Ida Michael, but I hereby give and bequeathe the said dwelling house and outhouses attached as follows, to wit; I desire my daughter Ida Michael to have the main or southern division of said dwelling house; being that part which constituted the original building. I desire also my said daughter Ida Michael to have the kitchen, smoke-house and other out-houses. I desire my daughter Mary E. Harwell, to have all of that part of said dwelling house or residence north of a line running east and west and dividing what is known by the family as the Parlor from what is known by said family as the dining room, said line running entirely through from the west side to the East side of the house and in as much as said dwelling house a part of which is bequeathed to my daughter Ida Michael and another part to my daughter Mary E. Harwell is as I think, wholly located and situated on lot No one hundred and forty two (142) which I have herein

before given and bequeathed to my daughter Ida Michael I hereby declare that said bequest of said lot one hundred & forty two (142) to my said daughter Ida is made with the limitation and conditions that my said daughter Mary E. Harwell shall have the right to occupy and dwell in said part of the said family residence bequeathed to her as it is now situated And although it is located on lot one hundred & forty two herein bequeathed to my daughter Ida Michael but with the condition that she shall & may move said part of said dwelling house onto lot (143) one hundred & forty three herein bequeathed to her or any where else or dispose of the same as she may see fit as soon as she may be able and can conveniently do so Fourth — I give and bequeathe to my daughter Cicile Vaughan the following Real Estate to wit; The lot situated in the City of Demopolis and known and described on the map of said City as lot No one hundred and forty five (145). I hereby appoint J. S. Harwell my Executor to execute this my Last Will and testament and desire that he may do so without being required to give Bond. In testimony of all which I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of witnesses. M. O. Vaughan,

Signed in the presence of Louise Hayden, Cecile V. Grayson.

Testimony. The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Marengo County, } Taylor Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally came and appeared Louise Hayden and Cecile V. Grayson who being duly sworn, depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purposts to be the last Will and Testament of Mary O. Vaughan dec^d late an inhabitant of this County; that said Mary O. Vaughan since deceased signed and executed said instrument on or about the day of December AD 1875 and then declared the same to be her last Will and Testament and that affiants then set their signatures thereto, on the day of the execution thereof, 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 deponents fully capable of making her said Will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid

and that she was at that time of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Louise Hayden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25 day of July 1876. Cecile V. Grayson

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

The Last Will and Testament of W. F. Nicholson Deceased.

PETITION To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge of Probate for Marengo County in the State of Alabama. Your petitioner Willis Petteet a citizen of said County respectfully represents unto your, that the late William F. Nicholson, who was a citizen and an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life in this County on or about the 21st day of July AD 1876, leaving a last Will and Testament, duly signed and published by him and attested by C. J. Kirven, J. P. Alvis & your petitioner as witnesses who reside in this County in which said Will your petitioner is named as Executor thereof which said Will is herewith produced to your Honor for Probate and record in your Honorable Court. Your petitioner further states that said deceased was never married and consequently left no children that he left no brothers or sisters him surviving and that his only next of kin and heirs at law are Sarah C. Horn formerly Philips the wife of Alonzo Horn and the only child of Mrs Philips dec^d who was a sister of deceased, said Sarah C. Horn and her husband Alonzo Horn are of full age sane mind and reside in this County, and Katy Smith wife of Smith the only child of a deceased sister of said testator & that said Katy Smith & her said husband are of full age sane mind and reside in the State of South Carolina but the particular place in said State is unknown to your petitioner. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on said appointed day and that due notice may be given of this application to the next of kin of said deceased, and that such other proceedings orders, publications notices & decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound &c. Willis Petteet.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24 August 1876.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL. In the name of God amen, I William Fletcher Nicholson of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory to make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament. That is first, After all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my

Estate, real & personal I give & bequeath to my beloved niece Sarah Catharine Phillips, likewise, I make & appoint my friend Willis Peteet to be Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this twenty first day of July 1876, A.D.

Wm. F. his mark Nicholson Seal

Witnesses C. J. Kirven, Willis Peteet, J. P. Alvis.

TESTIMONY.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared Willis Peteet and J. P. Alvis, who being duly sworn depose and say that they and C. J. Kirven are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and Testament of William Fletcher Nicholson deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Nicholson, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the 21st day of July 1876, the date thereof and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament and that affiants and C. J. Kirven 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 deponents fully capable of making his said Will at the time the same was so made, as aforesaid, and that said testator was on the day of the said date of said Will, of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Willis Peteet,
J. P. Alvis,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October A.D. 1876.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament of Jno. W. Hackworth, Deceased,

PETITION

State of Alabama } Probate Court Deci Term 1876.
Marengo County } To Hon Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate of said County. The petition of Martha E. Hackworth of said County & State, respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late J. W. Hackworth now was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 21st day of November 1876, in said County, leaving a last Will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by J. B. Dunning & I. L. D. Hudson who reside in this County, in which your petitioner as she verily believes is named as Executrix thereof, which said Will is herewith presented to your Honor for probate & record in this Court. And your petitioner further shows she is the widow of said deceased & resides in said County, and that the next of kin of deceased are Mariah L. Wood, wife of S. O. Wood, and Sarah J. Quinney wife of William R. Quinney who reside in Marengo County and are of sound mind and over 21 years of age. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition; that subpoenas may issue to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on said appointed day; that due notice of this application may be given to the said widow & next of kin of said deceased, and that such other proceedings, orders and decrees may be had & made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of said Will according to law. And as in duty will ever pray &c.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by S. O. Wood this the 28th day of Nov. 1876,

Martha E. Hackworth, by her Attys. McCaa & Foster,
S. O. Wood.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Marengo County } Probate Court Deci Term 1876.
State of Alabama } In the matter of the Estate of Jno. W. Hackworth deceased.

To Hon Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of said Court, The undersigned Martha E. Hackworth, the widow of Jno. W. Hackworth deceased, Josephine Quinney and her husband W. R. Quinney, Maria L. Wood & her husband S. O. Wood respectfully show that said parties are the only legatees and heirs at law of said Jno. W. Hackworth deceased, that they are all over 21 years of age, and of sound mind; that they hereby expressly waive any probate of the Will of said deceased, or the appointment of any Executor or Administrator for his said Estate; that the parties have made a final settlement and distribution among themselves in a manner perfectly satisfactory of all the real and personal property belonging to said deceased, and pray that all proceeding in relation to the Estate of Jno. W. Hackworth deceased may be dismissed, and that the petition and the will may be filed and recorded in your office for safe keeping, and as evidence of the settlement this day made. And your petitioners will ever pray &c. Decr 6th 1875,

S. O. Wood, M. L. Wood,
S. J. Quinney, W. R. Quinney, M. E. Hackworth.

WILL.

In the name of God amen, I John W. Hackworth of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this

to be my last will and testament. That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged out of means arising from my personal property I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit; To my beloved wife Martha E. Hackworth the following described land to wit; The North half of South East and South half of North East quarter of section thirty-six, Township thirteen, Range two East, of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, including my homestead and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with all my personal property of any and every kind and description which I may own or be in possession of at the time of my death, except so much of the personal property as may be of value sufficient to pay my lawful debts as before declared, and also the necessary expenses of administration. To my daughter Mariah L. Wood, the following described land, to wit; lot or subdivision "C" section six Township twelve Range three East and West half of South West quarter and South West quarter of North West quarter of section thirty-one, Township thirteen Range three East. And to my daughter Sarah J. Quinney the following described land to wit; The South half of North East quarter of section twenty five, and South East quarter of section twenty five the North half of North East quarter and South half of South East quarter of section thirty six each described lying in Township thirteen, Range two East and North East quarter of North East quarter of section one Township twelve, Range two East. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my beloved wife Martha E. Hackworth to be Executrix 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 this the fifth day of June anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

J. W. Hckworth. (Sd)

Attest. J. B. Dunning, S. L. D. Hudson,

Petition.

Last Will and Testament of F. A. Royal Deceased.

To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge Probate of Marengo County in the State of Alabama. The petition of Catharine R. Royal, a citizen of said County respectfully represents unto your Honor that her husband the late Franklin A. Royal who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life in this County on or about the ninth day of May A.D. 1877 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by C. T. Saunders and J. D. Moore who reside in this County in which last will and testament your petitioner is named as executrix which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for Probate and Record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of said decedent and is of full age and resides in this County and that the next of kin and heirs at law of said decedent are his two children, one named Minnie S. Royal, a minor between fourteen and fifteen years of age, and Frank A. A. Royal a minor about thirteen years of age. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day. That due notice of this application may be given to said next of kin of said deceased and that other proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law. And as in duty bound &c

Catharine R. Royal,

Testimony,

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Frank A. Royal Deceased. Before me James W. Taylor Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court John D. Moore and C. T. Sanders, who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say on oath that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of Frank A. Royal deceased, late an inhabitant of this County, that said Frank A. Royal, 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 each 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. Affiants further state 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 & subscribed before me this 18th June, 1877.

C. T. Saunders
J. D. Moore,

Jas W. Taylor. Judge of Probate

Will of F. A. Royal.

This is my last will and testament. After paying all my just debts, it is my will and desire that the balance of my property both real and personal shall be equally divided between my beloved wife Catherine R. and my two children Minnie S. and Frank A. A. It is my desire that my property be kept together until my youngest child becomes of age then, if desired a division may be made between my [illegible]

two children as above stated. It is father my will that my wife shall be the Executrix of this my last will and testament and she shall not be required to give bond as such, nor as the guardian of the minors, and if at any time my wife may think it to the interest of herself and children she may dispose of any of the property either real or personal. Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May A.D. 1877.

F. A. Royal, Seal.

Attest C. F. Saunders, J. D. Moore.

The Last Will and Testament of M. A. Williamson, Deceased

Petition

The State of Alabama } To the Hon. J. W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County } of said County. The petition of T. P. Williamson Sr respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late M. A. Williamson who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death, departed this life on the first day of September 1877 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by her and attested by O. P. Slater, Elizabeth Allen and M. E. Slater, who reside in Clarke County Alabama in which will your petitioner is named as executor thereof, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that your petitioner is the husband of said decedent and resides in this County and that the next of kin and heirs at law of said decedent are her children, Isabella M. Williamson, who is under the age of twenty-one years of age of sane mind and resides with your petitioner, Sallie Kervin wife of P. E. Kervin, Susan Parker wife of W. A. Parker, T. P. Williamson Jr, J. M. Williamson, J. D. Williamson, Charles Williamson and Emma Williamson, all of whom are of legal age and sound mind and all reside in this County except J. M. Williamson who reside in Clarke County in this State. In consideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for hearing of the matter of this petition; that subpoenas may be issued to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on such appointed day and due notice of this application may be given to the next of kin of said deceased; and that such other proceeding, 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 and subscribed before me this the 4th day of January 1878. T. P. Williamson

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

Will

This is my last Will and Testament.

In executing this my last will I do so in my proper frame of mind and it is my desire that my wishes herein expressed shall be faithfully carried out in every respect. First, I give and bequeath to my two daughters Emma and Isabella all of my real and personal property to be equally divided between them at such time as may be deemed best for each of them with a slight exception and it is this: To Emma I give exclusively all my Clima and Silver ware; To Isabella I give the Piano. Further, any or all property that may accrue to me hereafter these my two daughters Emma and Isabella shall have and it is my wish that my husband T. P. Williamson shall manage this property to the best advantage and if it shall appear at any time that a sale of any real estate would benefit my two children herein mentioned such sale will take place and all moneys thus accoming shall be invested by my said husband T. P. Williamson in such way as shall be advantageous to said children. I declare this to be my only and last will and testament. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal to the same in presence of these witnesses this 29th day of April 1874.

Seal M. A. Williamson

Attest O. P. Slater, Elizabeth Allen, M. E. Slater.

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County personally appeared O. P. Slater, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, did and does depose and say on oath, that he and Elizabeth Allen and M. E. Slater are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last will and testament of M. A. Williamson deceased, late an inhabitant of this County, that said M. A. Williamson since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that affiant and Elizabeth Allen & M. E. Slater 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 said date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

O. P. Slater.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of February A.D. 1878.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

The Last Will and Testament of Lewis Simmons Deceased.

PETITION

The State of Alabama } Probate Court. Petition of William H.
Marengo County } Sledge for the Probate of the Will of Lewis Simmons deceased. To the Hon. James W. Taylor Judge Probate Court Marengo County. The petition of the undersigned William H. Sledge respectfully represents unto your Honor that Lewis Simmons who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County departed this life at his residence on or about the — day of — 1877 leaving assets in this State and leaving a Last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by A. W. Cooper, Wm Simmons and C. C. Vaughan. That

petitioner as he verily believes, is interested therein 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 Barbara Simmons is the widow of said deceased and that the names, ages, residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows, to wit: Lave Simmons, adult, Wooten M. Simmons adult, William T. Simmons adult, Bettie Hunter adult, wife of John Hunter and Samuel Grigsby minor over the age of fourteen years having no legal guardian but residing with — all of whom reside in said County of Marengo; and E. Simmons Sledge, adult, William H. Sledge adult, Oscar F. Sledge minor over 14 years of age, A. M. Sledge minor over 14 years of age, A. H. Sledge minor under 14 years of age and B. F. Sledge minor under 14 years of age, all of whom reside in Sumter County, Alabama, the said minors having no legal guardians but residing with said William H. Sledge. Your petitioner would further represent that A. W. Cooper and Wm Simmons two of the said attesting witnesses to said will reside in Marengo County, Alabama, near Jefferson, and therefore further prays that your Honor will appoint a day to hear this petition and to determine thereon, that notice of said day be given as the law requires to said widow and next of kin and such other and further proceedings had thereon as may be necessary and proper.

Wm H. Sledge,

The State of Alabama } Wm H. Sledge being duly sworn, deposes
Sumter County } and says that the facts alleged in the above petition are true, according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Wm H. Sledge,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February 1878, J. A. Abrahams,
Judge Probate Court Sumter County

The State of Alabama } To the Honorable James W. Taylor Judge Probate
Marengo County } for said County. The undersigned a son of Lewis Simmons dec'd comes into Court & shows to your Honor that the instrument described in the within petition is not all of the last Will of the said Lewis Simmons and that the paper or writing hereto attached and marked Exhibit B in connection with said paper herein referred to both together constitute the last Will and Testament of said Lewis Simmons and he prays that said papers may be submitted to the Court at the same time for probate and that the heirs at law and next of kin of said testator are stated correctly in the within petition & he prays that notice issue to them according to law & a day set for the hearing of said matters, and that subpoenas may issue to the witnesses to both said instruments to appear on the day appointed for the hearing of said application.

L. Lavender Simmons

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th day of March 1878. J. A. W. Taylor,
Judge of Probate.

Exhibit "A."

WILL.

State of Alabama } This the 21 day August eighteen hundred and seven
Marengo County } seven. In consideration of the love and affection that I have for my grand children, namely, E. S. Sledge, W. H. Sledge, O. F. Sledge, A. M. Sledge, A. H. Sledge and B. F. Sledge, I hearby give and bequeath to them the following Real Estate to wit; The S.W. qr of S 19, T 17, R 2, E and six and a half acres off of S 3 off of the southern part, also E½ of S E¼ of S 20 in T 17, R 2, E and three and half acres off N.W. q. of S 21, T 17, R 2, E. An I also give and bequeath one sixth of all my stock of cattle, Sheep, Horse and Cows. And I hearby give the entire management of the above property to W. H. Sledge without giving bond or security in powering him to rent, sell or hold as he may think best for the above legatees, and as each child becomes of age W. H. Sledge will give to each legatee his equal shar that may be left of the above property. Wherinto I hearby set my hand and seal this the 21 day of August 1877.

Lewis Simmons Seal

Attest, A. W. Cooper, Wm Simmons, C. C. Vaughan,

Exhibit "B."

State of Alabama Marengo County. August 1877.

Know all men by these presents, That I Lewis Simmons, for the love and affections I have for my children L. L. Simmons, W. T. Simmons, W. M. Simmons, Mrs B. A. Hunter and my grand son S. M. Grigsby and my wife Barbary W. Simmons I give and bequeath to to them, the following described lands. To my son W. M. Simons all of (E½ of S.W¼ of sec two) and (N½ of 21 and N E¼ and N.W¼ of section 21) and to my son L. L. Simmons the S E¼ of sec two, W½ of N E¼ of sec 22, N.W¼ of sec 27, S½ of W½ of N E¼ sec 27 knowned as the Frank Johnson and Harrison Jiles tracts. (To my daughter Mrs B. A. Hunter all the land on the north side of the Creek in sec 15, supposed to contain 100 acres, also the place known as the Carney place in sec 28 and containing 120 acres.) To my grand son S. M. Grigsby all of S.W¼ of sec 15 south of the Creek and commencing at Edmonds house running east to Walnut tree and thence to Creek supposed to contain 38 acres (also 143 acres of S E¼ of sec 21, less 25 acres around her house) given to Manda Simmons col (and N.W¼ of N E¼ of sec 28.) To my wife Barbara W. Simmons her lifetime and at her death to my son W. T. Simmons the (E½ of N E¼ of sec 21) and all of sec 22 on the south side of the Creek except 38 acres given to my grand son S. M. Grigsby. Should any of the above named parties die without heirs, their portion reverts back. Witness — I hereby impower and authorise my sons W. T. Simmons and W. M. Simmons to call in three disintered persons to divide my stock into six equal lots and W. T. Simmons, W. M. Simmons, L. L. Simmons, S. M. Grigsby, Mrs B. A. Hunter and William H. Sledge to draw for the same.

Lewis Simmons Seal

Witness S. D. Smith, S. D. Gulford, Wm Simmons.

TESTIMONY.

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County. In the mat-
Marengo County } ter of the probate of the Last Will and Testa-
ment of Lewis Simmons deceased. Before me James

Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court William Simmons who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath as follows to wit; That he is a subscribing witness to the papers marked Exhibits "A" and "B" and that Exhibit "A" was executed on Tuesday and Exhibit "B" on Thursday of same week in August; that he saw Lewis Simmons sign and seal the same on the day they bear date respectively calling them Deeds of Gift, that he signed the same as a witness in the presence and at the request of Lewis Simmons and also in the presence of the other subscribing witness and in the presence of each other and that the said Lewis Simmons was of sound mind at the time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March 1878. Wm Simmons

Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the Last Will and Testament of Lewis Simmons deceased. Before me James W. Taylor Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court A.W. Cooper who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath as follows to wit; That he is a subscribing witness to the paper marked "Exhibit A" that he saw Lewis Simmons sign and seal the same on the day it bears date calling it a deed of gift; that he signed the same as a witness in the presence and at the request of Lewis Simmons and also in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and in the presence of each other and that the said Lewis Simmons was of sound mind at the time. A.W. Cooper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 27th day of March 1878.

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County. In the mat-
Marengo County } ter of the probate of the Last Will and Testament of Lewis Simmons deceased. Before me James W. Taylor Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court Stephen D. Gulford who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and does depose and say on oath as follows to wit; that he is a subscribing witness to the paper marked "Exhibit B" that he saw Lewis Simmons sign and seal the same on the day it bears date calling it a deed of gift; that he signed the same as a witness in the presence and at the request of Lewis Simmons and also in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and in the presence of each other and that the said Lewis Simmons was of sound mind at the time; That he wrote the said instrument and that he erased the one full line and part of another as appear erased before the signing of the same by said Lewis Simmons.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 27th day of March 1878. S.D. Gulford

Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate.

PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL OF A.E. LIPSCOMB

The Last Will and Testament of Annie E. Lipscomb Deceased

To the Hon. the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama

Joel Q. Lipscomb of said County respectfully shows that Annie E. Lipscomb late of said County departed this life on the 15th day of August 1878, she being then an inhabitant and resident of said County. 2. That at the time of her said death she was a married woman, the wife of this proponent Joel Q. Lipscomb aforesaid, and she died seized and possessed of a statutory separate estate consisting of real and personal property. 3. That prior to her death she executed in writing her last Will and Testament in the presence of two witnesses namely A.G. Sharpe who resides at Demopolis in said County and Dr. J.R. Herwin who resides in Jefferson in said County who subscribed their names thereto in the presence of the said Annie E. as witnesses at her request and in the presence of each other and this proponent the said Joel Q. was named in said Will as the Executor thereof which is herewith annexed as Exhibit A and prayed to be taken as a part hereof. 4. That the said Annie E. left her surviving Joel Q. Lipscomb this proponent as her husband residing in said County and Percy Brasfield an infant aged about 6 years and Earnest Pullen aged about 4 years her children begotten by your proponent Joel Q. aforesaid both of whom reside with this proponent the said Joel Q. in said County. And he the said Joel Q. propounds said Will for probate and prays the same be admitted to probate in pursuance of the laws of Alabama in such case made and provided.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of Sept 1878. J.Q. Lipscomb

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

WILL OF ANNIE E. LIPSCOMB

I Annie E. Lipscomb wife of Joel Q. Lipscomb and a resident of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama being of sound mind and desirous of disposing of my property do hereby make this as my last will and testament as follows. I hereby give and devise to my husband the said Joel Q. Lipscomb as my Executor all of my property real & personal and of any and every description of which I shall die seized and possessed upon the following trusts; that he shall first out of the rents and profits thereof pay off any debts which I may owe and any claim which is a charge against my statutory separate estate by or under the laws of the State of Alabama. Secondly that he shall hold, control and manage said property in such manner as he may think best for the interest of my legatees herein and for that purpose he may sell any of said property at private or public sale as he may deem best and re-invest it as he may think best for the interest of said legatees. Thirdly. It is my will that my said Executor shall support my children whom I shall leave me surviving and himself out of the rents and profits of said property

as he lives and such children remain with him, and at his death he is hereby given the power by will or deed executed by him to convey said property to such of my children and in such manner and on such terms as he may think proper, and should he die without exercising the power herein conveyed and granted, my will is that the said property or so much as shall be then remaining shall be equally divided between my children then alive, and the descendants of such as shall be dead, share alike excepting such descendants shall take the share to which their deceased parent would be entitled if alive. Fourthly if any of my children shall leave my husband or marry my said Executor is hereby invested with the power to give to such child so leaving or marrying such portion of my said property as he may think proper, leaving it however optional with him whether he shall give such child anything or not. Fifthly I hereby appoint my husband the said Joel R Lipscomb Executor of this my last will and testament and exempt him from giving bond or taking out letters testamentary thereon. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand this 9th day of July 1870. A E Lipscomb

Witnesses C J Kirvin A Y Sharpe

TESTIMONY.

The State of Alabama } Before me James S Taylor Judge
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County
personally appeared C J Kirvin who having been by me first duly sworn and examined deposes and says, that he and A Y Sharpe are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Ann E Lipscomb deceased late an inhabitant of this County, that said Ann E Lipscomb since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament. That affiant and A Y Sharpe 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 said 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. C J Kirvin

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th day of December A D 1870. James S Taylor Judge of Probate

Will

Last Will and Testament of Harrison A Longest Deceased.

Dear Niece Mary E Heath I wish you all I have in Ala if I get killed or die before I see you again. Mr R A Adams is my manager in Ala I want you to go to the Yours &c H A Longest

The State of Alabama } I James S Taylor Judge of Probate in and for said County do
Marengo County } hereby certify that the within instrument of writing hereto appended was duly proven in the Probate Court of said County by the proper testimony on the 28 day of October A D 1870 to be the genuine last Will and testament of Harrison A Longest deceased for the disposition of the personal property of said decedent as appears of record and by the decree of said Court made and entered in the premises on the 28th day of October 1870 and that said Will together with the said proof has been duly recorded in my office in Book C of Wills at Page 188 Given under my hand at office in Linden this the 15 day of March 1879. James S Taylor Judge of Probate

Testimony.

Estate of Harrison A Longest } In the matter of the application of Geo W Saunders for the probate of an instrument in writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Harrison A Longest deceased. Pending in the Probate Court of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama

Before me A L Martin Judge of Probate in and for the County and State aforesaid this day came James S Jones a witness on the part of the proponent in the above stated cause, who after being duly sworn testified in open Court as follows. Dr was acquainted with Harrison A Longest deceased in his lifetime, from about the Spring of 1862 to the time of his death decedent was a soldier in actual military service in time of War and in the field. He was a private soldier in a company commanded by me as Captain. I know that said decedent was with his said command and in such service at Morristown in the State of Tennessee on the 19th day of January 1864. He was then in my opinion of sound mind and disposing memory. In the latter part of the month of June 1864 deponent sent said decedent who was then in a dying condition to an army Hospital near Richmond in the State of Virginia. Before the 26th day of July 1864 I received official information that decedent had expired in said Hospital on the 23 of July 1864. It was a fact of common belief and understanding among decedents comrades that he died as stated, at the time of his said death decedent was a soldier in actual military service as stated. His domicil was then in the State of Alabama. Subscribed & sworn to before me this 28 day of October A D 1871. James S Jones. Judge &c

In the matter of the application of George W Saunders for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Harrison A Longest deceased pending in the Probate Court of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama. The answers of Mary E Wood a witness on the part of the proponent, in the above stated cause to the Interrogatories and cross Interrogatories to her propounded and hereto annexed.

And the said witness answers and says to—

Interrogatory 1st. I reside in the City of Richmond and I was thirty two years of age in July 1871 I am married to Isaac M Wood. My name before marriage was Mary Catherine Heath I know Harrison A Longest deceased. He was my uncle My mothers brother.

July 2d. I have seen the original paper of which the paper shown to me and marked exhibit A is a copy. I saw it in the latter part of January 1864 I received it enclosed in a letter bearing date January 17th 1864 from

written from Morristown Tennessee. I was residing in King and Queen County Virginia at the time that the letter was received. The letter came by mail and I got it from the Post Office at Ayletts in King William County Virginia. It was brought from the Post Office to me by a friend. The letter referred to was written by Uncle A. Longest. Said letter is in my possession and I herewith attach it marked exhibit "B". The paper of which exhibit "A" is a copy was ruled with red lines corresponding in appearance somewhat with the paper upon which the letter marked exhibit "B" hereto annexed was written and resembled the paper marked exhibit "B" in other respects.

To Intg 3 – I have seen Longest write often. He has set coppies for me. I have received many letters from Longest and am so perfectly familiar with his handwriting that I have no hesitation in saying that he wrote and signed with his own proper hands the original paper of which the paper marked exhibit "A" is a copy. I am as familiar with the handwriting of Longest as I am with my own. To Intg 4 – I never saw Uncle Longest after the receipt of the said letter and the instrument of which exhibit "A" is a copy. I saw him last as near as I can remember in 1858.

To Intg 5. A reason why I believe that that the said original of the paper marked exhibit "A" was written by my Uncle Harrison A. Longest, a part from the fact that I was familiar with his hand writing is that he always said that he would leave me every thing that he owned if I acted properly and pleased him in my conduct through life. He did in fact clothe and educate me, and was very much attached to me and I to him. For the above reasons I was not surprised at the receipt of the original of the paper marked exhibit "A" which I am informed is a Will in effect and is now in the hands of Mess W. E. & R. H. Clarke in Demopolis Alabama. I do not know of any other will having been made by said Longest.

To Cross Intg 1st. I received it in the latter part of January 1864 by mail and as stated in my examination in chief at Ayletts Post Office King William County Virginia. I had received many letters from him before and some after. I have in my possession three letters herewith filed and marked exhibits "C" "D" & "E" which I received from him prior to the receipt of the letter enclosing the original of exhibit "A" and one subsequent thereto. I corresponded with him regularly for many years previous to his death. I have often seen him write. I know that Uncle Longest wrote the original of the paper marked exhibit "A" because I am as familiar with his hand writing as I am with my own, and also for the reasons stated in reply to my examination in chief. I know nothing more about the Will except what is contained in my answer to the 5th Interrogatory. The next of kin left by my Uncle Harrison Longest are his brother John Longest who lives in Essex County Virginia, Francis Longest his sister who also lives in Essex County, John Saunders of King and Queen County Virginia his nephew, George Saunders of Monroe County West Virginia his nephew, Lucy E. Meador Richmond Va. his niece, James H. Saunders Essex County Virginia his nephew, & Rosa Ann Bowford Essex County Virginia also his niece and myself.

Mary C. Wood

Answers of Lucy E. Meador a witness duly sworn

To Interg 1st. I was acquainted with Harrison A. Longest Dec'd. He was my own Uncle, that is he was my mothers brother. Mary C. Wood is my sister, she being my senior by three years, and I have of course known her from her earliest childhood.

To Interg 2. Mary C. Wood is married, her name prior to her marriage

was Mary C. Heath. She resided from January 1st 1864 to July 5th 1864 in King and Queen County Virginia. During said period I live within sight of her about one mile distant. Uncle Longest did not visit or see sister Mary during said period. I saw Sister Mary nearly every day during the period referred to. She did not leave home. I therefore do not think it probable. And scarcely possible the Uncle Longest could have visited or seen during said period without my knowledge.

To Cross Intg 1st I knew Harrison A. Longest in his lifetime. He is now dead. He died about the 1st July 1864 at Howards Grove Hospital near Richmond Virginia. I got every thing that he left from the Hospital after his death. He was a single man and consequently had no family.

To Cross Intg 2d. As I have previously answered that Mrs Mary C. Wood was the niece of Harrison A. Longest. He was her mothers brother. Her fathers name was Highter Heath. We were both neces of said Longest.

To Cross Intg – I know no other fact that will the contest auts of said decree.

Lucie E. Meador

Opened by order of Court this the 23rd day of Oct 1871.
The foregoing testimony filed & recorded March 15th 1879. Jas W. Taylor Judge.

WILL.

Last Will and Testament of John A. Dunning. Decd.

I John A. Dunning of Marengo County and State of Alabama being sound in body and mind, do make this my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath to my wife Amanda A. Dunning all my property both real and personal to have during her natural life, and after her death to descend and go to my brother Thomas H. Dunning and to his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my brother James Dunning son Floyd Dunning Five Dollars to my sisters Sarah D. Lewis Five Dollars Mary Robinson Five Dollars Jane Dixon Five Dollars and Elizabeth Bowler Five Dollars which sums of money are to be paid out of my estate by my Executor hereinafter mentioned. I nominate and appoint my brother Thomas H. Dunning my Executor to this my last will and testament, and having confidence in him that he will do his duty he is hereby authorised to act as such, and to carry out the provisions of my will without being required to give security. In testimony of which I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this the 29th day of September A.D. 1863. John A. Dunning Seal

Signed and sealed in presence of us –

Benjamin F. Glass S. G. Roberts

Probate Court Marengo Court, April Term 1865.

Testimony of B. F. Glass a witness to the within will who being first duly sworn deposes & says that he was present on the day the same bears date & saw John A. Dunning execute said will by signing & publishing or declaring the same to be his last Will & Testament that he and S. G. Roberts the other witness subscribed their names as witnesses to said Will in the presence of said John A. Dunning and in the presence of each other and at the request of said Dunning

written from Morristown Tennessee. I was residing in King and Queen County Virginia at the time that the letter was received. The letter came by mail and I got it from the Post Office at Aylette in King William County Virginia. It was brought from the Post Office to me by a friend. The letter referred to was written by Uncle A. Longest. Said letter is in my possession and I herewith attach it marked exhibit "B". The paper of which exhibit "A" is a copy was ruled with red lines corresponding in appearance somewhat with the paper upon which the letter marked exhibit "B" hereto annexed was written and resembled the paper marked exhibit "B" in other respects.

To Intg 3 – I have seen Longest write often. He has set copies for me. I have received many letters from Longest and am so perfectly familiar with his handwriting that I have no hesitatione in saying that he wrote and signed with his own proper hands the original paper of which the paper marked exhibit "A" is a copy. I am as familiar with the handwriting of Longest as I am with my own. To Intg 4 – I never saw Uncle Longest after the receipt of the said letter and the instrument of which exhibit "A" is a copy. I saw him last as near as I can remember in 1858.

To Intg 5. A reason why I believe that that the said original of the paper marked exhibit "A" was written by my Uncle Harrison A. Longest, a part from the fact that I was familiar with his hand writing is that he always said that he would leave me every thing that he owned if I acted properly and pleased him in my conduct through life. He did in fact clothe and educate me and was very much attached to me and I to him. For the above reasons I was not surprised at the receipt of the original of the paper marked exhibit "A" which I am informed is a Will in effect and is now in the hands of Mess W. E. & R. H. Clarke in Demopolis Alabama. I do not know of any other will having been made by said Longest.

To Cross Intg 1st. I received it in the latter part of January 1864 by mail and as stated in my examination in chief at Aylette Post Office King William County Virginia. I had received many letters from him before and some after. I have in my possession three letters herewith filed and marked exhibits "C" "D" & "E" which I received from him prior to the receipt of the letter enclosing the original of exhibit "A" and one subsequent thereto. I corresponded with him regularly for many years previous to his death. I have often seen him write. I know that Uncle Longest wrote the original of the paper marked exhibit "A" because I am as familiar with his hand writing as I am with my own and also for the reasons stated in reply to my examination in chief. I know nothing more about the Will except what is contained in my answer to the 5th Interrogatory. The next of kin left by my Uncle Harrison Longest are his brother John Longest who lives in Essex County Virginia Francis Longest his sister who also lives in Essex County John Saunders of King and Queen County Virginia his nephew George Saunders of Monroe County West Virginia his nephew Lucy E. Meador Richmond Va. his niece James H. Saunders Essex County Virginia his nephew & Rosa Ann Beaverford Essex County Virginia also his niece and myself.

Mary C. Wood

Answers of Lucy E. Meador a witness duly sworn.

To Interg 1st. I was acquainted with Harrison A. Longest Dec'd. He was my own Uncle, that is he was my mother's brother. Mary C. Wood is my sister – she being my senior by three years, and I have of course known her from her earliest childhood.

To Interg 2. Mary C. Wood is married, her name prior to her marriage was Mary C. Heath. She resided from January 1st 1864 to July 5th 1864 in King and Queen County Virginia. During said period I lived in sight of her about one mile distant. Uncle Longest did not visit or see sister Mary during said period. I saw Sister Mary nearly every day during the period referred to. She did not leave home. I therefore do not think it probable. And scarcely possible the Uncle Longest could have visited or seen during said period without my knowledge.

To Cross Intg 1st I knew Harrison A. Longest in his lifetime. He is now dead. He died about the 1st July 1864 at Howards Grove Hospital near Richmond Virginia. I got every thing that he left from the Hospital after his death. He was a single man and consequently had no family.

To Cross Intg 2d As I have previously answered that Mrs Mary C. Wood was the niece of Harrison A. Longest. He was her mother's brother. Her father's name was Highter Heath. We were both neces of said Longest.

To Cross Intg – I know no other fact that will the contestants of said decree.

Lucie E. Meador

Opened by order of Court this the 23rd day of Oct 1871.

The foregoing testimony filed & recorded March 15th 1879. Jas. W. Taylor Judge.

WILL.

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Signed and sealed in presence of us –

Benjamin F. Glass. S. G. Roberds

Probate Court Marengo Court, April Term 1865.

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He further says that said Dunning was at the time of executing said Will of sound & disposing mind & memory.

Benjamin F. Glass

Let the within instrument be recorded upon said testimony as the Last will & Testament of said John A. Dunning Sec'd.

J. A. Young Judge

Filed for record October 7th 1880 Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

Petition

Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Little

The State of Alabama } To Hon. James W. Taylor Judge
Marengo County } of Probate Court of said County.

The petition of Gray Little respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Martha J. Little who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death departed this life on the 23rd day of February 1880 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by her and attested by Thomas J. Wheanley, D. L. Etheridge and Bery Harper residents of Marengo County in which your petitioner is named as Executor thereof and petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds the same for Probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner here states that Adaline M. Boozer wife of Robt Boozer lives near Dayton in Marengo County Alabama and Louis Williams three (3) children by his first wife lives near Mansfield La Desota Parish and Dora Woolley wife of William Woolley lives near Jacksonville in Cherokee County Texas. William Y. Glass about twenty years lives near Hoboken Marengo County Ala. Sallie K. Compton about eighteen years old lives near Pineville Marengo County Ala. Theodosia E. Johnson about twelve years old lives near Hoboken Marengo County Ala. Napoleon B. Etheridge about twenty one years old and Carrie Etheridge about nineteen years old next of nearest of kin lives near Sweet Water Marengo County Ala. Whereof 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 heirs 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.

Gray Little.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March 1880.

R. L. Hasty Justice of the Peace

Filed March 24, 1880. Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

Will

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents that
Marengo County } I Martha Jane Little of the State & County aforesaid 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 I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister Adaline M. Boozer Seventy $75.00 Five Dollars and second I give and bequeath unto Louise Williams 3 children by his first wife to have Seventy $75.00 Five Dollars. Third I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister Dora Woolley Seventy $75.00 Five Dollars. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my nephew William Y. Glass one feather bed & mattress two quilts two sheets one Pilow two chairs & one Cow & calf. Fifth I give and bequeath unto my niece Sallie K. Compton wife of C. J. Compton one beaurs & one rocking chair at the death of Mr Gray Little my husband. Sixth I give and bequeath unto my niece Theodocia E. Johnson one feather bed one mattress one bed stead one Pilow three Quilts one sheet & double wove counterpin three chairs & one cow & calf one Sewing Machine. All the residue of my Estate is to be equally divided between William Y. Glass Sallie K. Compton & Theodocia E. Johnson as they arrive at the years of maturity. I do nominate and appoint my husband Gray Little the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal this 13th day of February A.D. 1880.

Signed and sealed in presence of us who as witnesses hereto

Martha J. Little (L.S.)

Thomas J. Wheanley, D. L. Etheridge, Bery Harper.

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County personally came and appeared Thomas J. Wheanley and D. L. Etheridge who being duly sworn by me depose and say that Thos J. Wheanley D. L. Etheridge and B. Harper are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Martha Jane Little deceased, late an inhabitant of this County, that said Martha Jane Little since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last will and Testament, and that said Thomas J. Wheanley D. L. Etheridge and B. Harper set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of the 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 deponents fully capable of making her said will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid and that she was on the day of the said date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of May A.D. 1880. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

T. J. Wheanley
D. L. Etheridge

Last Will and Testament of James McDermott, deceased.

The State of Alabama } To Hon. James W. Taylor Judge of Probate of
Marengo County } said County. 1st The petition of George G. Lyon, an inhabitant of this County & said over twenty one years of age respectfully shows unto your Honor. That he is informed and believes it to be true and therefore alleges upon information and belief that James McDermott departed this life on the [illegible] day of June 1879 more than forty days since leaving property in

said County of Marengo and State of Alabama consisting of an undivided half interest in lands lying in said Marengo County conveyed to him by deed made on 6th February 1868 by Columbus Powell & wife & which is recorded in your office as Judge of Probate of said County in Book of Deeds W on pages 632 and 633 and which is supposed to be of the value of about Two Thousand Dollars

2d Your petitioner further shows unto your Honor that he is informed and believes it to be true and therefore alleges on such information and belief that the said James McDermott at the time of his death was an inhabitant of the City, County and State of New York and left a last will and testament which was admitted to probate in the Court of the Surrogate of the said County and State of New York on the 24th day of April 1875, a copy of which said will with the proceedings showing the probate thereof is hereto appended marked "Exhibit A" as a part of this petition.

3d Your petitioner further shows that he is informed and believes it to be true & therefore alleges that Grace B. Gaddis, who is of mature age and resides at Pierceville, Van Buren County, State of Iowa wife of William Gaddis, and Mrs Emma Johnson who is of mature age & resides at 37 South fifth Avenue in the said City & State of New York as set forth in the said Will, are the only parties who are interested in the Estate of the said deceased as legatees under said Will; that no one entitled to the administration of the said Estate has applied for Letters of Administration upon said Estate and no one has been appointed the Administrator upon said Estate, in this State; and that the said Grace B. Gaddis as legatee under said Will, has requested your petitioner to apply for letters of administration and qualify as Administrator of said Estate, Wherefore your petitioner prays your Honor that letters of administration upon the said Estate of James McDermott, with the said will annexed, be granted him according to law upon his giving the requisite bond and security, as in duty bound &c.

Geo. G. Lyon,

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24 day of June A.D. 1880.

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County, Alabama,

"Exhibit A"

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the eighth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four Emma Johnson a legatee named in the last Will and testament of James McDermott late of the County of New York deceased appeared in open Court before Robert C. Hutchings Surrogate of the County of New York and made application to have the said last will and testament which relates to both real and personal estate proved and on such application the Surrogate did ascertain by satisfactory evidence who were the only heirs and next of kin of said deceased and their respective residences, and said Surrogate did thereupon issue a citation directed to said only heirs and next of kin of said deceased by their respective names stating their places of residence requiring them to appear before said Surrogate at his office in the City of New York on the thirtieth day of September then next to attend the probate of said Will and afterwards to wit on the said thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy four satisfactory evidence by affidavit was adduced and presented to said Surrogate of the service of said Citation in the mode prescribed by law and none of them appearing to be minors and on that day no one appearing to oppose the probate of said Will such proceedings were thereupon had and it being satisfactorily proven to said Surrogate that D.B. Eades and A.H. Morris were material witnesses to said last Will and Testament and their testimony necessary to the probate thereof a commission was thereupon issued by said Surrogate to Washington Poe residing at Macon State of Georgia to take the testimony of said witnesses upon interrogatories annexed to such commission and the said Washington Poe having returned such Commission properly executed and the same having been filed with said Surrogate with the proofs hereinafter set forth, the said Surrogate did on the twenty fourth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five declare said last Will and testament to be a valid will of real and personal estate and the proofs thereof to be sufficient which said last will and testament and proofs are as follows that is to say.

Will

Know all men by these presents that I James McDermott at present temporarily of Macon Geo. in the County of Bibb & State of Georgia being of sound & disposing mind & memory (and at this time in good health) do make & publish this my last will and testament

First I wish to be buried at Uniontown Fayette County State of Pennsylvania, sent there in a metalic coffin care of Fort Necessity Lodge I O of O F's members of which will attend to my buriel by writing there to M. N. Lewis or G. H. Wood that my corpse are coming I wish to be buried along side of my mother and sister in the Presbyterian grave yard, my funeral expenses to be paid out of the money in my possession and if not enough to pay all the ballance to be paid out of the first money collected on my effects described in the foregoing statement. Second I will & bequeath $500 Five Hundred Dollars to the corporation of Uniontown, Fayette County, State of Pennsylvania for to be expended in placing Tomb Stones at my grave and also the same at the graves of my mother and sister if the ones that were there has been distroyed or at such time as they are needed and also placing a good substancial Iron railing fence around our graves where was a wodden fence when I last visited that place several years since leaving space for one other grave making four in all and keeping the fence and graves in good order as long as any of the money lasts

Third I give and bequeath $3000, Three Thousand to my half sister Grace B. Gaddis now living at Pierceville Van Buren County Iowa, wife of William Gaddis, they were married in Uniontown, Fayette Co. Pa. Fourth I give and bequeath all the balance of my money that is left after all expenses are paid to Mrs Emma Johnson now living at 37 South fifth Avenue, New

York, City & State of New York in order that she may get it, I want the persons having my will & business to settle to be very particular that they are satisfied that she is the right one, as there may be others of the same name in the City or she may move from No. 37 South 5th Avenue City of New York. I also wish all my baggage and bunch of Keys sent her first writing to her and finding out if she has removed or not. I give her this because she has befriended me many times in sickness and favours in health, I now hope that those having my business in hand will with as much dispatch as posible settle this matter up so that each one interested may get what is coming to them with as little delay as possible. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish this my last will and testament in the presence of these witnesses this 7th day of September A.D. 1872.

James McDermot (L.S.)

Signed and sealed and published and declared by the said James McDermot 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 hereunto as witnesses.

D. B. Eides, A. H. Morris

Will.

Last Will and Testament of George W. H. Minge

I George W. H. Minge of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, being of sound mind memory and clear understanding, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time before made. And first I direct that my body be decently interred in the cemetery at St. Michaels Church according to the rites and ceremonies of the Episcopal Church, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life. As to such Estate as it has pleased Almighty God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows, viz; Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary H. Minge, all my property, real personal and mixed of what kind or nature whatsoever, and wheresoever the same shall be at the time of my death, for and during her natural life, and the reversion or remainder of the same after her death to my five grand children, to be divided among them as follows. Item, After the death of my beloved wife Mary, it is my will and desire that my two grand daughters Mary M. Selden and Mariah L. Selden shall have and I do hereby give, devise and bequeath to them to share and share alike my plantation lying in Perry County in said State and known as Fair Hope, together with all of the personal property contained thereon, which is now occupied by and in the possession of my son-

in law Capt Joseph Selden, Item, It is my will and desire that Capt Joseph Selden, shall have and I do hereby devise and bequeath to him a reasonable and economical maintenance and support out of the property just above mentioned, and the said plantation shall be his home during his natural life. It is also my will and desire that during the life time of my beloved wife that from the proceeds of the said property just mentioned, my three grand children, viz: G. Minge Selden, John A. Selden and Bettie Selden, shall receive their education maintenance and support and I hereby charge said property therewith, Item, I give, devise and bequeath to my two grand sons, G. Minge Selden and John A. Selden my plantation lying in Marengo County in said State and now occupied by myself and family which is known as Wyanoke, together with all the personal property contained thereon, It is my will and desire that in the division of the land between my grand sons; the line will be commenced at a point on the Eastern boundary of the place and run due West dividing as nearly equal as practicable the plantation without any regard to improvements, and that G. Minge Selden shall have the South half, and John A. Selden shall have the North half of said plantation, Item, I give, bequeath and devise to my grand daughter Elizabeth C. Selden, my tract of land lying in Marengo County in said State, two miles from Dayton and known as the Burrill place, with the condition that should G. Minge Selden and John A. Selden need any timber for plantation purposes, they or either of them may be privileged to use any timber from said tract of land for said purposes, I also give, devise and bequeath to her five thousand Dollars, in notes, bonds and other evidences of debt held by me against sundry parties, Item, I am interest in Eighty acres of land in Jefferson County, Alabama, near the town of Birmingham, supposed to contain iron ore and marble deposits this tract of land was purchased by my brother Collier H. Minge and R. H. Dixie and I became their security for the payment of the purchase money and I having paid the same, the titles to said property were made to me, I executed to them however an instrument of writing agreeing therein that in the event the said property should ever sell for more than the amount of the principal, interest, taxes and expenses incedent to the sale of said property that I would return to them such excess, Whenever said property is sold and the said excession amount over and above what may be due to my estate has been paid over to Collier H. Minge, his heirs, or assigns and the heirs of the said R. H. Dixie, then I give devise and bequeath unto my five grand children heretofore named to share and share alike my entire

York, City & State of New York in order that she may get it. I want all persons having my Bill & business to settle to be very particular that they are satisfied that she is the right one, as there may be others of the same name in the City or she may move from No 37 South 5th Avenue City of New York. I also wish all my baggage and bunch of Keys sent her first or last to her and finding out if she has removed or not. I give her this because she has befriended me many times in sickness and favours in health, I now hope that those having my business in hand will with as much dispatch as possible settle this matter up so that each one interested may get what is coming to them with as little delay as possible. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published this my last will and testament in the presence of these witnesses this 7th day of September A.D. 1872.

James McDermat [Seal]

Signed and sealed and published and declared by the said James McDermat 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 hereunto as witnesses.

D. B. Edes, A. Hellorris.

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interest in the aforesaid property- In the event of the death of my beloved wife Mary - before my grand children or any of them become Twenty one years old, or are married, then it is my will and desire, that my brother David Minge and my Nephew John A. Minge, shall take charge of and manage the interests of such child or children, until such child or children become Twenty one years old or married, and I do hereby constitute them as Trustees for said purpose - and request that they will accept the Trust. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Minge the Executrix of my Estate and request that she will not be required to enter into any bond. Geo. W.H. Minge

Signed, sealed, published and declared as the last will and testament of George W.H. Minge in our presence - as witnesses witnesses at his request — Wm F. Adams, R. A. Wilkins

Witnesses -

January 7th 1878

The State of Alabama } I, James W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County, hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has this day in the Probate Court of said County, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the last Will and Testament of George W.H. Minge deceased; and that said will has been, together with the proof thereof, duly recorded in my office, in Book of Wills B. page 190 &c. Given under my hand at Office in Linden, this the 9th day of May A.D. 1881.

James W. Taylor
Judge of Probate, Marengo County

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Probate Court May 9th 1881.
Marengo County }

Before me, James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate, in and for said County, personally appeared, in open Court, Richd A. Wilkins, who, being by me, duly sworn, deposes and says, that he and Wm F. Adams are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, which purports to be the last Will and Testament of George W.H. Minge, Deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Minge, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date; and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that affiant and Wm F. Adams, at 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 aforesaid; and was then, on the day of the date of said will, over twenty one years of age. R. A. Wilkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of May 1881.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL.

Will of Catharine A. King, Deceased.

The State of Alabama } I, Catharine A. King of said State
Marengo County } and County, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, revoking any and all former Wills by me at any time made as follows in words and figures, to-wit: First: I commend my soul to God, who gave it, and desire that my body be decently buried; and the worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form, to-wit: 1st I give and bequeath to my son Thomas J. English all the silver spoons and one silver ladle now in his possession and belonging to me; and I also give and bequeath to my said son Thomas J. Seven hundred Dollars ($700.00) to be paid to him by my executors, hereinafter named, out of the claim due me from John T. Morgan, if said claim is collected within three years from this date, and if not collected within that period, then the said amount shall be paid to my son Thomas J. out of any other of my Estate, 2nd I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter Rachael E. Turner, Three hundred Dollars ($300.00) to be paid to her by my Executors hereinafter named, out of the claim due me from John T. Morgan, if said claim is collected within three years from this date, and if not collected within that period, then the said amount shall be paid to my said Grand-daughter Rachael E. Turner out of any other of my Estate, 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Emma H. Jones (wife of Dr. R. A. Jones) and her two minor Children viz: A. Augustus Jones and Hattie L. Jones share and share alike, the balance of all of my Estate both real and personal, exclusive of the bequests herein-before made to my son Thomas J. English and Rachael E. Turner my Grand-daughter, 4th I hereby appoint my friends James T. Jones and David M. Prowell, as the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and having full confidence in them, further direct that no bond or security shall be required of them as such Executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 12th day of February A.D. 1878.

Catharine A. King

Signed by her, as witnesses, at the request of Mrs. Catharine A. King in her presence and in the presence of each other on the 12 day of February A.D. 1878, the day of the date of the foregoing will. E. Strudwick, M. D. Prowell

interest in the aforesaid property- In the event of the death of my beloved wife Mary- before my grand children or any of them become Twenty one years old, or are married, then it is my will and desire, that my brother David Minge and my Nephew John A. Minge, shall take charge of and manage the interests of such child or children, until such child or children become Twenty one years old or married, and I do hereby constitute them as Trustees for said purpose- and request that they will accept the Trust. I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Minge the Executrix of my Estate and request that she will not be required to enter into any bond. Geo. W.H. Minge

Signed, sealed, published and declared as the last will and testament of George W.H. Minge in our presence- as witnesses witnesses at his request. Upn F. Adams
R. A Wilkins

Witnesses-

January 7th 1878

The State of Alabama } I, James W. Taylor Judge of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County, hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has this day in the Probate Court of said County, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the last Will and Testament of George W.H. Minge deceased; and that said will has been, together with the proof thereof, duly recorded in my office, in Book of Wills B. page 190 &c. Given under my hand at Office in Linden, this the 9th day of May A.D. 1881.

James W. Taylor
Judge of Probate, Marengo County

Testimony

The State of Alabama } Probate Court May 9th 1881.
Marengo County } Before me, James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate, in and for said County, personally appeared, in open Court, Richd A. Wilkins who, being by me, duly sworn, deposes and says, that he and Upn F. Adams are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, which purports to be the last Will and Testament of George W.H. Minge, Deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Minge, since declared, signed and executed said instrument of writing in the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament; and that affiant and Wm F. Adams, at their signatures thereto, in 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 aforesaid: and was then, on the day of the date of said will, over twenty-one years of age. R. A. Wilkins

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of May 1881.
Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL

Will of Catharine A. King, Deceased.

The State of Alabama } I, Catharine A. King of said State
Marengo County } and County, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, revoking any and all former wills by me at any time made as follows in words and figures, to wit: First: I commend my soul to God, who gave it, and desire that my body be decently buried; and the worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form, to wit: 1st I give and bequeath to my son Thomas J. English all the silver spoons and one silver ladle now in his possession and belonging to me; and I also give and bequeath to my said son Thomas J. Seven hundred Dollars ($700.00). To be paid to him by my executors, hereinafter named, out of the claim due me from John T. Morgan, of said claim is collected within three years from this date, and if not collected within that period, then the said amount shall be paid to my son Thomas J. out of any other of my Estate. 2nd I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter Rachael E. Turner, Three hundred Dollars ($300.00) to be paid to her by my Executors hereinafter named, out of the claim due me from John T. Morgan, if said claim is collected within three years from this date, and if not collected within that period, then the said amount shall be paid to my said Grand-daughter Rachael E. Turner out of any other of my Estate. 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Emma E. Jones (wife of Dr R. A. Jones) and her two minor children viz; R. Augustus Jones and Hattie E. Jones, share and share alike, the balance of all of my Estate both real and personal, exclusive of the bequests herein-before made to my son Thomas J. English and Rachael E. Turner my Grand daughter. 4th I hereby appoint my friends James T. Jones and David M. Prowell as the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and having full confidence in them, further direct that no bond or security shall be required of them as such Executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 12th day of February A.D. 1878.

Catharine A. King [L.S.]

Signed by us, as witnesses, at the request of Mrs Catharine A. King in her presence and in the presence of each other on the 12 day of February AD 1878, the day of the date of the foregoing will. E. Strudwick M. D. Prowell

The State of Alabama } I James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County, hereby certify that the within instrument of writing, has this day in the Probate Court of said County, and before me as such Judge aforesaid, been duly proven by the proper testimony, to be the genuine last will and Testament of Catherine A. King, deceased, and that the same said will, together with the proof thereof, have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B. page 193 & 194. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this the 11th day of April A.D. 1881, at Office in Linden.

James W. Taylor
Judge of Probate

TESTIMONY. The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor, Judge
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared Wm J. Powell, who, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he and Ed Strudwick are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to him, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Catherine A. King, deceased, late an inhabitant of said County; that said Catherine A. King signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that affiant and Ed Strudwick 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; and affiant further states that the said Testatrix was over twenty-one (21) years of age on the day of the date of her said will.

Sworn to and subscribed before me W. J. Powell, this 11th day of April 1881. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge Probate

Filed April 11, 1881. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL. Will of Wm C. Allen

The State of Alabama } I Wm C. Allen of said
Marengo County } County and State do make declare and publish this my last will and testament. Item. First. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as early as practicable after my decease. Item. Second. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Julia A. Allen, for and during her natural life all my estate real and personal, after the payment of my debts, to be managed and controlled by her at her discretion, for the support of herself and my children without being liable to account to any person or any court for her management thereof, and such power to sell any portion of my estate real or personal, and to buy other property according to her judgment; and at her death my said estate to be equally divided between my children. Item. Third, I do hereby appoint my wife Julia A. Allen, executrix of this my last will and testament, exempt her from giving bond as such, and do release and exempt her from making any returns annual or otherwise, or any appraisement or inventory or any settlement whatever of my said estate with any person or Court. Item. Fourth, Should I receive or heir any property hereafter it is to be used and disposed of as the other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of October 1878.

Signed, sealed and published Wm C. Allen [seal]
In presence of F. B. Terrell, B. R. Eppes,

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } I James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County, hereby certify that the within instrument of writing, has this day in the Probate Court of said County, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the genuine last Will and Testament of William C. Allen, deceased, and that the same, together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B. pages 194 and 195 Given under my hand, at Office in Linden, this the 13th day of June A. D. 1881.

Jas. W. Taylor,
Judge of Probate, Marengo County.

TESTIMONY. The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } Before me James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court, Burton R. Eppes, who being by me first duly sworn and examined, deposes and says that he and Foster B. Terrell 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 William C. Allen, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Allen 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 F. B. Terrell 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 mak-

forever. Sixth- 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 NY. William M Gwathmey of Norfolk Virginia. William Tayloe Snyder of Georgetown D.C. and William A Tayloe of Marengo County, Alabama to be executors without 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. Tayloe L. S.

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof subscribed by E. Thornton Tayloe, 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 Irish St. Troy N. Y.
Moses I. Clough residing at 12 First St. Troy NY.
D. Buckley residing at 39 Second St. Troy NY.

PROBATE.

Surrogate's Court,
In the matter of proving the Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Tayloe deceased } Walter P. Gillman, Moses D. Clough & Thomas Buckley of

County of Rensselaer- ss.

the City of Troy in the County of Rensselaer, being severally sworn upon their oath depose and say, and each for himself says, that he is a subscribing witness to the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Tayloe late of the city of Troy in the County of Rensselaer, deceased, And that the said Edward Thornton Tayloe 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 Tayloe and which bears date on the twenty first day of September 1881. And that the said Edward Thornton Tayloe did, at the time of subscribing his name aforesaid, declare the said instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and these deponents did thereon 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 not under any restraint, but competent in all respects to devise real estate. Walter P. Gillman, Moses D. Clough. D. Buckley.

Subscribed and sworn this 18th day of February 1882 before me. Moses Warren, Surrogate.

The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God, Free and Independent. To all to whom these Presents shall come, or may concern, Send: 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 Tayloe 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 while 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 an oath before the said Surrogate, faithfully and honestly to discharge the duties of such executor, hereby requiring upon 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 have or shall come to your hands, possession or knowledge; as also to make, or cause to be made duplicates 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.

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Tayloe deceased } On reading and filing due proof of the service of the citation issued in the proceedings herein named, and upon due proof of the execution of the last

propounded as the last Will and Testament of Edward Thornton Tayloe, late of the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, in said County, deceased, bearing date on the 21 day of September 1881, and George B. Warren executor named in the Will of said deceased and Mary Lomax Tayloe, and Edward Dickinson Tayloe 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 Tayloe 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 as aforesaid. L.S. Witness; Moses Warren, Surrogate, and the seal of the Court, the day and year first above written.

Moses Warren, Surrogate

At a Surrogate's Court, held in and for the County of Rensselaer at the Court House, in the City of Troy on the 18th day of February 1882

Present: The Surrogate, } On the application of Executor
In the matter of the Will of } named in will,
Edward Thornton Tayloe, 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, } ss In the Surrogate's Court for said
County of Rensselaer } County. I, William Lord, Clerk of the Surrogate's 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 Tayloe, 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, this 27th day of February, in the

SURROGATE'S SEAL COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Wm. Lord, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court Rens. Co. N.Y.

State of New York } In the Surrogate's Court for said County.
County of Rensselaer }

I, Moses Warren, Judge of the Surrogate's Court aforesaid and the presiding magistrate thereof, do hereby certify that William Lord who signed the foregoing certificate is the Clerk of the Surrogate's Court for said County and the foregoing exemplification of record is authenticated in due form.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Surrogate's Court at the City of Troy this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

SURROGATE'S SEAL COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

Moses Warren, Surrogate.

Filed in my office March 7, 1882. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Thos Scott. Deceased

I, Tom Scott of Marengo County in State of Alabama do hereby 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 Demopolis upon which I now live, and known as lots nos. 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469 & 470, being the same own by my Father Scott House at his death for and during her natural life, with remainder to my daughter Providence Burdane. 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza two cows and their calves. 3d I give and bequeath to the grand children of my wife, viz Dele, Eliza Jane, and Joanna ten dollars, each out of my Estate. 4° I hereby appoint Mr. George G. Lyon the Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7° day of October 1865.

Tom his mark Scott seal

Witness: Jno. Y. Hall, J. T. McFarland.

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared J. C. McFarland who being by me first duly sworn and examined deposes and says that he and Jno. Y. Hall are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument 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 testament, that affiant and Jno. Y. Hall 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 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. McFarland.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of June A.D. 1882. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION. The State of Alabama, Marengo County } Probate Court. To Hon Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of said Court: The undersigned respectfully shows 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 day of 18 leaving property in said County, and leaving a last will and testament duly signed & published by him on the 7th day of October 1865, and attested by John Y. Hall and J. T. McFarland 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 Burdane, who is of mature age and resides in Demopolis in said County and is the same mentioned in his said will. That the said Delle, Eliza Jane, and Joanna are all of mature age & reside in said County. Delle has married John Young & lives near Jefferson and Eliza Jane married Seaborn Edwards and Joanna has married Toney Brown and they both reside with their husbands in Demopolis. That said John Y. Hall and T. J. McFarland the subscribing witnesses are still living. Hall resides somewhere in State of Texas unknown to the undersigned and said McFarland lives near Demopolis at Warrior River Ferry on the line between Greene & Marengo Counties. Geo. G. Lyon

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th day of October 1880. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Filed for record Octr 13, 1880. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL. Last Will and Testament of Louisa Taylor.

In the name of God Amen, I Louisa Taylor, knowing the uncertainty of life, & being sick & weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, ordain 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, Luetta 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 Emmett L. Taylor should desire a mattress and clothing for it & a bed stead 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, Luette and Florence. Item fifth, I give and bequeath to my four youngest children, at my death, Ada, Luette, 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, Luette, 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 Quince Martin for a mule for the sum of eighty dollars and due next fall, to my three daughters Ada, Luette, & 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 Colum Coleman for the sum of fifty dollars, to be used in paying my burial expenses, and in erecting a paling around my grave, my husbands and his son Jef's grave, all under the same enclosure. Item Ninth, I desire that the four rent notes for four boles 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 Saml. E. Chapman should take my daughter Florence at my death & raise her and also take charge & possession of all of her property

and manage it to the best of his skill & judgment for her use & benefit & education as far as it will go. Item Eleventh. I also desire Saml. E. 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 interests as far as lies in his power. Item Twelfth. It is also my will and desire that my son in law & friend, the said Samuel E. 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 constitute him the said Saml. E. 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 I Taylor.

Witnesses: Napoleon L Massey. Henry D Corley.

PROBATE

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 deposes and says that he and H. D Corley are each subscribing witnesses 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 Louisa Taylor signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that affiant and said H. D Corley 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; 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. A L Massey
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of July 1882. James W Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION

The State of Alabama } Probate Court To the Hon
Marengo County } James W Taylor, Judge of Probate of Marengo County. The petition of the undersigned Samuel E. Chapman respectfully represents unto your Honor that Louisa Taylor, who was at the time of her death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at Mt Sterling Ala. on 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 Executor thereof 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 names, ages, residences, and conditions of the next of kin are as follows, to wit: Emma D. Chapman who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, said 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. Lenette 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. Florence Taylor who is under twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County Ala. Your petitioner would further 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. Saml E Chapman
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of April A.D. 1882. James W Taylor, Judge of Probate

Ordered, that all legal notice as to the nature and day of hearing of the petition [illegible]

request that the same may be heard and granted as early as practicable J. D. Phelps.
Filed this 11th day of April A.D. 1882. Jas. W. Taylor. Judge P.C.

WILL OF F. S. LYON. DEC'D.

Last Will and Testament of Francis S. Lyon Dec'd.

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 following, to wit: 1st It is my will and desire that any just debt I may owe at the time of my death be paid. 2d My desire in the next place is to provide for the comfort, support and maintenance of my wife during her life, should she survive me, and also to provide for all my children as well as my means will afford, doing equal justice to all of them as near 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. 3dly. 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 Emanuel of that City a list of which will be found among my papers and the title 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 of Demopolis together with all my Household and Kitchen furniture, plate, carriage & Horses, milk cows &c 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 plantation, and in addition thereto my wife to receive annually out of the income from my plantation the sum of one thousand dollars towards her personal expenses. 5th I leave my executors hereinafter 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 stock thereon either at private or public sale for cash or on credit as may be deemed best and the proceeds 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 remainder 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 or 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 representative 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 exempt them from giving any Bond or security as such - and do not desire 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 survivor of them to sell at private or public sale and transfer and convey my interest in Briarfield Iron property of Bibb County and to sell & 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 life time of my wife, and after paying 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 divi-

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 after 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 complied to go to my children in equal shares. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of January 1879. Signed & sealed by B. S. Lyon as B. S. Lyon Esq his last will & testament on the day above stated in presence of the undersigned witnesses. A.Y. Sharpe J.R. Robertson. E. Whitfield

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County. } February 12th A.D. 1883. In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Frances S. Lyon, deceased. Before me James H. Taylor, Judge of the said Probate Court, personally appeared in open Court, John R. Robertson, who is 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 Frances S. Lyon, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Frances S. Lyon, 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 A.Y. Sharpe and E. 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 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 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 of Feby 1883.

Jas. H. Taylor Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } To: Hon. Jas. H. Taylor Judge
Marengo County. } of the Probate Court of said County.
January 6. 1883.

The petition of Frank S. Lyon respectfully represents to your Honor, that the late Frances 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. 1882, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by him in the presence of and attested by Archibald Y. Sharpe, Davis Whitfield and John R. 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 Executrix thereof - and your petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds 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 Queens County State of New York, Helen G. Dean who resides in the city, county and State of New York, Ida L. Polk wife of William M. Polk, who resides with her said husband, in the city, county and State of New York, Mary Amanda Ross 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, except the said Sarah A. Prince. Wherefore 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 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 1883. A.Y. Sharpe. Notary Public.

Filed Jany 10th 1883. Jas. H. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION.

Last Will and Testament of John Cocke Sr. Dec'd

The State of Alabama } To: Hon. Jas. H. Taylor Judge
Marengo County. } of the Probate Court of said County.

The undersigned Legatees and Executor named in the Will and of the Estate of John Cocke Sr. late of

said County, now deed, shows and states 1. That the said John Cocke Sr. 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 20th day of April 1884. 2. That said John Cocke Sr. 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 Greensboro Hale County Alabama. 5th. That said Testator at the time of his death left surviving him a Widow, A. P. 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 W. 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 Greensboro, Hale County Alabama. 3. Lizzie R. Abernethy, the wife of P. G. Abernethy 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 unconmd mind 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 petition 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 you will make all necessary orders and decrees thereunto as your Honor shall deem proper. May 1st. 1884.

John Cocke Jr.
by Webb & Tutwiler his attys.

WILL

I, John Cocke of the County of Marengo & State of Alabama, do make, publish, 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 on hand money sufficient then I direct that the balance shall be paid out of collections from debts due me. Item second. In consideration of my

love and affection for my youngest son John Cocke and his wife and children; I do hereby give bequeathe & 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, towit: 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 20; all in Township 20, of Range 4 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 incomes 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 she then to have a joint and equal interest taking a child's part. Item Third. For 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 Burrel G. Abernathy, by way of reinvesting the same as the Deed provided, and in consideration of the love and affection which I have for my said daughter and of one Dollar to me in hand paid by wife America P. Cocke and my brother James T. B. Cocke I

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 T. B. 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 NW/4 & the North end of the W/2 of NE/4 the same having been sold by me to Edward Boyd some years since, all of the same being in Township 20. Range 4 East & containing about Five 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 R. Abernethy shall during her lifetime be permitted to use the same, receive & enjoy all rents income & proceeds to & for her own & sole & special use & benefit, free from the disposal or control of any one 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 alienated in any manner whatever. And upon the further trust, that at her death if she 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. now Lucy H. Brooks, my daughter Mary P. now 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 R. Abernethy & John Cocke or should either of them be dead, their share to be equally divided among the lawful heirs of their body. Item Fifth. Should either of my children attempt to set aside or prevent this 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 Jr. 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 R. for her lifetime, that if my said son John should die leaving no child or children him surviving, nor descendant of any such child or children, then said property shall be distributed as if I had died & as if I had died intestate. And if my daughter Elizabeth R. 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. Tutwiler.

PROOF

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } Before me James C. Taylor, Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court James E. Webb who having been by me first duly sworn and examined depose and say, on oath, that he and John G. Harvey & P. A. Tutwiler 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 Sr. in his life time signed and executed the said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that

affiant and John G. Harvey and P. A. Tutwiler set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said John Cocke Sr. the Testator, at his request, and in the presence of each other: That said John Cocke Sr. the 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. And affiant further states that the said John Cocke Sr. 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. Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate Marengo County
Filed June 21st 1884. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL

Last Will and Testament of A. P. Cocke. Deed.
The State of Alabama } I America P. Cocke, wife of John
Marengo County } Cocke of said County, being the owner of property in said county known as the Brick Store house adjoining the store now occupied by Weil Bros. fronting 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 containing about twelve hundred acres adjoining the lands of Sains Whitfield, R. T. Hart, and W. P. 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 believing that in life we should prepare for death, do 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 on hand, or that may be realized from my estate by my executor. 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 Courtrinty two parts, and one of said parts to go to the said William Preston Cheney for and during his 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 judgement that may be rendered against said William Preston Cheney or Willie Tommie Cheney, and it is also my direction, 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, until she shall marry again, or 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. 3d. I hereby nominate 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 discharge of the trust. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 11' day of July A.D. 1881.
America P. Cocke seal
Signed, sealed and published by America P. Cocke as her last will and testament in our presence and we as subscribing witnesses signed our names to this in her presence and in the presence of each other, this the 11" day of July A.D. 1881. The words "without being required to give any bond" interlined after "property" in the 17" line of second page, and the words "or marry" interlined after the word "age" in the twenty third line of the second page before the execution of this will. M. A. E. S. Burton. Geo. G. Lyon.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } 14" day of November A.D. 1884.
Marengo County } To Hon. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate of said County: The petition of William Preston Cheney respectfully represents to your Honor, that the late America P. Cocke, who was an inhabitant of this Marengo County, at the time of her death, departed this life on the 9" day of November 1884, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by her, and attested by Mrs. M. A. E. S. Burton and George G. Lyon, residents of said County, in which your petitioner is named as Executor thereof and you

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 heirs at law or next of kin of the said decease she left surviving her are your Petitioner William Preston Cheney and Willie Tommie Cheney That your Petitioner is a male over twenty one years of age and resides in said Marengo 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 Eutaw in Greene County in said 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 due notice thereof as required by law be given to the said 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

Sworn to & subscribed before me } W. P. Cheney.
this the 14th day of November A.D. 1884. } E. Cornish J.P.M.C.

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County in open Court personally appeared George G. Lyon, who, being duly sworn deposes and says that he and M. A. & 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. Cocke, deceased late an inhabitant of said County; that said A. P. Cocke, since deceased, 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 M. A. & 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 } Geo. G. Lyon.
me this first day of December A.D. 1884 J. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Thos W. Rogers, Dec'd

Know all men by these presents that I, T. W. Rogers, of the County of Marengo and 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, 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 wheresoever I may die seized or possessed to my beloved wife Elizabeth E. during her natural life or widowhood for her & and my children's 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 E. full power and authority to sell any or all my estate both real and personal at public or private sale, and invest the proceeds or lease 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 E. 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.

T. W. Rogers [seal]

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said T. 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.

R. J. Breckinridge
B. D. Rogers V. A. Tiffey

PETITION

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } To the Hon. Jas. W. Taylor Judge Probate of said Marengo County: The petition of the undersigned Elizabeth E. 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 A.D. 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 B. D. Rogers & V. A. Tiffey. 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

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 heirs at law or next of kin of the said decease she left surviving her, are your Petitioner William Preston Cheney and Willie Tommie Cheney That your Petitioner is a male over twenty one years of age and resides in said Marengo 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 Eutaw in Greene County in said State and that the said Edward F. Campbell is the qualified guardian of the said Willie Tommie. Wherefore 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 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

Sworn to & subscribed before me } W. P. Cheney.
this the 14th day of November AD 1884. E. S. Cornish, J. P. M. C.

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor,
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County, in open Court, personally appeared George G. Lyon, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he and M. A. E. 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. Cocke, deceased, late an inhabitant of said County; that said A. P. Cocke, since deceased, 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 M. A. E. 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 } Geo. G. Lyon.
me this first day of December AD 1884. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Thos. W. Rogers, Decd.

Know all men by these present that I, T. W. Rogers, of the County of Marengo and 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, 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 whereof I may die seized or possessed to my beloved wife Elizabeth G. during her natural life or widowhood for hers and my children's 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 G. full power and authority to sell any or all my estate both real and personal at public or private sale, and invest the proceeds, or lease 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 G. 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.

T. W. Rogers. [seal]

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said T. 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.

R. J. Breckinridge
B. D. Rogers. V. H. Tiffey
Probate Court

PETITION

The State of Alabama } To the Hon. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge
Marengo County } Probate of said Marengo County: The petition of the undersigned Elizabeth G. 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, B. D. Rogers & V. A. Tiffey. 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 decease. Your petitioner further represents that she is the [illegible]

of said deceased and that the names, ages, residence and condition of the next of Kin are as follows, to wit: M J Carter who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and Resides in this County with E L Carter her husband. F N 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 H P Barr her husband Anna Carter who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Choctaw County Ala, with her husband F. C. Carter who is 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 K C Carter, Lillian Rogers who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in this County is unmarried who is twenty one years of age, of sound mind and Resides in 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 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.

E G Rogers, by F N Rogers.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Thirteenth day of August AD 1884. Jas W Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Filed this 13th day of August AD 1884. Jas W Taylor, Judge of Probate

PROOF.

The State of Virginia } Deposition of Virnilia A Tiffey
Rappahannock County } a witness sworn on the first day of October 1884, 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 als. defendants, The said Virnilia A 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: Virnilia A Tiffey. Woodville, Rappahannock County State of Virginia. In the family of Mr T W Rogers in Marengo County, State of Alabama, I knew him 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 was, I feel certain it was in 1869. I do not remember that any other person was present I suppose 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.

Last Will and Testament of F. N. Kitchell.

The State of Alabama, } I Frank N. Kitchell of said county
Marengo County } do hereby make and publish my last will and testament in words and figures as follows, to wit: 1st I desire that all my just debts shall be first paid from my estate. 2nd I give, bequeath and devise to my wife Celeste R. Kitchell all of my property of every description whatever. 3d I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Celeste R Kitchell 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. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17 day of November AD 1884. F. N. Kitchell [seal]

Signed, sealed & published by Dr. Frank N Kitchell as his last will and testament in our presence and we attested the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other on this the 17 day of November AD 1884. W T Rembert. J P Rembert. E H C Bailey

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Frank N. Kitchell deceased. Before me James W Taylor, Judge of the said Court, personally appeared in open Court, J P Rembert who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, depases and says, on oath, that he, and E H C Bailey and W T Rembert are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to him, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Frank N. Kitchell, deceased, late an inhabitant of this county; that said Kitchell, 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 set his signature thereto, 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 presence, 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

at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said testator was on the day of the date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
Subscribed and sworn to before me } J. P. Rembert
this the 22 day of December 1884. Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

PETITION.

The State of Alabama, }
Marengo County. } To Hon. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate of said County: The petition of Celeste O. Kitchell respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Frank N. Kitchell, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 17 day of November AD 1884 leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by him and attested by William T. Rembert, Julius P. Rembert and Edward H. C. Bailey who are all residents said county, in which will your Petitioner is named as Executrix thereof, and she herewith produces 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 N. Kitchell & that she is over twenty one years of age & resides in the said county of Marengo and that Lee K. Terrell who is under twenty one years of age and over fourteen years of age; and Frank McM Kitchell; Lizzy Terrell Kitchell; Julius C. Kitchell and Fannie E. Kitchell all of whom are under fourteen years of age and reside with their mother, your petitioner, in said County, and the said Lee K. Terrell also resides with his mother, your petitioner, in said county, and that the said Lee K. Terrell; Frank McM Kitchell Lizzy Terrell Julius C. Kitchell and Fannie E. Kitchell are the children, and next of kin of the said decedent who survive him. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof, as required by law, be given 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.
Celeste O. Kitchell
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of November 1884.
A. J. Sharpe, Notary Public.
Filed Decr 4th 1884. Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Glass.

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

This Will and Petition were withdrawn by the Executor and will was not admitted to Probate

I appoint my two brothers Williamson and Hugh Cane Glass to be the Executors of this will. 1st I desire that, first all my just debts shall be paid out of my effects. 2nd. After my debts are paid, I give to my nephew Emett V. Glass one last years heifer yearling. 3rd. I give to my sister Mrs Elizabeth Walston, 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 retain 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 Walston deceased. And further in order to the equitable distribution of said remaining effects, I appoint my executors sell and divide the same. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal at Octagon, Ala, this the Fourteenth day of November AD One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Four. (1884)
T. Glass, seal
In presence of J. Thomas, Wm A Parker, G. W. Barkley.
Filed Decr 1st 1884. Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama, } Probate Court of said County.
Marengo County. } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Thomas Glass deceased.

Before me, James W. Taylor, Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open Court, H. A. Parker and G. W. Barkley who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, depose and say on oath, that they and John Thomas are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Thomas Glass deceased, late 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, in the opinion 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 will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
Wm A Parker
Sworn to and subscribed before } G. W. Barkley
me this the 22d day of December AD 1884.
Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate

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

WILL.

The Last Will and Testament of John Hunter Decd.
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 Guardian for my children John D. Hunter and Louisa T Hunter and exempt her from giving bond as 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 Abe Lincoln Mutual Insurance Company at Cairo Illinois and to use the money as she thinks best for the maintenance and education of my two children John D. Hunter and Louisa T. Hunter. said policy is numbered 239 in Abe Lincoln Mutual Life and Accident Society at Cairo Illinois In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of January AD 1885
Signed in presence of C B Whitfield } John Hunter
W K Jones Jas D Nored R P McCants

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County,
personally came and appeared in open Court James D. Nored who being duly sworn and examined, deposed and says that he and W K Jones C B Whitfield and R. B. McCants 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 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 declared the same to be his last will and testament; that affiant and W K Jones C B Whitfield and R P McCants set their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of each other and in the presence of said testator, at his request. 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; 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 } Jas. D. Nored.
this the 30th day of March 1885. Jas W. Taylor Judge of Prob'd.
Filed Mch 30th 1885. Jas W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

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 Ala. on or 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 K Jones, James D Nored and R P McCants, 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, decd 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 your petitioner is the widow of said deceased and that the names ages residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows, to-wit: John D. 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. W L 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 reside in Marengo County, Ala. 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. 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 Decd

The State of Alabama } I Sarah J Ashe, widow of the late
Marengo County } William Cincinnatus Ashe decd of said County, being mindful of my mortality, and believing that in life we should prepare for death, do hereby make and publish my last will and testament in words and figures as follows, 1st I hereby give, bequeath and devise all of my property, of every description whatsoever

niece Cammie Ashe Watters of the said County and State and I hereby nominate and appoint my said niece Cammie A Watters, 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 A.D. 1885.

Sarah J Ashe [seal]

Signed, sealed and published by Mrs Sarah J. Ashe, the widow of the late W.C. Ashe, deed as her last will and testament in our presence and at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each of us, we signed this as witnesses thereof, this the 8 January 1885. Geo S Lyon, J F Griffin.

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor, Judge of
Marengo County. } Probate in and for said County, came and personally appeared in open court, George S. Lyon, who being duly sworn and examined, deposes and says that he and James F. Griffin are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to and examined by him, and which purports to be the last will and Testament of Sarah J. Ashe, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Sarah J. Ashe, in her lifetime, signed and executed the said instrument of writing 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 memory, 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 A.D. 1885. Jas W Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } In Probate Court.
Marengo County } To Hon James W Taylor, Judge of said Court:

Your petitioner, Cammie A Watters, 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 J. F. Griffin, residents of the said town of Demopolis in Marengo County, State of Alabama, in which will your petitioner is named as Executrix, and devisee; and which said will is hereunto produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that the next of kin of said deceased are as follows: Your petitioner Cammie A Watters, a niece of deceased who is of full age and resides as aforesaid at Demopolis, Marengo County, Alabama; Julian A. Watters, a grand nephew who is of full age and resides in Choctaw County, State of Alabama; Lucie Chaney, a grand niece, who is of full age and a married woman, and resides with her husband, Green B. Chaney, in Choctaw County, State of Alabama; and Stacey J. Watters, a grand nephew who is of full age and resides in Sumter County, State of Alabama. Wherefore 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 next of kin of said deceased, that subpoenas may be issued to the said subscribing 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 Watters

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of January 1885. E S Connesh, J.P.

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

WILL.

Last Will and Testament of Oswell Eddins.

The State of Alabama } The last Will and Testament of Oswell
Marengo County. } Eddins of said State and County. In the name of God Amen. I Oswell Eddins of said State & County, being desirous in view of the uncertainties of life and the certainty of death and that my worldly affairs 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, to-wit: 1st I hereby will and bequeathe to my son J W Eddins the one hundred and sixty acres of land which has been exempted to me as a Homestead and comprehending the Homestead residence where I know reside. 2nd I bequeathe to my son Larkin S Eddins the bed, bedclothing bed stead 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 bequeathe to my two grand daughters, Mary S Cockerell and Josephine B. Cockerell, 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 implements, a cotton gin head a lot of sheep, about six head of cattle and any other article not herein enumerated that I may now own to be equally divided between my son J W Eddins and Larkin S Eddins and my

daughters Josephine I Cockerell and Martha H Edwards but I desire that the share of my daughter Martha H Edwards be paid to her by my other children 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 own and am competent 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 undutiful daughter In testimony of all which I hereto affix my signature.

Witness: I S Harwell, S D Smith — Oswel Eddins

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County,

personally appeared in open court, I S 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 Oswell Eddins, deceased late an inhabitant of this County; that said Oswell 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 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. I S Harwell

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 10th day of August 1885.

Jas W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } In Probate Court.
Marengo County } To Hon. J W Taylor, Judge of said Court.

Your petitioner J W V Eddins respectfully represents that the late Oswell 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 & published by him and attested by I S Harwell and S D Smith, residents of Demopolis, Ala in which your petitioner is named as devisee, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate & record in this court: Your petitioner further states that Mrs. Mary Eddins the widow of said decedent resides near Demopolis, Ala: that the next of kin are as follows: Mrs Martha H Edwards, a married woman residing with her husband J W Edwards at Elkton Hickory Co. Missouri: Josephine I Cockrell, a married woman residing with her husband Nathan Cockrell, near Demopolis, Ala: J W V Eddins Demopolis, Ala: Lookin S Eddins Demopolis, Ala: Mary E Eddins Demopolis Ala: all of whom are of adult age. Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the widow and next of kin 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.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of July 1885. J W V Eddins. I S 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 } Know all men by the presents that I
Marengo County } Nathan Etheredge of the County of Marengo and 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. 1st I give and bequeath unto my wife Sallie Etheredge the use improvements and income of my dwelling house lands and appertenances to have and to hold during her lifetime. 2nd 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. 3rd 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 his Etheredge mark

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

Wm H Hasty

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me Jas W. Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County personally appeared Wm H Hasty 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 his 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 their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date

subscribing witnesses to the signes 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 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 date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Wm. K. Hasty

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th day of September 1885. Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

PETITION.

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 represents unto your Honor that Nathan Etheredge who was at the time of his death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at his Residence on or about the 17th day of July A.D. 1885 leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him and attested by Gray Little and Wm K Hasty residents of said County. That your petitioner as verily believes is named in said Will as Executor thereof also a legatee 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 Salina Etheredge is the widow of said deceased and that the names, ages, residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows towit: 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 T. Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Prudence Fortner who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and Resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Sallie E. Hasty who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama. Joe D. Etheredge who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County Alabama. Melissa E. Etheredge and Henry D. Etheredge who are under twenty one years of age of sound mind and Resides in Marengo County Alabama. Ida Etheredge and Salina R. 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. K. Hasty the said 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 this 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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of August A.D. 1885. R. D. Hasty Justice of the Peace Marengo County.

Filed this 21st day of Aug A.D. 1885.

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of S. R. Robinett. Deceased.

Know all men by these presents, that I Sarah R. Robinett a citizen of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky residing with my brother Andrew Wright in said Bourbon County now 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 funeral expenses and just debts be paid out of my estate. 2nd. I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Alice Tisdale daughter of my later daughter Alice Robinett, wife of James W. Tisdale of York Station, Sumpter County State of Alabama. One Hundred Dollars, to be held in trust and kept at interest by my hereinafter 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 or heirs. 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 (18) Eighteen, Range (2) two east containing 160 acres more or less, deeded to me by Adelet B. McCarty 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 Robinett. 4th I appoint my friend Nathan Bayles 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 & Morris Thomas, this 7th day of December A.D. 1882

Morris Thomas Andrew Wright Sarah R. Robinett

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

Morris Thomas, Andrew Wright.

Bourbon County Court, March Term, March 6th 1885.

This last Will and Testament of Sarah R. Robinett, deceased, filed and continued (copy) at this ~~last~~ (copy) term of the Court March 2d, 1885, was this day proved in open Court by the oath of Morris Thomas & Andrew Wright, 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 } S.S. I Jas. M. Hughes, Clerk of the
Bourbon County } County Court in and for said County in the State aforesaid do certify that said Court is a Court of Record having a seal that the foregoing will of Sarah R. Robinett and the proof of the same are matters of record in my office and that the same are truly transcribed from said records 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.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 31st day of August 1885.

J. M. Hughes, Clerk.

State of Kentucky } Ss. I 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 attestation is in due form and entitled to full faith and credit.

Given 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 Novr 23d 1885.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PETITION FOR PRODUCTION OF WILL.

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Glover.

To the Honorable James W. Taylor, Judge of the Probate Court of said County: The petitioner Edwin Glover respectfully represents unto your Honor 1st. That Mrs. Elizabeth Glover 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 the possession or under the controll of one Pearson Glover, 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 Glover requiring him to appear and produce in your Honor's Court at as early a day as practicable the will of the said Elizabeth Glover in order that it may be probated according to law. And as in duty bound &c.

Edwin A. Glover.

Sworn to & subscribed before me Nov 24/85. I. S. Harwell J.P. M.C.

Filed Nov 24, 1885.

James W. Taylor, Judge &c.

PETITION

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 Pearson J. Glover respectfully represents unto your Honor that Elizabeth Glover who was at the time of her death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at Demopolis on or about the 29th day of October A.D. 1885, leaving assets in this State, and leaving a Last Will and Testament duly signed and published by said Elizabeth and attested by Thos. J. Foster and E. T. Ligon. 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 names, ages, residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows, to wit: Pearson J. Glover who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and Resides in Marengo County, Ala, and who is the only next of kin 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 — thereof be now proceeded with. Your petitioner would further represent that T. J. Foster one of the said attesting witnesses is now present in Court and therefore further prays 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.

P. J. Glover.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of Novr A.D. 1885.

Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Filed this 30th day of Novr A.D. 1885. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

WILL

I Elizabeth Glover of Demopolis, Marengo County and State of Alabama do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & 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. Glover, all my Personal Property not disposed 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 bequeath to Mary Glover, wife of Pearson J. Glover, my Clock and China Tea sett. 4th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lizzie Glover, the cameo breast pin I wear. 5th I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Lucie Glover, my other plain gold ring, and round cuff

Letters, and my pictures. 6th I give and bequeath to Ella Foster, whom I raised and who now lives with me, my sewing machine, two silk dresses one a baadan stripe, the other a brown plaid, Summer silk also a new Marseilles quilt. and a bundle directed to her in my large trunk. 7th I give and bequeath to my Grandson Edwin A. Glover, my Mothers 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. 8th I make my said grandson Edwin A Glover the residuary legatee of this my will. 9th 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 hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of July A.D. 1877. Elizabeth Glover [seal]

Witnesses: Thos J Foster. E T Ligon

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me Jas W. Taylor Judge of Pro-
Marengo County. } bate in 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 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 made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testatrix was, on the day of the said date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Thos J Foster

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of November 1885. Jas W. Taylor Judge of Probate

Dated March 20, 1885. Jas W. Taylor Judge of Probate

WILL

The last will and testament of Winifred B. Coleman Deceased In the name of God Amen.

I Winifred B. Coleman of the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, being impressed with the uncertainty of life, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do now make 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 mahogany 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 ward robe.

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.

I also give and bequeath to the said William P. Curry, my gold watch now in the possession of my grandson W. Byrd Curry, who borrowed it of me some time ago. I hereby direct my Executor herein after named 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 kitchen furniture and all of my personal property of every kind and to use 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. Wynne, 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 said 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.

In testimony where of I hereto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of February A.D. 1880.

Winifred B. Coleman [seal]

Witness:
Levi W. Reeves.
T. J. Archer.

The above and written instrument was at the date thereof, read over to, and subscribed by, the said Winifred 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. Taylor, Judge of the
Marengo County }

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, desposes & says that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Winnie B. Coleman, deceased, late an inhabitant of said County; that said Winnie B. Coleman in her life time, signed and Executed the said instrument on the day the same bears date, and then declared the same to be her last will and testament in the presence of affiants, who then set their signatures 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 before me this the 13th day of December 1886. } Levi W. Reeves
T. J. Archer.

Jas. W. Taylor. Judge of Probate.
Marengo County.

Filed Decr. 13th 1886. Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate
Marengo County

PETITION. State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo Co. }

To Hon. Jas. W. Taylor.
Judge of Probate of said County.

Your Petitioner, Tena E. Trippe, a named woman, by her next friend, Silas O. Trippe respectfully represents to your honor, that the late Winnie 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 herewith prays that the said will, which has been produced in Court by Thomas B. Gaines, of Marengo 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 Devisees and Legatees of the said Winnie B. Coleman, deceased, under the said will are Wm P. Curry, Jas. M. Curry, four younger children of Jas. M. Curry, T. B. Gaines, and children of David G. Curry decd. 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 before me this the sixth day of Nov. A. D. 1886. } Tena E. Trippe.

S. W. John.
N. P. D. Co.

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

WILL AND PETITION. Will of Louis Rosenbaum Deceased.

The State of Alabama } August 30th 1886.
Marengo County }

To Hon. Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate Court of said County.

1st. The petition of Louis Rosenbaum, respectfully represents to your honor, that the late Louis Rosenbaum, who was an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in said Marengo County, and State of Alabama, departed this life on the 29 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 J. Michael and Morris Mayer, residents of the City of Demopolis in

Marengo County, in which your petitioner is named one of the legatees, and petitioner herewith produces said will and profounds the same for Probate and record in this Court.

2" Your Petitioner further states that the said deceased left no widow or children or brothers or sisters surviving 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 Rosthchild, who is now the wife of Emanuel Rosthchild, 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~~ Henry 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 as required by law, be given 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of August 1886. } Louis Rosenbaum

E. S. Cornish
Justice of the Peace. Marengo County.

WILL. - The State of Alabama
Marengo County. {
In the name of God.

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 revoking all will heretofore made by me.

I give and bequeath all my property, both real and personal unto my nephew Martin Rosenbaum in trust for the benefit of himself and his brothers, 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 above 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 from any cause cease to be Trustee as designed and hereby intended, or decline to act as Trustee, the I authorize and empower the said Charles, Gustav, 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 and testament.

Henry Rosenbaum, my nephew and son of my brother Frederick Rosenbaum, I 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 hereof, I 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 one (1881).

Louis Rosenbaum. (Seal)

Witness:
Geo. J. Michael
Morris Mayer.

The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Before me Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, the foregoing instrument was this day in open Court and by the proper testimony duly 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 this the 7th day of October 1886. Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate
Marengo County.

The foregoing will and the said testimony, in proof thereof have been duly recorded in Book of Wills at pages.

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

Filed Aug. 30. 1886 Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Before me Jas. 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 subscribing witnesses to the instrn of writing now shown to him, which purports to be the last will and testament of Louis Rosenbaum, deceased late an inhabitant of this County; that said Rosenbaum 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 Geo. J. Michael 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 affiant, fully capable of making his will, at the time the same was so made as afore 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 before me this the 7th day of October, 1886. } Morris Mayer.
Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate
Filed Octr. 7th 1886. Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

WILL

Will of Wm. Langford, Deceased.
The State of Alabama } Know all men by these
Marengo County } presents, that I, William Langford senior do here by revoke, remand and recall all former wills made by me as to any and all real estate except, as to the heirs of my son Wm. B. Langford and his wife Mary J. Langford, which has already been described in a deed of gift, dated the 12th day of November A.D. 1870. And in the stead thereof, do by these presents make this my last will and testament, to wit, 1st I will my soul, 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 services, in my last sickness, together with all funeral expenses, shall first be paid.
3rd That all my just debts if there be any shall be next paid or satisfied.

4th I do will and bequeath that my son William Brady Langford shall be the executor of my will, during his life, and in case that my son William Brady Langford shall die, then my son in law, E. N. Gardiene shall be my Executor.
5th I do will and bequeath all my personal property to my son William B. Langford, and all of my real estate to my six grand children namely, Ema, C. Langford, Mary Langford, Lilly Langford, and Henry Norman Langford, and Ida Russell and Eurania Gardiene, 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 B. and his wife Mary J. Langford. Provided that my son William Brady Langford shall have the sole controls of the rents that may accrue therefrom for a series of ten years; and that said rents shall be paid out for improvements on said lands, and that my son William Brady Langford shall have for his services an equal share with the before mentioned heirs, or a childs part.
6th I do will and bequeath that after the expiration of the said ten 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 white land owners of Marengo County, which valuation may be regulated by the rate of County assessment of lands of the same grade or quality, and that my son William Brady Langford shall pay or caused to be paid, one sixth part of such valuation to each of my grand daughters viz: Ida Russel, and Eurania Gardiene, whereupon my two grand daughters. Ida Russel, and Eurania Gardiene, or their legal children, shall convey all of their right, title and interest to said three hundred and fifty acres of land, to my grand children Emma, Mary, Lilly and Henry Langford or their legal children.
7th To my daughter Eliza Ormond, 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 Brady Langford. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of February A.D. 1887
Witness: Wm Langford (Seal)
O. T. Saunders
Lawrence Russell Smith.

PROOF

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, deposes and says that he and L. R. Smith are each subscribing witnesses 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

County; That said Wm. Langford is of 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. R. 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 deponents, fully capable of making his will at the time the same was so made, as aforesaid; and affiant further says that the said testator was, on the day of the date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

C. T. Saunders

Sworn 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.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } To the James W. Taylor,
Marengo County } Judge Probate of said Marengo 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 on or about the 8th day of February A. D. 1887. leaving assets in this State, and leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him, William Langford and attested by C. T. Saunders and Lawrence Russell Smith.

That your petitioner as heretofore believes, is named in said Will as the Executor there under 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, residence, and conditions of the next kin are as follows to-wit:

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

William L. Gardner who is 21 twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Gonzalles Tex.

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

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

Eliza Ann Overstreet who is 21 twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Waco Texas.

Ida 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 Marengo Co. Ala.

Susan 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 B. Langford over 14 under 21 years of age.

Henry M. under 14 years old.

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

Your Petitioner request further, represents that C. A. Saunders and Lawrence Russell Smith the said attesting witness reside in Marengo 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 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.

William B. Langford.
by E. M. Teed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14 day of February A. D. 1887.

Jas. W. Taylor
Judge of Probate

Filed this 14th day of February 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, and I give and bequeath to my aforesaid dear wife all the interest I have or may have in land & negroes, notes, accounts, stock of every description farming utensils household and kitchen furniture to have and to hold during her widowhood and in the event of her marrying, an equal distribution to be made of the estate—no tuition or board to be charged to any of the children for an English education. It must be remembered that Dr. 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 the estate that she may desire not going beyond the child's full interest in the estate. I also give my dear wife my Parasol Peggy, to be held earnestly pray God that my beloved wife all the children my mother, my sister in law my overseer

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 estate. David B. Turner.
Witnesses: Edward T. Wright, J.W. Sanders.

Proof, Probate Court July Term 1862. Application to Probate the last will of David B. Turner.
John W. Sanders appeared in open Court and being first duly sworn deposes and says, that the paper exhibited to the Court as the last will and testament of David B. Turner was written by him at 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 and at the request of the testator. That the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time
Sworn to and subscribed before me July 21st, 1862. J.W. Sanders. W.H. Curtis, Clerk.

State of Mississippi, Carroll County. } In Probate Court July (21) Term 1862, David B. Turner's last Will.
This day came on to be heard the application to probate the last will of David B. Turner decd. John W. 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 & so far only as the personal estate is concerned of David B. Turner decd and that the same be recorded.

The State of Mississippi, Carroll County. } I, Jno. P. Marshall Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for the County and State 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 of Registers of Wills "A" page 442. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Carrollton in the State and County aforesaid, this the 15th day of September A.D. 1887.
Jno. P. Marshall, Clerk.

The State of Mississippi, " " County. } I, R.W. Williamson, Chancellor of the 5th 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. Given under my hand this 16th day of September 1887. R.W. Williamson, Chancellor.

To the Hon. James W. Taylor, Judge of Probate of Marengo County, Alabama. The petition of William T. 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 next of kin of David B. Turner, who died near the town of Winona 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 inhabitant of the said county of Carroll, and leaving 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 Mortimer Turner, Frank G. Turner, and these petitioners; his said widow and children were the only heirs at law of said decedent. 4- That said decedent left a last will and testament 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, filed in your Honor's court and propounded for probate. 5.- That the said Mary Mortimer Turner died on the 24th 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 1877. 6. That their father, the said David B. Turner left at the time of his death, assets in the said County of Marengo. The premises considered, petitioners pray that said will be admitted to probate in your Honor's Court, and to that end that all such orders and decrees shall be made and such proceedings had as may be necessary. And is in duty bound &c.
Walter S. Turner. Wm. T. Turner.

State of Mississippi, Montgomery County. } Before me J.S. Cameron Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for

the State and County aforesaid this day came William J Sumner and Walter S. Sumner whose names are signed to the foregoing petition and who 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.

Wm J Sumner.
Walter S. Sumner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28th day of September A.D. 1887.

J. S. Cameron Clerk.

Filed October 4th 1887. James W. Taylor Judge of Probate.

Will

Will of H. P. Duggar Dead

I, H. P. Duggar of Hale Co. Ala. do make and declare this my last will and testament: First I will and bequeath to my mother, Alice G. Duggar, all my real and personal property, consisting of my interest in the plantation situated near Macon Station Hale Co. and known as Fredricktown Place and all my interest in the plantation near Van Doorn Station Marengo 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. Duggar to be the executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name this 9th Day of Sept. 1876.

H. P. Duggar

Witness, M. L. Duggar, A. H. Duggar.

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me, James W. Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared A. H. Duggar, who being duly sworn and examined, deposes and says, that he and M. L. Duggar are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Hobart P. Duggar, deceased, late an inhabitant of this County: That said H. P. Duggar 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. Duggar 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 affiant, fully capable of making his will. at the time the same was made, as aforesaid. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December 1887. } A. H. Duggar

Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

Filed Dec. 12. 1887. Jas. W. Taylor Judy of Probate.

Will

The State of Alabama } I Willis Peteet of said County
Marengo 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 mercy and mercy of the Redeemer of mankind I resign & resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it sprung, to be decently interred 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 A. Peteet, who has been a kind and affectionate wife to me, I give, bequeath and devise unto her and her heirs forever, all of my property, both real and personal of which I may be seized and possessed of. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24 day of September 1884.

Willis Peteet (SEAL)

Signed and published in presence of { Geo. P. Kelly, J. P. Mercer.

The above will was acknowledged and assigned before me this Sept 27. 1884. Jas. L. Stoned. J.P.

Filed April 27. 1888. Jas. W. Taylor Judge of Probate

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W. Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court Geo. P. Kelly and J. P. Mercer who having been by me first duly sworn and examined, depose and say on oath that they and James L. Stoned are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to affiants, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Willis Peteet deceased, late an inhabitant of this County: that said Willis Peteet in his life time, signed and executed said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date, and declared and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that affiants and James L. Stoned 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 deponents fully capable of making his will, at the

the same was so made, as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said Testator, was on the day of said date of said Will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st day of May 1888. Jas W Taylor, Judge of Probate. Geo. P. Kelly, T. B. Mercer.

Filed May 21st 1888. Jas W Taylor Judge of Probate.

PETITION.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } To the Hon. Jas. W. Taylor Judge Probate of said Marengo County.

The petition of the undersigned Martha A. Peteet respectfully represents unto your Honor that Willis Peteet who was at the time of his death and inhabitant of this County, departed this life in this County on or about the 19th 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 Geo P Kelly, T. B. Mercer, and Jas. L. Nored.

That your petitioner as she verily believes, is named in said Will as sole devize and legatee 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 widow of said deceased and that the names, ages, residences and condition of the next of kin are as follows to wit:

Mrs Hattie Williams who is over twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in said County with her husband W. S. Williams who is also over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County. John Peteet who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County. Andrew J. Peteet who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County. Robert E. Peteet who is under twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Willie E Peteet who is under twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Emily Ethel Peteet who is under twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in said County with petitioner. Herbert S. Peteet 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 attesting witnesses reside in said 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 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.

M. A. Peteet.

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, Decd.

The State of Alabama } In the Probate Court.
Marengo 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 testament, duly signed and published by him, and attested by J. J. Langley and W. A. Little, residents of said county and State, in which your petitioner is named as executor, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in 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 Marengo County, Alabama. Jasper M. Little, a son of deceased who is of sound mind over the age of twenty one years and resides in Milan County, Texas. Lucius 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 son who is of sound mind, over the age of twenty one years and resides in Marengo 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 Marengo County, Alabama. John Smith, a grandson, who is of sound mind over the age of twenty one years and resides in Panola County, Texas.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition that due notice thereof as required by law be given 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 of said will according to law.
G. M. Little

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March 1889. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Will.

Know all men by these presents, That I, Gray Little of the County of Marengo, 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, I give and bequeath unto my belove wife Kate E. Little the following property, towit: N E 1/4 of S W 1/4, S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 in section six, E 1/2 of N W 1/4 and W 1/2 of N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 in section seven in Township 12, Range 2 East, lying in Marengo County, Ala, and containing in all one hundred and eighty acres, also the following personally property towit, all my household and kitchen furniture, one horse and buggy, two cows and calves, marked crop & nick in the right and crop in the left, also all my hogs that I now own marked crop & nick in the right and crop in the 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 24th day of August 1884. Gray Little (SS)

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

PROOF.

The State of Alabama, Marengo County. } 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 the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant and said J. J. Langley 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 said will at the time the same was so made as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testator was, at the date of said will, of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
W. A. Little

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of April 1889. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.
Filed April 15th, 1889. Jas. W. Taylor, Judge of Probate.

Last will and testament of Talitha Bradford, Deceased

PETITION.

The State of Alabama, Marengo County. } Probate Court. To the Hon. James W. Taylor Judge Probate of said Marengo County: The petition of the undersigned John A. Bradford respectfully represents unto your Honor that Talitha Bradford who was at the time of her death an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at or near Octagon on or about the 1st day of August A.D. 1889, leaving assets in this State, and leaving a Last will and Testament duly signed and published by Talitha Bradford and attested by W. R. Farmer and G. W. Barkley. That your petitioner, as heir - is - interested in the estate of said decedent 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 - the names, ages, residence and condition of the next of kin are are follows, towit: John A. Bradford who is over twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Marengo County, Alabama, Manerva A. Springfield who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo Co. Ala, with her husband A. Springfield, Pearly 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 Marengo County, Alabama, Harry H. Bradford who is over twenty-one years of age of sound mind and resides in Marengo County Alabama, Columbus C. Bradford who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in in State of Texas, Richard H. Bradford who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and Resides in Marengo County, Alabama, Alice H. Nielon who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in the State of Miss. with her husband A. A. Nielon, Nat H. Bradford who is over twenty one

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of sane of age of sound mind & resides in Marengo County Alabama Your petitioner would further represent that W R Barnes and J W Barkley the said attesting witnesses reside near Catagon, Marengo County 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 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.

J C Bradford

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of Sept A D 1889. Jas W Taylor Judge of Probate

Filed this 20th day of Sept A D 1889 James W Taylor Judge of Probate

Will.

State of Alabama }
Marengo County } I Mrs Talitha Bradford do make publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit. First if is my will and desire that any and all just debts I may owe at the time of my death, be paid and discharged. Second I decree to make provision for certain of my children and their descendents. Third I matte all my children to share equally (except my grand daughter Pearly Bradford, daughter of M A Bradford deceased of Texas,) all property real and personal that I may be possessed of at the time of my death. It is my will and desire that my grand daughter Pearly Bradford shall have only five dollars at my death. Hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made.

Mrs Talitha Bradford (seal)

Signed in the presence of W R Barnes and J W Barkley two credibable witnesses and who have signed their names hereto in the presence of the said Mrs Talitha Bradford this the 16th day of Sept A D 1886.

W R Barnes (seal) J W Barkley

PROOF.

The State of Alabama } Before me James W Taylor
Marengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County personally appeared in open court Wm R Barnes and J W Barkley who being first duly sworn and examined, depose and say that they and each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and testament of Talitha Bradford deceased date an inhabitant of this County that said Talitha Bradford signed and executed said instrument of writing on the day the same bears date, and then declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that affiants at their signatures thereto, and 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 deponents, fully capable of making her will, at the time the same was so made as aforesaid, and that she, the said Testatrix was on the day of the date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

W R Barnes, J W Barkley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th day of October, 1889. Jas W Taylor Judge of Probate

Filed Oct 25th, 1889. Jas W Taylor Judge of Probate

Will.

Last will and testament of Caleb J Miles Deceased

Know all men by these presents, that I, Caleb J Miles of the County of Marengo and the 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

1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister C. A. Hadaway the use improvements and income of my dwelling House Lands and appertenances to have and to hold during her natural life or so long as she remains a widow, and at her decease said property to be sold and equally divided between my two children. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Eben B. Miles all my bedding, wearing clothes and trunk at my decease 3rd I give my Bequeath my beloved Grandson Thos. J. Hadaway my watch at my decease 4th I give and bequeath unto Home mission State mission and Foreign mission Board 10 % out of my entire Estate after debts are paid &c. and the net amount to be equally divided between my two children E. Eben B Miles and Talitha C. Hodaway and her Heirs 5th I do nominate William A. Nickols Executor of this my last will and testament In testimony where of I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 31st of December A.D. 1885

Signed Sealed in presence of } Caleb J Miles (SEAL)
me, who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto } G. F. Nickols
Thos W. Davis

The State of Alabama } I Jas W Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing has this day in the Probate Court of said County, and before me as the Judge thereof

been duly proven, by the proper testimony to be the genuine last will and testament of Caleb J. Miles deceased and that said will with said proof thereof have been duly recorded in my office in will Book B. pages Given under my hand and seal of office at Lund en this the 9. day of June 1890. Jos. W. Taylor Judge of Robate

PETITION

The State of Alabama } To Hon Jos W Taylor Judge of
Marengo County } Robate Court of said County

The petition of William N. Nickols respectfully represents to your Honor that the late Caleb J. Miles who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 29th day of March 1890. leaving a last will and testamony duly signed and published by him and attested by G. F. Nickols and Thos W. Davis residets of Marengo County in which will your petitioner is named as Executor hereof and petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds the same for probate and record is this court Your petitioner further States that C. A. Hadaway a widow and resides at Nickolsville Marengo County Alabama. Eben B. Miles over twenty one years of age and resides at Hickory Station Newton County Miss. Thos J. Hadaway under twenty-one years and over Eighteen years of age his place of residence unknown Tilitha C Hadaway wife of T. C. Hadaway place of residence unknown Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing his petition that due notice bere- of as required by law be given to next of him of said deceased and that such other proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite & proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law

Sworn to and subscribed } William N. Nickols
before me this 5 day of Apr. 1890. R. L. Hosty Jr. J. P.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Before me Jos W Taylor Judge
Marengo County } of Robate in and for said County, personally appeared in open Court Geo. F. Nickols who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he and Thos. W Davis are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to him affiant and which property to be the last will and testament of Caleb J. Miles deceased late an inhabitant of this County that said Miles 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 Thos W Davis set their signature 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 affiant 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 date of said will of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed befor } Geo. F. Nickols
me this the 9. day of June 1890. Jos W. Taylor Judge &c

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Last Will and Testament of Sarah S Lyon Deed

The State of Alabama } I Sarah S. Lyon widow
Marengo County } of the late Frances S. Lyon deceased do hereby make and publish my last will and testament in words and figures as follows 1st. I direct that my body shall be decently buried near the remains of my late husband and that all my just debts shall be paid. 2nd. I give bequeath and desire all of my property to my seven children viz: Mary Amanda Ross: Sallie N. Prince: Hellen G. Deav: Amelia R. Lyon: Eugenia Lyon Ida L. Polk and Frank G. Lyon Share and share alike and I direct that the division of said property shall be made by my said children without the necessity of the action of the Court. 3rd I hereby nominate and appoint my son Frank G. Lyon the executor of this my will and exempt him from giving any bond for the discharge of his duties as such and also exempt him from making any settlement with the Robate Court. I in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of July 1883.

SEAL

Signed sealed and published by Sarah S. Lyon as her last will and testament in our presence we attested the same as witness in her presence and in due presence of each of us on this the day of July 1883. S. S. Lyon

Witness
Jno. C. Webb
J. T. Jones

PETITION

The State of Alabama } In Probate Court
Marengo County } To Hon. Jos. W. Taylor Judge of said Court: Your petitioner Frank G. Lyon respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late Sarah S. Lyon who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed

this life on the 16 day of April 1890 leaving a lost will and testament duly signed and published by her and attested by Jno. C. Webb and Jas. T. Jones residents of said Morengo County in which your Petitioner is named as executor, and which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this court. Your Petitioner further states that the following persons and the children, heirs at law and legatees or devisees of the said decedent to wit: Mary A. Ross, wife of William H. Ross who resides with her husband in city & County of Mobile in said State of Alabama. Hellen I. Dear who resides in the city & State of New York - Ida A. Polk wife of Dr W. A. Polk who resides with her husband in city & State of New York - Sallie A. Prince who resides on Staten Island in State of New York - Amelia R. Lyon and Eugenia Lyon and your petitioner Frank G. Lyon all there of whom resides in said Morengo County and that all of the said children, heirs at law legatees or devisees are of sound minds and over twenty one years of age - Wherefore your petitioner [illegible] that a day be set for hearing this petitioner that [illegible] thereof as required by the law be given to the children, heirs or 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 recording of said will according to law

Sworn to and subscribed } F. G. Lyon
before me this 5 day of May A.D. 1890. A. G. Sharpe N. P.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Before me Jas W. Taylor
Morengo County } Judge of Probate in and for said County. Personally appeared in open Court Jas T. Jones who being duly sworn deposes and says that he and Jno. C. Webb are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to the affiant and which purports to be the Last Will and Testament of Sarah S. Lyon deceased, late an inhabitant of this County: that said Sarah S. Lyon signed and executed instrument on the day the same bears date and declare the same to be her Last Will and testament and that he, the affiant, and Jno. C. Webb, 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 affiant, fully capable of making her will at the time the same was made as aforesaid, and that

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same 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 } James T. Jones
before me this 9 day of June 1890
Jas W. Taylor Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of Charles A. Pacellnitz Sr. died

The State of Alabama } Probate Court, Feby Term 1891
Morengo County } To the Hon William Cunningham Judge of Probate of said Morengo County. The petition of the undersigned C. A. Pacellnitz & L. F. Holt respectfully represents unto your Honor that Charles A. Pacellnitz who was at the time of his death, an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at Montpelier in said County on or about the 25th day of January A.D. 1891 leaving assets in this State, and leaving a lost will and Testament duly signed and published by him Chas A. Pacellnitz and attested by C. C. Jackson, Charles Hopkins & Perry Thomas That your petitioners as they verily believe are named in said Will as Executors thereof and your petitioners do 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 there is no widow of said deceased; and that the names ages, residence and condition of the next of kin are as follows to wit: 1. Ellen F. Gunter, wife of W. A. Gunter who is over 21 twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides in Montgomery Ala. with her said husband. 2. Chas A. Pacellnitz Jr. who is over 21 twenty one years of age, of sound mind, and resides in Morengo County Alabama. 3. Julia P. Keehle, now Mrs. Julia P. Sewell wife of Charles H. Sewell who is over 21 twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides in Perry County Ala. with her said husband. 4. Stella Pacellnitz, now Mrs. Stella P. Hardie, wife of R. A. Hardie who is over 21 twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides in Perry County Ala. with her said husband. 5. Emil Holt, wife of L. F. Holt, who is over 21 twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in Morengo County Ala with her husband. 6. G. B. Johnston who is over 21 twenty one years of age, of sound mind and resides in Perry County, Alabama. 7. Charles P. Johnston who is over 21 twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and resides in St. Orleans, Louisiana. 8. Mitty Johnston who is over 21 twenty one years of age of sound mind and resides in State of Texas - Post office address

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undersigned, I, Estha Adia Jolly, wife of Steve Jolly over twenty one years of age and married and residing with her husband in Birmingham, Ala. do Charles P. Duffy personally known to me to be of age, and of sound mind, and residing in Montgomery, Ala. Your petitioner would further represent that Ed Dodson, Cherry Hopkins & Ruby Thomas the said other witnesses all live in Marengo County and at the present further pray 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 required and proper to effect the due Probate and Record of the said Will according to law. Sd. Pearcunty J. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of February A.D. 1891 Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate Filed this 6th day of Feby. 1891 Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } I, Charles A. Pearcunty Sr. President of
Marengo County } Marengo County in the State of Alabama
being now advanced in years, though of sound mind and
disposing memory, mindful of the uncertainty of life and
wishing to make a final disposition of my worldly possessions among my heirs, do now make, publish and declare
the following to be my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore
made. First It is my will that all my just debts and
the charges of my funeral shall be paid and discharged
by my Executor hereinafter named, out of my estate
as soon as conveniently may be after my decease; and
I charge the charges of my funeral to the direction of my
said Executor. Second I give, devise and bequeath to
my daughter Ellen V. Hunter, the following tract of
land lying and being in Marengo County State of
Alabama, viz; South West quarter of Tract Sec 2. 160 acres
North West quarter of Sec. 11. 160 acres. West half of
South East quarter of Sec. 11. 80 acres. South West
quarter of Sec 14. 160 acres. West half of North East
quarter of Sec. 14. 80 acres. North East quarter of Sec
15. 160 acres. South half of North East quarter of
Sec. 22. 80 acres. North East quarter of South West
quarter of Sec 22. 40. North half of South West quarter
of Sec. 14. 80 acres. all of said lands being in Township
Fifteen (15) Range one (1) East; To have and to hold unto
my said daughter Ellen V. Hunter, for and during her
natural life, and at her death to her children in fee
simple. I also give to my said daughter Ellen V. Hunter
the interest which is or may be due on the debt
which she and her husband owe me of Two thousand
Dollars since Feby 22. 1890. I require that she and

her husband shall pay said sum of Two thousand
to my Executor, but they shall not be required to pay any
interest on the same. I further give to said Ellen V. Hunter
all services rendered me by her said husband. Third I
give, devise and bequeath to my son, Charles A. Pearcunty
Jr. the following tract of land lying and being in Marengo
County, State of Alabama, viz; South West quarter of
Sec 3. 160 acres. South East quarter of Sec 3. 117 acres
East half of Sec 10. 320 acres, West half of South East
quarter of Sec. 23. 80 acres; North half of North West
quarter of Sec 3. 80 acres, South half of South West
quarter of Sec. 14. 80 acres. South West quarter of Sec 14.
160 acres. East half of South West quarter of Sec 3. 80 acres
all of said lands being in Township Fifteen (15) Range
One (1) East; To have and to hold unto my said son
Charles A. Pearcunty Jr. for and during his natural
life, and at his death to his children in fee simple.
I also give to my son Charles A. Pearcunty Jr. my gold
watch, my single buggy and harness and my plantation
wagon and harness. Fourth I give, devise and
bequeath to my daughter Julia A. Keeble, the following
tract of land lying and being in Marengo County
State of Alabama, viz; South East quarter of Sec 4-
79 acres; West half of South West quarter of Sec 3-
80 acres. West half of East half of South West quart
Sec. 3. 40 acres. West half of Sec 10, 320 acres. West half
of Sec 15, 320 acres. South East quarter of Sec 15, 160
acres. all of said lands being in Township Fifteen (15)
Range One (1) East; To have and to hold the said tract
of land unto my said daughter Julia A. Keeble, and to
her heirs and assigns forever. Fifth I give, devise
and bequeath to my daughter, Stella Pearcunty the
following tract of land lying and being in Marengo
County, State of Alabama, viz; South West quarter of
Tract Sec 17. 158 acres. South East quarter of Sec
18 90 acres. West half of Sec 17 322 acres. South
East quarter of Sec 17, 160 acres South half of Sec
16. 320 acres. all of said land being in Township
15, Range One (1) East; To have and to hold the said
tract of land unto my said daughter Stella Pear-
cunty, and to her heirs and assigns forever. Sixth
I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Emma
Hall the following tract of land lying and being
in the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, viz; South
West quarter of Tract Sec 8. 160 acres South East
quarter of Sec 17. 80 acres; South half of Sec 16 320 acres
South half of West half of South West quarter
22. 80 acres South half of land West quarter
22. 160 acres South half of South West quarter

23.80 acres, all of said lands being in Township Fifteen (15) Range one (1) East; To have and to hold the said tract of land unto my said daughter Eva L. Holt, for and during her natural life, and at her death to her children in fee simple. I also will and direct that my said daughter Eva L. Holt, shall have the home place known as the James Rembert Place, containing One hundred and Sixty (160) acres, and the Party (1/2) of Chas joining the Thomas tract, and the household and kitchen furniture, and China and glass, also my carriage and harness, and one saddle horse at my home place, all of which I devise at Fifteen Hundred dollars, which she shall pay her said portion of Fifteen Hundred dollars, on account to my said Executors for said sum in their settlement of my estate. Seventh I give devise and bequeath to my Johnston grand children, the children of my daughter, Euphradia, the following tract of land lying and being in Clarendon County State of Alabama, known as the Peay Tract, and described as follows viz; South East quarter of Sec 29, 160 acres, South West quarter of Sec 21, 160 acres North East quarter of Sec 29, 160 acres North West quarter of Sec 28, 160 acres, West half of South East quarter of Sec 28, 80 acres, West half of South East quarter of Sec 28, 80 acres, all of said lands being in Township Fifteen (15) Range Two East; To have and to hold unto my said Johnston Grand children the children of my said daughter Euphradia, in equal parts, and to their heirs and assigns forever. Eighth I also give to my grand daughter Euphradia Polly Pine Hundred dollars ($900.00), in gold, the same to be paid to her by my said Executors, out of any funds which may come to their hands belonging to my estate. Ninth I give, devise and bequeath to my grand son Charles P. DeYampert, the son of my daughter Eliza P. DeYampert, the following tract of land lying and being in Clarendon County, State of Alabama, known as the Chas Rush Plantation, lying and being in Township Fourteen (14) Range (3) Three East, To have and to hold said tract of land unto said Charles P. DeYampert, and to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my said grandson, Charles P. DeYampert all the money that he owes me or my estate. Tenth I will and direct that my horses mules, sheep, hogs and cattle shall be equally divided into seven feets so as many feet as I have children and deceased children having a heir or children living at my death, and one of said feets shall be given to each of my children then living, and one of said feets to the children of each of my deceased children

Codicil.

Eleventh I will and direct that all the rest and residue of my estate not herein disposed of by this will, which includes all moneys, choses in action, property, and effects whatsoever, shall be equally divided between my children living at this date. Twelfth I nominate and appoint my son Charles A. Dorsett, and my son in law Luther D. Holt, as Executors of this my last will and testament, and I direct that no bond or security be required of them as such Executors. The division of the property as herein directed, shall be made as soon after my decease as possible, without waiting for the expiration of eighteen months; but a refunding bond must be given to said Executors by each legatee and devisee for the payment of his or her pro rata share of any claims that may said Executors may be required to pay. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of April A.D. 1890. Chas A. Dorsett Sr. L.S.

+ I Charles A. Dorsett Sr. as a codicil to my last will and testament which bears date the 22 nd day of April 1890 have this day made the following changes in my said will viz; Item 4th, I do my son Charles A. Dorsett, instead of giving him a life estate in said lands, I give, devise and bequeath the same to him in trust for his children, to be used and managed by him for their benefit, in such manner as he may think for the best interests of said children. Said trustee has full power and authority to sell and convey said property, and to make deed to the purchaser, but he shall invest the proceeds in other property, real or personal, as he may determine, to be held and managed by him in the same way, and to change said investments as often as he may think best for the interest of his said children. I further authorize and empower said trustee to divide said property, or the proceeds thereof, among his said children in such manner as he may deem best, by his last will and testament, or otherwise, as he may determine. Also in said Item 4th change "East half of South West of Sec 3" to "East half of East half of South west quarter of Sec 3. I give to my daughter Eliza in fee the West half of Sec 17 and South West quarter of Sec. 17 and South East quarter of section 6. I give to my daughter Eva L. Holt in fee the South west quarter of North West Sec 8 and South East quarter of Section Eight (8) lying in Clarendon County on East side of the Douglas River, in fee of West half of Sec. 16 and South West quarter of North West quarter of Section 16 by metes

of Section 22" insert the South half of the North half of Section twenty two (22), all in Township fifteen (15) Range One (1) East, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of May A.D. 1890. Chas A Poellnitz (L.S.)

Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Charles A Poellnitz Sr as and for a codicil to his last will and testament, and to be taken as part thereof, in the presence of us, who in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses. C.C. Jackson, Chas Hopkins, Perry Thomas

The State of Alabama } I William Cunninghame Judge
Monenga County } of the Court of Probate, in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instruments of writing have this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony, to be the genuine last will and testament and codicil thereto of Charles A. Poellnitz Sr deceased, and that said will and said codicil, together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages

In witness of all which I have hereto set my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this the 9th day of March A.D. 1891 Wm. Cunninghame Judge of Probate

PROBATE COURT ALABAMA MARENGO COUNTY

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Monenga County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Charles A Poellnitz Sr deceased. Before me Wm. Cunninghame Judge of the said Court personally appeared, in open Court C.C. Jackson, Chas Hopkins and Perry Thomas, who having been by me, first respectively duly sworn, and examined did and do dispose and say, on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instruments of writing, now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Charles A Poellnitz Sr deceased and a codicil thereto, late an inhabitant of this County, that said Poellnitz, since deceased signed and executed said instrument on the days the same bear date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament with the codicil thereto, and the affiants at their their signatures thereto on the days the same bears date, as subscribing witness to the same, in 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 deponents fully capable of making his will, and the codicil thereto, at the time the same were so made as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was on the day of the said date of said will and

and codicil of the full age of twenty one years and upwards

Sworn to and subscribed before this the - day of March A.D. 1891 } C. C. Jackson
Chas Hopkins
Perry Thomas
Wm Cunninghame Judge of Probate

Petition

Last Will and Testament of Ann B. Skinner, Deceased

The State of Alabama, Monenga County, March 16, 91

To the Hon. William Cunninghame, Judge of Probate of said County of said County, The petition of John V. Miller respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Ann B. Skinner who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death, that she departed this life on the - day of Feby 1891, leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by her and attested by W. B. Curtis and V. E. Jowers (the said Curtis being now dead and Jowers resides at Sunny South Clarke Co Ala.) in which your petitioner is named as executor thereof; And petitioner herewith produces said will and propounds the same for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states, that the said Ann B. Skinner left no husband surviving but the following heirs at law, to wit: Thos H Skinner a son over the age of 21 years who resides in Mobile Ala., Mrs. P. T. Beverly of full age, and who resides in Monenga County Ala., Mrs Nanthrup R. H. a daughter, who resides at Giddins Texas, and who is over 21 years of age, Mrs S. E. Sample, a daughter over 21 years of age who resides at Giddins Texas, Mrs E. R. McConnell a daughter who resides at Taylor Texas and who and who is over twenty one years of age; Also the following grand children being the children of her dead daughter Mrs Ella Dismukes all of whom resident at McDade P.O. Texas as follows to wit; Mrs Hattie Baggett age 24 years, Thos T. Dismukes age 22 years, Emmett Dismukes age 20 years, Willie Dismukes age 16 years, Hatch Dismukes age 15 years and Edward Dismukes age 10 years all of sound mind. Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for the hearing of this petition, that legal notice thereof be given and that such order or decree be 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 before me this the 16th day of March, 1891. } John V. Miller
by his Atty.
Jno C Anderson

Wm Cunninghame Judge of Probate

Filed March 16, 1891 Wm Cunninghame
Judge of Probate

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Shiloh Marengo County Alabama

I Ann B Skinner being of sound mind and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and make this my last will and testament, in presence of the subscribing witnesses. First it is my will that all my property both real and personal to be equally divided among my children & heirs at law, Ally Dawson Thad B Skinner being indebted to me or my late husband by note for the sum of One hundred and ninety & 34/100 dollars & accounts this my will be account for the same without interest, Ally Dawson also John B Skinner is also indebted to me or my husband by two notes the amount of one hundred and ninety dollars. It is my wish the amount of so said notes be deducted from my daughter Ellas Childress share no interest charged on said notes, Also I have a note made by my daughter Emma A Connell for the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars. It is my wish that she be charged with the same and no interest on said note And in case my daughter Pauline Beverly abandons my homestead and does not wish to hold it as a home it is my wish and desire that my Executor hereafter named sell the same and divide proceeds among my children as stated above, I appoint my son in law D Miller knowing all confidence in his honesty and he will carry out this my last will Do not wish him to give any bond and that no his actions to be lawful In testimony whereof I subscribe my name in presence of This the 6th day of June 1878. Witness W B Curtis V E Jones } Ann B Skinner

Recorded Oct 6, 1891. Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Ann B Skinner deceased
Before me Wm Cunningham Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open court V E Jones, 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 me, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Ann B Skinner, deceased late an inhabitant of this county, the said Ann B Skinner since deceased signed his executed said instrument of the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said testatrix, at her request and in the presence of the other subscribing witness

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and that such at the time was deceased set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date, as a subscribing witness to the same in the presence of said testatrix at her request and in the presence of affiant. That said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of affiant fully capable of making a 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. V E Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13th day of October 1891

Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

Recorded in my office Oct 16, 1891 Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

WILL

Last Will and Testament of Rias Chavis

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Marengo County } that I Rias Chavis of the county and State aforesaid considering the uncertainty of this life, and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife S L Chavis all my lands improvements thereon that I may have or possess at the time of my death, also all my personal or perishable property that I may possess of any description whatever, to have and to hold possess and use for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided and distributed among all my children in testimony whereof I have this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this the 27 day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and seventy two.

Rias Chavis (L.S.)

Signed sealed declared and published by the said Rias Chavis as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other have subscribed as witnesses hereto } David L Sneed (L.S.)
day and date above written } H C Buckalew (L.S.)
P M Sneed (L.S.)

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Rias Chavis dec'd. Before me Wm Cunningham Judge of the said Court personally appeared in open court P M Sneed, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say, on oath that he, said David L Sneed and H C Buckalew are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Rias Chavis, dec'd late an

habitant of this county, that said Harris 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 witness 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 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

P M Duckett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th day of February A.D. 1892. Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

PETITION

The State of Alabama, Probate Court, In the matter
Marengo County. } ter of the probate of the last will
and testament of Rise Harris deceased To the Hon
Wm Cunningham Judge of the Court of Probate of
said County. The petition of P M Harris respectfully
represents unto your Honor that the late Rise Harris,
was an inhabitant of this county at the time
of his death, departed this life, on the 5th day of January
1892, near Shiloh in Marengo County, Ala
leaving a last will and testament duly signed
and published by him, and attested by D and L
Duncker, H B Buckalew, and P M Duncker all of whom
reside in Marengo County, Ala; and that your pe-
titioner is interested in the estate of said decedent which
said will, is produced to your Honor and propound-
ed for probate and record in this court. Your petition-
er further states, that the widow of said decedent is
Mrs. S L Harris who resides in this county, and
that the next of kin of said decedent are his children
and grand children, to wit: 1 M E Vreeman who is the
wife of R. Vree. 2. P M Harris 3. A J. Stephens who
is the wife of J B Stephens. 4 E N Harris. 5. E A Hask-
ew who is the wife of B S Hasketew 6. A E Vree
who is the wife of W. V. Vree. 7 R B. Harris. 8 D B Norris
9. S V Pepperhorst who is the wife of S. Pepperhorst
10. L L Perdue who is the wife of Columbus Perdue
11. D L. Duncker who is the wife of C C. Duncker. 12. The Chil-
dren of W D Norris, deceased, to wit: a R P Norris
b Mary Summerlin who is the wife of M T Sum-
merlin c. Mittie V Norris. d. Ella Norris. All of
whom reside in Marengo County, Ala. except A
Stephens, who resides in the State of Texas with
her husband J B Stephens, and are all of persons

and are over the age of twenty one years, except A V and Ella Harris who are under twenty one years. Dueon-
sideration of all which your petitioner prays that a day
may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition
that subpoenas may be issued to bring said sub-
scribing witnesses to testify on such day and
that due notice of this application may be given 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. And as in duty bound &c
Sworn to and subscribed before } P. M. Norris
me this the 18th day of January A.D. 1892.

Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate

State of Alabama } I, William Cunningham Judge
Marengo County } of the Court of Probate in and for
said County and State do hereby certify that the
within instrument of writing has this day in
said Court, and before me, to the judge thereof
been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the
genuine last will and testament of Rise Norris de
ceased; and that said will together with said proof
thereof have been duly proven by the proper testimony
to be the genuine last will and testimony of Rise Norris
deceased, and that said will together with said proof
thereof have been recorded in my office in Book B.
of Wills page 365. In witness whereof I have
hereto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this
the 18th day of February A.D. 1892

PROBATE COURT ALABAMA MARENGO COUNTY

Wm Cunningham
Judge of Probate

Filed January 18th, 1892. Wm Cunningham Judge of Probate.

PETITION

Last Will and Testament of J D Lipscomb Decd

The State of Alabama, To the Honorable William Cunning-
Marengo County, } ham Judge of Probate in and for said
State and County. The petition of W F Westbrook, respect-
fully represents unto your Honor that the late Joel D.
Lipscomb, who was an inhabitant of this County, at the
time of his death departed this life on the 28th day of Au-
gust 1892, leaving a last will and testament duly
signed by him and attested by W A Jones and A Woodf
residents of Marengo County, Ala; in which your peti-
tioner is named as executor thereof; and petitioner here-
with produces said will and propounds the same for
probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner fur-

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states that said decedent left him surviving his mother Ellen Lipscomb over the age of 21 years, of sound mind and a resident of Marengo County, Ala, and the following children being his only heirs at Law: Percy B. and Ernest P. Lipscomb minors, of sound mind and each over the age of 14 years and both of whom reside in Marengo County, Ala, and William Robert Lipscomb a son of said minds over 21 years of age and who resides in Selma, Dallas County, Ala, Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as is required by law be given to the widow and next of kin of 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.

W. R. Westbrook, per Jno. Anderson, his Atty.

Sworn to before me this the 10th day of Sept 92.

Wm Cunningham, Judge of Probate.

Filed in my office Sept 10th. 1892. Wm. Cunningham, Judge of Probate.

Know all men by these presents: That I, Joel D. Lipscomb of the County of Marengo and State Alabama, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament.

First: I give to my wife Ellen Lipscomb the dwelling house and land contracted therewith, to wit: the North west quarter of section 34 Township 19, Range 3 East and know occupied by us as our place of residence, to have and to hold during the term of her natural life or until she marry; and I devise that the said house shall be the Common home of my said wife while she lives and remains unmarried; and of my two minor sons Percy Bracefield Lipscomb and Ernest Pullen Lipscomb during their minority, or until their marriage, and I desire and direct my executor hereinafter named, that he shall see to it that so long as the home shall be kept up under the stipulations of this will, my said wife shall have comfortable support out of the income from all the property bequeathed by this will; Second, I give and bequeath to my Children Percy and Ernest Lipscomb sons of my late wife Anne E. Lipscomb deceased, the lands owned by me and situated in Gren, Sumter County Alabama, lying on both sides of the river at Kirkpatrick Landing, including the seventy acres upon which is situated the warehouse and buildings at said landing to have and to hold unto the said Percy and Ernest their heirs and assigns forever; Third, I give devise and bequeath to my said sons Percy Bracefield Lipscomb and Ernest Pullen Lipscomb the following lands situated in Marengo county, Alabama, and particularly described as the SW¼, W½ of SE¼, SW¼ of NE¼ & SE¼ of SW¼ Section 27, N½ & E½ of SE¼ Section 33, NE¼ & SW¼ of section 34 all in township 19 Range 2 East, CW½ E½ of SW¼, NW¼ of NE¼, all NE¼ of NE¼ W. said 376 R 2 East, to have and to hold forever, but if either the said Percy or Ernest shall die before majority, before marriage or without heirs, then I decree that any son Robert Lipscomb shall share with the survivor all the lands bequeathed by this paragraph, and should both the said Percy and Ernest die before majority or marriage or without heirs, then the said Robert Lipscomb shall have all the lands bequeathed in this paragraph, to hold to him and his heirs forever, Fourth, I give devise and bequeath to my sons Robert, Percy and Ernest the reversion or remainder of my dwelling house and the 160 acres of land and the appurtenances situated in Marengo County, Alabama, from and after the marriage or death of my said Ellen Lipscomb share and share alike. Fifth: I give to my son Ernest my watch upon the following condition, the watch is to be taken upon my death, by my executor hereinafter named until Ernest is twenty one years of age and if he the said Ernest has not contracted the tobacco habit in any form then the watch is to be delivered to him and shall be his. Sixth: I devise and bequeath all of my personal property of every kind and description not hereinbefore specially mentioned and devised, to the support and maintenance of my wife and said minor Children in their Common home, Seventh: I direct and desire that my executor shall upon my death take charge of the lands herein mentioned, manage, control, cultivate, and have the same cultivated and out the rents, issues and profits give to my said wife, while entitled under the provisions of this will, a comfortable support in keeping with her degree and station in life. And support the said minor sons Percy and Ernest and give them such education as will be possible out of the said rents, issues and profits without embarrassment and debt, and upon their reaching majority surrender to those entitled the property herein bequeathed in accordance with the provisions of this will. Eighth: I decree and direct that should either or both of my sons Percy and Ernest should leave the home during the minority of my said wife, under this will, the one or the two leaving shall be entitled and shall receive a pro rata of the bedding, provided they do not leave before majority or marriage. I nominate and appoint my nephew W. R. Westbrook to be the executor of this my last will and testament.

J. D. Lipscomb. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said J. D. Lipscomb and

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 thereto. W H Jones. S G Woolf.

TESTIMONY

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County:
Marengo County }

In the matter of the last will and testament of Joel Q. Lipscomb, deceased, Before me Wm. Cunninghame, Judge of the said Court, personally appeared, in open Court, W H Jones and Saml G Woolf, who having been by me, first respectively duly sworn and examined, did and do depose and say, on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing, now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Joel Q. Lipscomb deceased, late an inhabitant of this County; that said Lipscomb 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 each 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. Affiants further state that said testator was, on the day of the date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

W H Jones, S G Woolf.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of September AD 1892. Wm. Cunninghame, Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament of Harriet F. Emers Dec^d

Petition

The State of Alabama } In the Probate Court. To Hon
Marengo County } William Cunninghame Judge of said Court: Your Petitioner Morris Mayer, respectfully represents to your Honor, that the late Harriet F. Emers, who was an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis, in the County of Marengo, State of Alabama at the time of her death, departed this life heretofore, to wit, on the 14th day of September 1892, leaving a last will and Testament, duly signed and published by her and attested by Geo. W. Taylor and M. J. Fascue, to which is added a codicil duly signed and published by her and attested by M J Fascue and Geo W. Taylor; the said M J Fascue and Geo. W. Taylor attesting witnesses to said Will and the Codicil thereto are residents of said City of Demopolis in said County and State; in which said Will and Codicil your petitioner is named as executor; and

which said Will and Codicil are herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court; And petitioners further states and avers that the said Harriet F. Emers was a widow at the time of her decease, and left no Chief or Children surviving her and that said decedent was of the age of more than twenty one years when the will was executed: That her next of Kin are as follows:- 1 David M. Prowell, 2. Sam P. Prowell, 3. Caroline Hynne a married woman, 4. Mildred E. Rogers, a widow, 5. James S. Prowell all of whom are adult age and reside at Dayton in Marengo County Alabama; 6 James Prowell, 7. Mrs Caroline Morgan a widow, 8. Eugenia Moore, 9. John Morgan, all of whom are of adult age, and reside at or near Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, 10. William J. Prowell, who is of adult age and resides at Birmingham, in Jefferson County, State of Alabama 11 And petitioner avers that he has heard there are one or two next of Kin who reside in Texas or Indian Territory whose names and residences are unknown, that petitioner has made diligent inquiry and has delayed the probate of this will for more than two months in the endeavor to find said parties and to learn their names ages and residences: Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of this petition and that due and legal notice may be given to the next of Kin of said deceased, as required by laws under Sections 1987 and 1988 of the Code, and such other statutes as may be in force for such cases:- And that such other proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to legalize and effect the due probate and recording of said will according to law:- Morris Mayer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of Novr 1892 T. F. Howze. J. P.

Filed in office this 29th November 1892. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Will

The State of Alabama } To all whom it may concern be it
Marengo County } Known:- That I Harriet F. Emers of the City of Demopolis, County of Marengo, State of of Alabama being of sound mind and disposing memory and mindful of the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament:-

As to my worldly estate, consisting of such property, real, personal and mixed, as I may die seized and possessed of and to which I may be entitled at law or in equity, at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose of the same in the manner following to wit:-

First. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and the charges and expenses of my funeral be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named, as soon after my decease as may be convenient; and I leave the charges of my funeral entirely to the direction and discretion of my said

items, or either of them:

Second, I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved friend and Companion Miss Luisa Redd, of the City of Demopolis, Alabama the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars in Money, as an evidence of my sincere regard for her and of my appreciation of the uniform Kindness and attention which I have always received at her hands:

Third, I give bequeath and devise to my Cousin Caroline Hynne, wife of D. A. J. Hynne, of the town of Dayton, in the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, the sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars, in Money to have and to hold the same to her, the said Caroline Hynne, her heirs and assigns forever:-

Fourth. I give, bequeath and devise to Molly McCarty Red Wood, wife of Archie Redwood, of the City of Houston State of Texas, the sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars in Money to have and to hold to her, the said Molly McCarty Redwood, her heirs and assigns forever:

Fifth. All the rest and residue of my Estate, real, personal and Mixed, of which I may die seized and possessed and to which I may be entitled, at law or in equity, in possession or expectancy, at the time of my decease. I do hereby give bequeath and devise to Marie Fleming wife of Dr. Fleming, of the City of Diepholz, Germany She being the sister of my deceased husband, the late Henry A. Emens, to have and to hold to her, the said Marie Fleming her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth. It is my wish and desire that the legacies and bequests hereinbefore provide for the said Luisa Redd Caroline Hynne, and Molly McCarty Redwood, shall be paid to them respectively by my executors out of the first Moneys which shall come into their hands, Whether the said Moneys be realized from the sale of property, real or personal, or from any other source, as soon after my decease, as My Executors or either of them, may find Convenient, and may consider to be for the best interest of the Estate:

Seventh: I do hereby nominate and appoint my good friend, Mr. Morris Mayer, of the City of Demopolis Alabama, and Wilhelm Emens of Osnabruck, Germany to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Eighth. Having for many years relied on the said Morris Mayer in the management of my business and finding him in every respect worthy of confidence I do hereby authorize and empower him, the said Morris Mayer, either alone or conjointly with the said Wilhelm Emens, in case the latter may see fit and become legally entitled to qualify as Executors to use and dispose of all my property real personal and Mixed, at public or private sale, and on such terms, credit or otherwise as in his judgement and discretion may seem to be for the best interests of the Estate, and to execute titles to the purchasers and to distribute the proceeds of such sales to the beneficiaries under this my last Will and Testament: and it is further my wish and desire that the bond to be required of my said Executors, or either of them shall not exceed the sum of Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.00) Dollars.

In testimony whereof, I the said Harriet F. Emens have published and declared this to be my last Will and Testament, and have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, in the City of Demopolis, Alabama, on this the 3d day of March A.D. 1887.

Harriet F. Emens (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be her last Will and Testament, by Harriet F. Emens, in the presence of us, Who, at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto on this the 3d day of March, A.D. 1887. Geo. H. Taylor. M. J. Fascue,

Codicil

I Harriet F. Emens, the within named Testatrix do hereby make publish and declare this my Codicil to my last Will and Testament bearing date March 3d 1887, as follows:

First, I do hereby revoke the last Clause in the Eighth item or paragraph in my said will contained, requiring a bond of fifteen thousand dollars from the Executors therein named:-

Second, After full and careful Consideration of the subject and having entire Confidence in Morris Mayer and desiring to save him the trouble and inconvenience of making a bond, it is my will and desire, that, in the event the said Morris Mayer shall see fit to qualify as Executor he shall not be required to give any bond Whatever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of May A.D. 1888. H. F. Emens. (Seal)

Signed, Sealed published and declared to be a Codicil to her last Will and Testament in our presence this 18th day of May A. D. 1888. M. J. Fascue Geo. H. Taylor.

Proofs

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament and Codicil thereto of Harriet F. Emens deceased: Before me, Samuel G. Hosea, Judge of said Court personally appeared, George H. Taylor and Mary J. Fascue Who having been, by me, first, respectively, duly sworn and examined, did and do depose and say, on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Harriet F. Emens deceased, late an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in the County of Marengo, and State of Alabama that said Harriet F. Emens, once deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to

her last Will and Testament on the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her 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 testatrix, and in the presence of each other, at the request of said testatrix: that said Harriet F. Emmers, since deceased, also signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be a Codicie to the said last Will and testament, on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be a Codicie to her said last Will and Testament, and that affiants set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the said Codicie in the presence of said testatrix, and in the presence of each other, at the request of the said testatrix: that said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory; and, in the opinion of deponents fully capable of making her last Will and the Codicie thereto, at the time the same were made so made and executed as aforesaid, Affiants further state that said testatrix was on the day of the dates of said Will and Codicie thereto of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Geo. W. Taylor, M. J. Fascue.

Subscribed and sworn to this 30th day of December 1892. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate, Marengo Co.

Filing

The State of Alabama } I. S. G. Woolf, Judge of the Court
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instruments of writing have this day, in said Court, and before me, as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and testament, and Codicie thereto of Harriet F. Emmers, deceased, and that said Will and said Codicie together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 270. 1, 2 and 3.

Probate Court Alabama Marengo County

Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of December 1892.

S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

The Last Will and Testament of Francis G. Lyon, Dec

Petition

To the Honorable Samuel G. Woolf Judge of the Probate Court of Marengo County in the State of Alabama:-

The Petition of Sadie H. Lyon respectfully shows unto your Honor that Francis G. Lyon, late of said County departed this life in Demopolis in said County on the 15th day of March 1893, being at said date a resident of said City of Demopolis and leaving a last Will and testament made and executed by him and attested by L. A. George and J. C. Kelly as subscribing witnesses thereto, the said witnesses also residing in said City of Demopolis - and that said F. G. Lyon left property and assets in said Marengo County and by said Will left your petitioner as sole Executrix of said Will - which said Will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court.

2. Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of said Frank G. Lyon deceased, and resides at Demopolis in said County and that the heirs and next of kin of said decedent are the following towit:

Mrs Amanda Ross, wife of Wm H. Ross, who resides with her husband in Mobile in said State of Alabama.

Mrs Sarah N. Prince, who is a widow and resides in the State of New York.

Mrs Helen G. Deas, a widow who resides in said State of New York

Mrs Ida Poek, wife of W. M. Poek who resides with her husband in the said State of New York.

Amelia R. Lyon, who resides in Demopolis Alabama.

Eugenia Lyon who resides in Demopolis Alabama.

And that all of said heirs and distributees are over the age of twenty one years.

Wherefore 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 heirs and next of kin, 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 recording of said Will according to law. Sadie H. Lyon.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st day of March 1892. G. G. Howze J. P.

Filed in office this 25th March 1893. A.G. Hood Judge.

Will

The State of Alabama } I, Frank. G. Pyon of
Marengo County } Demopolis in said County
and State, do hereby make and publish my
last will and testament in words and figures
as follows:

1st I give begueath and devise to my wife Sadie
H. Pyon My plantation in Hale County in said
State, known as Deansfield, Containing Six hun
ared acres More or less. together with all the
improvements and household and Kitchen fur
niture therein. And all of the Stock of Mules
horses Colts and Cattle, farming implements
Waggons, harness, gear &c and Steam Engine and
Ginnery thereunto belonging.

2nd I also give begueath and devise to my wife
the said Sadie H. Pyon the four lots of land lying
and being in said City of Demopolis Numbered
39, 40, 41 and 42 bounded on the North by Pyon
Street, on the East by Market or Main Street on
the South by lots No 38 and 43 on the West by Con
Mississippi Street and known as the Rosenbaum lots
being the same purchased by me from M. Mayer
with the buildings thereon.

3. I also give and devise to my wife, Sadie
H. Pyon, the tract of land which I own in Sum
ter County lying adjacent the City of Demopolis.

4. I also give, begueath and devise to my said
wife all of My interest in the plantation in the
Cahaba Brake known as "the Kirkwood Place" toget
er with my interest in all of the Mules farming
implements and Stock thereon.

5. I also begueath, give and devise to my
wife all of My interest in a certain house and
lot lying and being in the City of Birmingham
in said State known as Lot No. 16. Block No
147 on Avenue D.

6. I also give and devise to my wife My inter
est in ten Blocks of lots lying in the City of Demop
olis said blocks being numbered from 291 to 436
inclusive.

7- I further give and devise to My wife My inter
est in lots No 29. 30. 31. 32, 33 and 34 in the City
of Demopolis.

8- I further give, begueath and devise to My wife
any and all property to be here after acquired
by me to the date of My death.

9- I hereby give, begueath and devise to My
surviving Sisters and their heirs and assigns forever
My interest in Lot No 165. together with all of the
houses and appurtenances thereon, including the
house built and occupied by my father and Mother
up to the date of this death.

10. I give and begueath to My Nephew Frank L.
Ross of Mobile My breech-loading gun.

I give and begueath to My Nephew J. Metcalf Pack
My muzzle-loading gun.

I give and begueath to My Nephew Frank L. Pack
My gold watch and Chain.

I hereby Nominate and appoint My wife, Sadie
H. Pyon, Executrix of this My last will and
testament and exempt her from giving bond
as such Executrix.

In testimony Whereof I hereto set My hand
and seal this 7th day of December 1892.

F. G. Pyon (Seal)

Signed and declared by F. G. Pyon as his last
will & testament in the presence of us, who in his
presence, at his request & in the presence of each
other have hereunto sign our names as witnesses thereto

T. A. Gerge, J. C. Kelly.

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of
Marengo County } said County.

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and
Testament of Francis G. Pyon, deceased.

Before me, Samuel G. Hood Judge of said
Court, personally appeared T. A. Gerge, who hav
ing 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 Francis G. Pyon deceased,
late and inhabitant of the City of Demopolis
in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama;
that said Francis G. Pyon since deceased, signed
and executed the said instrument purporting to
be his last will and testament on the day the
same bears date, and declared the same to
be his last will and testament, and that
affiant set his signature thereto on the day the
same bears date, as a subscribing witness to the
same, in the presence of said testator, and in the pre
sence of the other subscribing witness, at the request
of said testator. And that the other subscribing
witness subscribed his name as a witness at the
request of said testator, and in the presence of
affiant and said Testator; that said testator

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

L. A. George.

Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April A. D. 1893. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Filing

The State of Alabama } I S. G. Woolf Judge of the Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court and before me as the judge thereof been duly proven, by the proper testimony to be the last Will and testament of Francis G. Lyon, deceased, and that said will, together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 295, 276, 277 & 278.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 11th day of April A. D. 1893.

S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

Will

Rebecca Brown To Cora Brown

It is my wish and I want my children to sacredly carry it out; that my daughter Cora shall have all I die possessed of - house and lot and all personal effects - August 7th 1886 -

Witness: S. Coleman
J. W. McCarty

Rebecca her x mark Brown

Filed for record November 5th 1893 - S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

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Will of R. P. Dixon - Deceased

The State of Alabama } I - R. P. Dixon, being of sound mind and judgement do
Marengo County } make (on this 28th day of October, A. D. 1891) this my last Will and Testament - making all previous instruments purporting to be last wills and testaments null and void, this alone to remain in force - My will is first that - after all my just debts shall have been paid - that my wife Mrs. R. C. Dixon shall have, hold and possess all my personal property remaining after paying all just dues, burial expenses &c. together with the following real estate; viz: The S E 1/4 of S W 1/4, N E 1/4 of S W 1/4, S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 and S 1/2 of S E 1/4 Section 11 Township 13 Range 2 East - Containing 205 acres more or less - until her marriage or death, when in either case the realty and whatever of personal property shall remain, at such time, shall revert to and be equally divided between my son, Eugene Dixon, and my daughter - Mrs. Martha V. Boozer - My will is second, that the remainder of my realty consisting of the S E 1/4, W 1/2 of N E 1/4, S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Section 13, The N 1/2 of N 1/2 of N E 1/4 Sec 24 - all in Township 13 R 2 E. also the N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec 13 Township 13 Range 2 East - shall be equally divided between my son Eugene Dixon, and my daughter Mrs. M. V. Boozer - In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal -

R. P. Dixon (seal)

Signed in presence of
W. R. Quinney - D. C. Norris

Filed for record Nov 29th 1893 - S. G. Woolf - Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of Charles E. Billings

Petition

The State of Alabama
Marengo County } Probate Court.

To Hon S. G. Wooef Judge Probate of said Marengo County: The Petition of the undersigned Frank L. Brooks respectfully represents unto your Honor that Charles E. Billings was at the time of his death, an inhabitant of this County, departed this life at Demopolis, Ala, on or about the Twenty Sixth day of June A. D 1893, leaving assets in this State and leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by C. E. Billings and attested by Gesner Williams Louis B. Braswell and Lee Rochester all of Demopolis Ala. That your petitioner as he verily believes, is named in said will as Executor 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 the names, ages, residence and Condition of the next of Kin are as follows towit:

Charles Deyell Billings who is under twenty one years of age of Sound Mind and resides in Brooklyn New York at 36 Macon Street. Your petitioner would therefore further pray 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.

Frank L. Brooks

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of July A. D. 1893.

Henry M. Wells. Notary Public Kings Co. N.Y.

Henry M. Wells Notary Public Kings County N.Y.

Will

The State of Alabama, Marengo County.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Charles E. Billings, of the City of Demopolis in the County and State aforesaid, being in failing health, but of a sound and disposing Mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me, at any time heretofore made.

As to my worldly estate, and all the real and personal or Mixed property of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, and dispose thereof in the manner following towit:

First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall, by my Executors, hereinafter named, be paid out of my Estate, as soon after my decease as convenient.

Second, I give and bequeath to my half brother, George Washington Louis Jr of Brooklyn, New York, my bicycle and all tools belonging to the same.

Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved and only Child and son Charles Deyell Billings all the rest of my Estate towit: One insurance policy, in the National Provident Union Council No 1, and any further insurance I may now hold or may hereafter effect: Also any other property of which I am now possessed or may hereafter be possessed, owning the same at the time of my death, except the bicycle aforesaid and the personal property hereinafter mentioned.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Billings Brooks of Brooklyn New York the following personal property towit: One Black enamelled Clock, One Bronzed Clock figure, and two Bronzed Mantel figures, now in her possession.

Fifth, I gave and bequeath to my beloved mother One Walnut patent spring rocking Chair.

Sixth, I do nominate and appoint my brother-in-law Frank L. Brooks of Brooklyn New York to be the executor of this my last will and testament but without bond, and it is my will that he be the guardian of my said son Charles Deyell and that my said Executor, shall keep in his possession all of said property hereby given and bequeathed to my said son until my said son arrives at the age of twenty three years that my said executor shall, until that time, manage the same, sell, alien and convey the same, and invest the proceeds as he may dum best, and further to do and perform all things to and about said property as if it were his own, but for the use of my said son and for his best interest and to deliver the same to him or the proceeds thereof, when he arrives at the said age of twenty three years.

Seventh, I do give and bequeath further to my aforesaid Sister all my silver ware now in her possession

Eighth, It is further my will, that all my property in Demopolis Alabama be sold and the proceeds be applied first to the payment of my debts and in said Demopolis and the balance of said proceeds applied by my executor as aforesaid, except all the pictures and photographs, and one tin box now in my trunk & locked, and that it be not opened except by my said Executor, which I do not wish sold.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the Twenty first day of June 1893. Charles E. Billings (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Charles E. Billings as his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. 1. Gesner Williams, 2. Louis B. Braswell, 3. Lee Rochotsh,

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said
Marengo County } County.

In the Matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Charles E. Billings. Deceased.

Before me S.G. Woolf Judge of said Court, personally appeared Gesner Williams, who, being 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 Charles E. Billings deceased, late an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis, in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama: that said Charles E. Billings since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be his last will and testament, on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said testator and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, at the request of said Testator, and that the other subscribing witnesses subscribed their names as witnesses at the request of said Testator and in the presence of affiant and said Testator: that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of making his last will and Testament at the time the same was so made and executed as aforesaid, affiant further states that said Testator was in the day of the date of will, of the full age of twenty one years.

Gesner Williams

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of August A.D. 1893. S.G. Woolf Judge of Probate, Marengo Co.

Filing

The State of Alabama, Marengo County

I S.G. Woolf Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County and State as hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament of Charles E. Billings deceased and that said Will together with said proof thereof, have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills "B" pages 280.1.2 & 3. Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th day of April A.D. 1893. S.G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament of Pernesia E. Bragg. Deceased.

Petition

The State of Alabama } In the Probate Court.
Marengo County }

To Hon S.G. Woolf Judge of said Court.

Your petitioner Marion A. Woolf, respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Pernesia E. Bragg, who was an inhabitant of this Co. at the time of her death departed this life on the 2nd day of October 1893, leaving a last will and Testament duly signed and published by her and attested by S. C. Poellnitz & Thomas J. Rogers residents of Marengo County Ala, in which Will your petitioner is made Executrix and one of the legatees which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and profounded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states, that the next of kin of the said P. E. Bragg are as follows to wit: her husband John A. Bragg of Marengo Co. Ala. who is of sound mind and over 21 years of age, Margarette A. Young wife of John W. Young, who is of sound mind is over 21 years of age and resides in Marengo Co. Ala and who is a daughter of decedent, Virginia Pearson a daughter, wife of J. S. Pearson, who is of sound mind over 21 years of age and resides with her husband in Marengo Co. Ala, Emma Mason a daughter, wife of B. W. Mason, who is of sound mind, over 21 years of age and who resides with her husband in the State of Arkansas, but whose exact place of residence is to your petitioner unknown, Marion A. Woolf your petitioner, a daughter, wife of T. J. Woolf, who is of sound mind, is over 21 years of age and resides with her husband in Marengo Co. Ala, and Ella V. Bragg, a daughter, who is unmarried, who is of sound mind, is over 21 years of age and who resides in Marengo Co. Alabama.

Wherefore your petitioner prays, that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the husband and next of kin of said decedent, and that such other orders and proceedings and decrees be had and made in the premises as may be requisite

and proper to effect the due probate and re
cording of said will, according to last
M. A. Woolf
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the
21st day of Nov 1893. F. C. Sepins
Justice of the Peace M. C.

Will

State of Alabama } Whereas I Pernesia E. Bragg
Marengo County } being now in my proper
Mind & Senses, do make this my last Will and
Testament towit: I give and bequeath all my
property consisting of Land, Stock of all des
cription, Monies, Notes, Household and Kitchen
furniture & every other property of whatsoever
kind I may be possessed of to my daughter
M. A. Woolf, to be held and kept by her without
rendering any account of it to the Court, and without
having to go through with the formality of an administration
& without having to give a bond or security. But to
be held and kept together by her for the use of her
self and her sister Ella, until said Ella marries
or becomes of age, then the whole of the property
shall be divided equally between them. It is
further more provided, that in the event of the death
of Mrs M. A. Woolf before her sister Ella becomes
of age or marries in that event. I appoint Robt
L. Young her guardian. Given under my hand
and seal this the 22d day of June 1882.
P. E. Bragg.
Signed and witnessed at the request of Mrs Pernesia
E. Bragg and in the presence of each other the day
and year above named, Thomas J. Rogers. S. C. Porcellitz

Proof

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } Probate Court.
In the matter of the probate of the last will
and testament of P. E. Bragg, deceased.
Before me S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court personally
appeared in open Court S. C. Porcellitz, who having
been by me duly sworn and examined, depose and
say, that he and Thomas J. Rogers, are each subscrib
ing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to
him, and which purports to be the last will and tes
tament of Pernesia E. Bragg deceased, late an in
habitant of Marengo County Ala: that P. E. Bragg since
deceased, signed and executed said instrument on
the day the same bears date, and declared the same
to be her last will and testament, and that
affiant and Thomas J. Rogers respectively set
their signatures thereto on the day the same bears date as sub
scribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said testatrix
that said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing mem
ory: and in the opinion of deponent, fully capable of mak
ing her will at the time the same was made as aforesaid
that said testatrix was on the day of the date and making
said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.
S. C. Porcellitz
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th day of
December A. D. 1893. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate Marengo Co. Ala

Filing

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } I S. G. Woolf Judge of the Court
of Probate in and for said County and State, do hereby
certify that the within instrument of writing, has this
day in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof
been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last
will and testament of Pernesia E. Bragg deceased
and that said will together with said proof thereof
have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B.
pages 283. 4 & 5. Given under my hand and seal of office
this 11th day of December A. D. 1893.
S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of Rebecca L. Alexander.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County }

Petition

To Hon S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.
Your petitioner, W. C. McKnight, respectfully repre
sents unto your Honor, that the late Rebecca L. Alex
ander, who was an inhabitant of this County at the
time of her death, departed this life on the 21st day
of January 1894, leaving a last will and testament
duly signed and published by her, and attested by
T. S. McCorkle and T. F. Pegram, residents of Marengo
Co. Ala, in which will your petitioner is named as executor,
which said will is herewith produced to your
Honor and propounded for probate and record in
this Court. Your petitioner further states that said
Rebecca L. Alexander, left her surviving her as her
Next of Kin, the following named persons towit:
1. John D. Alexander, her husband, who is over 21
years of age, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo
County, Ala.
2. The Children of Millard Alexander, deceased
who was a son of said testatrix, towit: Rebecca
Thomas, and David, each of whom is under 21

years of age, of sound mind, and reside with their grandfather, Thos R. Eaton, in Marengo County Ala.

3. John Alexander, son of testatrix, who is over 21 years of age, of unsound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala.

4. The Children of Mary Gray McDonald deceased, who was a daughter of testatrix, towit: Clifton, and Tyson McDonald, each of whom is under 21 years of age, of sound mind, and resides with their father, James T. McDonald, in Marengo County, Ala.

5. J. M. Alexander, a son of testatrix, who is over 21 years of age of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala.

6. Allie McKnight, wife of W. C. McKnight, who is the daughter of testatrix, over 21 one years of age, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala.

7. J. F. Alexander, a son of testatrix, who is under 21 years of age, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala.

8. Roy Alexander, a son of testatrix, who is under 21 years of age, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala.

Wherefore your petitioner prays, that a day may be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof may be given as required by law, to the next of kin of said deceased; and that such other proceedings, or decrees 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me W. C. McKnight this the 2nd day of Feby 1894 S.G. Wood Judge of Probate

Will.

The State of Alabama } I Rebecca L. Alexander
Marengo County } who being of sound mind, and disposing age, do hereby make, utter and publish, this, my last will and Testament.

Clause 1st It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried, after my death, and that all my just and honest debts be paid.

Clause 2nd After the payment of all my just and honest debts, including my burial expenses, it is my will and desire that all my property be divided among my children, or the descendants of those that may be dead at the time of my death as is herein after set out.

Clause 3d I am now of the opinion that my husband J. D. Alexander, will devise his property to our children or grand-children in an unequal and disproportional manner; and I therefore wish to devise and bequeath my property, both real and personal, in such manner as to equalize as near as possible, the inequality of a discrimination in the part of my husband J. D. Alexander.

Clause 4th I therefore will, devise and bequeath my property to those of my children or the descendants of such children as have heretofore died, or may be dead at the time of my death; as may be totally left out of the will of my said husband; or if not left out, but left by him a disproportionate share of his estate, then to those who are so left out, or who receive a smaller portion than the others, in such proportion as to equalize as nearly as possible the discrepancy or discrimination that my said husband may make.

Clause 5th If my son Mack is left out entirely or partially so by my said husband in the disposition of his property, and thereby takes a part of my estate under this will, I devise and bequeath the same to him for and during his natural life, with remainder to such of his children as may be living at the time of his death.

Clause 6th If my sons Roy, John, and Jim are each partially or totally left out by my said husband in the disposition of his property and thereby acquire a share in my estate, it is my will and desire that they hold the same for and during their natural life, with the remainder to such children as they may have living at the time of their death. But if they or either of them die leaving no child or children, he or them surviving, then it is my desire that the remainder may go to such of my descendants as may be living at the death of my said sons Roy, Jim and John respectively. The said descendants to take per stirpes.

Clause 7th If my said husband makes an equal distribution of his property among his children, and grand-children, or dies without having made a valid will; then it is my desire that all my property be equally divided among all my children that may be living at the time of my death, and the descendants of such as are now, or may then be dead, the descendants of said deceased children to take the share to which their parent would be entitled if alive.

Clause 8th I hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law W. C. McKnight executor of this

my last will and testament, and as hereby request that he act as such without having to give bond.
Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of July 1893,
Rebecca L. Alexander
Attest 1. T. S. McCorkle. 2. T. F. Pegram

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } In the Matter of the Probate of the last will and Testament of Rebecca L. Alexander, deceased.
Before me S. G. Woolf, Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open Court, T. F. Pegram, who having been by me duly sworn and examined deposes and says 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 Rebecca L. Alexander, deceased, late an inhabitant of Marengo County, Alabama, that said Rebecca L. Alexander, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that affiant, and T. S. McCorkle, respectively set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testatrix; 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 made as afore said, that said testatrix was, on the day of the date and making of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards
Sworn to and subscribed before T. F. Pegram
me this the 14th day of May A. D. 1894
S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

Filing

The State of Alabama } I S. G. Woolf Judge of the
Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court and before me as the judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of Rebecca L. Alexander, deceased. And that said will together with the said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills pages 285, 6, 7 & 8. Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of May A. D 1894
S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of
Mollie W. Jones Decd.

Petition

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County }
To the Judge of Probate, Marengo County, Ala:
Your petitioner, W. F. Westbrook, respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late M. W. Jones, who was an inhabitant of this county at the time of her death, departed this life on the — day of — 1894, leaving a last will and testament duly signed and published by her, and attested by R. J. Harris and R. L. Simmons, residents of Jefferson, Marengo County, Ala, in which will your petitioner is named as executor, and which said will is produced herewith, to your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in this court.
Your petitioner further states that the said M. W. Jones left surviving her no husband or children, and that the names and residences of her brother and sister are as follows:
Your petitioner, W. F. Westbrook, who is a brother of decedent, and who is over the age of twenty one years, of sound mind, and resides, in Mobile County, Ala; Sina Evans, who is the wife of C. R. Evans, who is over the age of 21 years, of sound mind, and resides in Marengo County, Ala, with her husband, said Sina is a sister of decedent. Wherefore, your petitioner prays, that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the next of kin of said deceased; and that such other proceedings 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. W. F. Westbrook, By Anderson & Cunninghame, his Attys.

Will

State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Marengo Co. } that I, Mrs. Mollie W. Jones, of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life, do in this my last will and testament, bequeath to my sister, Sina Evans, and the children of my Brother, W. F. Westbrook, all my right title and interest in whatsoever property real and personal I may be in possession of at the time of my death or become heir to thereafter, provided they pay Mrs. M. V. McGowan, the sum of one hundred and forty two dollars and erect a simple monument over my beloved husband and myself. I hereby appoint my brother W. F. Westbrook my executor without security, to manage and divide said property as he thinks best. As witness my hand and seal this May 17th 1894.
Mollie W. Jones (Seal)
1. R. J. Harris, M. D. 2. R. L. Simmons.

(over)

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Mollie W. Jones, deceased.

Before me, C.K. Abrahams, Special Judge of said court, personally appeared in open court R. L. Simmons who having been by me sworn and examined, deposes and says, 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 Mollie W. Jones, deceased, late an inhabitant of Jefferson, Marengo County, Alabama; that Mollie W. Jones, since deceased, signed and executed said instrument on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that the affiant and R. J. Harris set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testatrix; that said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory; and, in the opinion of the deponent, fully capable of making her will at the time the same was made as aforesaid; that the said testatrix was on the day of the date and making of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1894. C.K. Abrahams, Sp'cl Judge of Probate, Marengo County. } R. L. Simmons

Certificate

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County }

I, C.K. Abrahams, Special Judge of the court of Probate in and for said county, do hereby certify, that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said court, and before me, as the Special Judge thereof, been duly proven to be the genuine last will and testament of Mollie W. Jones, deceased; and that said will together with the proof thereof, have been recorded in the Probate Office of Marengo County in Book of Wills, No. B/6 pages 289 and 290. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of November, 1894.

C.K. Abrahams
Sp'cl Probate Judge.

Will of E. W. H. Seeden.

State of Alabama } I E. W. H. Seeden, wife of W. M.
Marengo County } Selden, do make and declare this my last will and testament revoking all others.

Item 1. I humbly and trustingly Commit my spirit to God who gave it.

Item 2. I appoint my husband W. M. Seeden, and my daughters Bessie C. Peacock, M. Bland Seeden, and Laura C. Bethea to be executor and executrix of this my will and direct that they shall be required to give bond or security.

Item 3. I give to my daughters M. Bland Seeden & Willie L. Seeden and my son Joseph L. Seeden my present home and Contents and surroundings lots, yard, garden and orchard. Also one hundred acres of land west of the home and south of the Southern Railway Railroad. it shall also be a home for my husband W. M. Seeden, so long as he remains unmarried, and also a home for my daughters Bessie C. Peacock and Laura C. Bethea should they ever be unfortunate and need a home. Should my daughter Bland Seeden Many her portion of the homestead shall go to my daughter Willie L. Seeden and my son Joseph L. Seeden. Should my daughter Bland Seeden, after marriage be unfortunate and need a home she too can return to the homestead for a home.

Item 4 Of the proceeds, income and profits of my said property I direct that my husband W. M. Seeden and daughters M. Bland and Willie L. Seeden and my son Joseph L. Seeden have a just support suitable to their condition in life, in which they have heretofore moved, and I direct that my daughter Willie L. Seeden & my son Joseph L. Seeden shall have a liberal and through education from said proceeds of my estate.

Item 5. I direct that after the debts of my estate are paid and if there are any funds from proceeds more than enough to support and educate my daughter Willie L. Seeden & son Joseph L. Seeden as aforesaid in a liberal and through manner & and support them & my said husband W. M. Seeden and daughter M. Bland Seeden as aforesaid I direct those funds to be equally divided between my said husband and five Children to invest as each may desire, and as those of age shall think best for the portion that shall go to the two Children who are not of age.

Item 6. When my youngest daughter Willie L. Seeden is of age, I direct that my property shall be divided but if my husband W. M. Seeden is living one fifth shall be removed from division, the proceeds of which is to be applied to his support and maintenance during his natural life, the remaining portion to be equally

divided between my five said Children. The homestead and surrounding and one hundred acres is not to be included in the division at all - as that is a separate and distinct gift - and never to be sold except by consent of all my Children

Item 7 After the death of my said husband the remaining fifth in which he has a life interest, shall be equally divided between my five Children, unless any of them should be in adversity & need his portion, then it shall go to those in adversity - The issue of any one of my dead Children taking the share that Child would if living.

Item 8. Should my married Children die without heirs the half of their portion of my estate shall return to my living Children or their heirs -

Item 9 - I direct that my said husband's portion of my estate shall in no way be responsible for or taken from him for any debt of his made before my death or any judgment that may be held against him

Item 10 I direct that if any member of my family try to break this my will they shall be disinherited and lose their portion of my estate.

E. W. H. Selden -

Signed, Sealed, Published & declared as my last will on this the 19th day of April 1895. in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who signed the same at my request in my presence and in the presence of each other -

Witnesses E. W. H. Selden

Daisy R. Smathers. M. E. Rice -

Filed for record and recorded this 16th day of December 1895 -

S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Mary M. Poellnitz

I Mary M Poellnitz of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, do hereby make ordain, publish and declare this as my last will and testament -

I give and bequeath all of my estate real and personal to my husband B. B. Poellnitz in trust to use and manage the same for my children until it is free from liens and debts against it when I die. And that he may carry out this purpose, I give to him the power to sell any portion of said estate, applying the proceeds to such debts also to renew any mortgage now on the same or to give new mortgages at his discretion for the removal of existing mortgages or for the loan of money to be applied to the payment of said debts or any of them - After the discharge of said debts, I give to the said B. B. Poellnitz in trust to manage rent out and control during his life the following lands to wit: - S E 1/4 of Section One and E 1/2 of N E 1/4 of Section 2 and Sixteen acres off of the North end of E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 2 all of T 14 R 2 E in said County and State. The rents and income from these lands, the said B. B. Poellnitz shall use at his discretion for the support and maintenance of such of my Children as may stand most in need of the same, and at his death the said lands shall be equally divided between my children - And I give to Lizzie R. Thomas, my daughter, the W 1/2 of the S E 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the N E 1/4 of Sec 12 of same township and range - And to my son Charles E. Poellnitz I give the S W 1/4 of Sec 12 of same township and range. And to my son Robert the E 1/2 of the N W 1/4 of Sec 12 of same township and range - And to my son Bruno the W 1/2 of the N W 1/4 of Section 12 of same township and range. And to my son Walter D. Poellnitz, the E 1/2 of the N E 1/4 of Section of same township and range, and the W 1/2 of S W 1/4 of Section 6 of T 14 R 3 East And to my Daughter, Neta D. Poellnitz the S E 1/4 of Sec 1 T 4 range 2 East - And to my daughter Hennie M. Poellnitz all of the N W 1/4 and N E 1/4 of Sec 1 T 14 R 2 East (comprising altogether about One hundred and Seventy acres lying below the line of what is known as Irby's land) all in Marengo County in said State - Should any of said lands be sold voluntarily or involuntarily for the purpose of paying debts against my estate, I will that my executor the said B. B. Poellnitz shall fix a just value upon the same and that the other lands be charged as with a debt, each parcel for its prorata, also to be fixed by said Executor - to make up the loss to the divisee of the last portion - In testimony of my confidence in the management of my beloved husband B. B. Poellnitz I nominate him as Executor of this my will, and desire that no bond be required of him as such Executor for the discharge of his duties - In testimony whereof I the

the said Mary M. Poellnitz have hereto set my hand and seal this day of May 12. 1891. Mary M. Poellnitz
Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by Mary M Poellnitz as and for her last Will and testament, the day and year aforesaid in our presence, who at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed as witnesses this - day of May A.D 1891. Chas. A. Poellnitz - L. F. Hatt -
Filed for record Jany 3d 1896. S. G. Woolf. Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of R. W. Price. Dec'd

The State of Alabama }
Marengo County } In the probate Court.

Petition

To the Honorable S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court.

Your petitioner, Pattie J. Price of Marengo County State of Alabama, respectfully represent unto your Honor that the late Robert W. Price, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 20th day of March 1896, leaving a last Will and Testament, duly signed and published by him and Attested by Ed Strudwick and H. C. Lockhart residents of Dayton, Marengo County, Ala, in which will your petitioner is named as Executrix, and devisee, and which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for Probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of the said Robert W. Price and that she resides at Dayton Marengo Co. Ala: and that the said Robert W. Price died leaving him surviving, as his heirs at law and next of Kin. Your petitioner, his widow, and five Children, as follows: Robert W. Price, age 17 years; Alice Romina Price age 14 years, Marshal Gowan Price, age 11 years Mary Lily Price, age 9 years, and Jerome Price age 21 months, all of whom are of sound mind and reside with petitioner, who is their Mother, at Dayton Alabama; Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due and legal notice thereof as required by law be given to the rest of Kin of said deceased, that guardian ad litem be appointed for said Minors and that such other orders decrees and proceedings 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. Pattie J. Price
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of March 1896. M. L. McArkle J. P.
Filed March 26th 1896. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

Will

State of Alabama } Know all men by these
Marengo County } presents that I, Robert W. Price of the County of Marengo, State of Alabama, being in feeble health, but of sound mind and disposing Memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament First. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon after my decease as may be practicable and [illegible]

Second. I give, bequeathe, and devise unto my beloved wife, Pattie J. Price, all of my Estate and property real and personal, of which I may die seized and possessed, or of which I may be entitled, at law or in equity, at the time of my decease:- To have and to hold to her the said her heirs and assigns forever.

Third. It is my will and desire that my said wife shall at her discretion, as each of our Children attain Majority or Marry, give and bestow to each Child such property and portion of my Estate hereinbefore bequeathed and devised, to her, my said wife, as in her judgment she may deem just and proper.

Fourth. It is my will and desire that in case my said wife shall marry again, she shall, by proper Conveyance, grant and Convey to such of our Children as may be then living, upon equal terms All of the Estate and property hereinbefore bequeathed and devised to her, except so much of the same to be retained by her, as will give to her an equal share in said property with each of our said Children.

Fifth. Having full Confidence in the integrity and Capacity of my said wife Pattie J. Price to Manage and Control my estate, and being more than satisfied of her affection for our Children, and believing that she is the best and most proper guardian of the interest of our Children, I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife, the said Pattie J. Price to be the executrix of this, my last Will and Testament advising her to Consult at all times with my good friend and her brother, John F. Watkins, as to the Management of her property: And it is my will and direction that, under no Circumstances, shall my said wife be required to give any bond for the performance of her duties in execution of this will.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March 1896.

R. W. Price. (Ed)

Signed, sealed, and published in the presence of us who, at his request and in the presence of each other and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Ed. Strudwick

W. C. Lockhart.

Proof

The State of Alabama } In the Matter of the probate
County of Marengo } of the last Will and Testament of Robert W. Price, deceased.

Before me S. G. Wo of, Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open Court Ed. Strudwick

and W. C. Lockhart, who having been by me respectively sworn and examined deposes and say, that each of them is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and Testament of Robert W. Price, deceased, late an inhabitant of Dayton Marengo County, State of Alabama; that said Robert W. Price, 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 respectively set their signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same in the presence of said testator; 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 made as aforesaid; that said testator was, on the day of the date and making of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of May 1896.

Ed Strudwick

S. G. Wo of

W. C. Lockhart

Filing

Judge of Probate Marengo County, Ala.

The State of Alabama } I. S. G. Wo of Judge of the
Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County, in said State, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me, as the judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony, to be the last will and testament of Robert W. Price, deceased and that said will together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B. pages 295 et seq. Given under my hand and seal of Office this 18th day of May A. D. 1896.

S. G. Wo of

Judge of Probate.

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Will

Leonora Smith

The State of Alabama } In the name of God, Amen!
Marengo County } I, Leonora Smith, widow of Joseph Smith deed, of the city of Demopolis, said County, do hereby make this my last will and testament. First- I direct that my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named as soon after my death as [illegible] cut- Second- I give to my [illegible] so long as he shall live [illegible] the West half of Lots No 7 [illegible] also Lots No 767 and 768 [illegible] property to use the same as [illegible] Third- I said above described [illegible] personal, after the death of [illegible] Smith I give to Anna Smith [illegible] now about thirteen years old, a [illegible] my great grand Daughter by [illegible] daughter Anna about eighteen [illegible] wife of said Josephine Pendy [illegible] living after the death of me the [illegible] Smith, Anna Smith and [illegible] all of said property, both real and [illegible] Josephine Middleton- Fifth- [illegible] B. Jones and Harrison Smith [illegible] in this will without bond if they [illegible] whereof being of sound [illegible] set my hand and seal this [illegible]

Leonora Smith

7-11-67 Signed and published as her last [illegible] the said Leonora Smith in our [illegible] and in the presence of each other [illegible] our names as witnesses on the [illegible]

J. Spencer Williams - 2 [illegible]

Will

J. J. Lee

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State of Alabama } I, John J. Lee of the County of Marengo, and
Marengo County } State of Alabama being of sound and disposing mind, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament-

First:- I do hereby constitute and appoint George W. Harris and Elizabeth Jane Lee (my wife) sole Executors of this my last will and testament, without requiring any bond for the performance of their duties as such Executors.

Second:- To my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee I give devise and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of whatsoever kind and description and wheresoever situated to her sole use and benefit for and during her natural life-

Third:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee that Jennie Harris (nee Tucker) a niece of my said wife, shall have the homestead where I now reside, containing One Hundred and Sixty acres of land and described as follows, to-wit:- The South half of the Southwest quarter and the West half of the South east quarter of Section Eighteen Township Fourteen and Range Five East, all in Marengo County Ala- together with one half of all my household and Kitchen furniture in possession of me and wife at her death- said division to be by lot (as to household and Kitchen furniture) after having the same valued by disinterested parties, also to have the mare Maud L to her sole and separate use forever-

Fourth:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee that my niece Mary Lee shall have Eighty Acres of land lying in the Northeast quarter of Section (19) nineteen Township Fourteen and Range Five East in Marengo County Ala and the mare named Alice to her sole and separate use forever together with one third of one half of all household & Kitchen furniture (to be by lot as in case of Jennie Harris part-

Fifth:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee, my brother in law Thomas A. Tucker shall have Three Hundred and twenty acres of land described as follows, to-wit:- The South half of Section Two (2) All in Township Fourteen and Range Five East in Marengo County, Ala. to the use of him and his heirs and assigns forever-

Sixth:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee my nieces, Susie Pruit and Georgia Moyton (nieces of my wife) do receive each one third of one half of household and kitchen furniture equally with niece Mary Lee to be divided as before described by lot-

Seventh:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee, my nephew, Robert H Lee receive Five Dollars in Cash and note of Samuel W Lee to D R Burgess & Co, Mobile Ala for $200.00 dated Jany 18th 1875 and paid by me to said Burgess & Co and still due and unpaid to me, this same I do give and bequeath

Cancelled for value as to $1.00 by heirs to Estate
J. J. Lee 2/1879 J. J. Lee

to him R. W. Lee (my nephew) & his heirs.

Eighth:- It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and effects - whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and kind soever and not hereinbefore disposed of shall be divided equally between my wife's neice Jennie Harris (nee Tucker) and my lawful heirs (except R. W. Lee & his heirs) for their own separate uses forever.

Ninth:- Notwithstanding the bequest which my neice Mary Lee is to have at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee it is my will and desire that my said neice Mary Lee shall receive an equal share with Jennie Harris (nee Tucker) and my lawful heirs of the remainder of my estate not hereinbefore disposed of.

Tenth:- And it is my will that my wife Elizabeth Jane Lee shall and may sell any personal property, except such as is herein before disposed of for her own use and benefit whenever she deems it advisable and necessary, and as she thinks proper so to do.

In witness whereof I the said John J. Lee have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8" September A.D. 1896.

Jno. J. Lee (seal)

Signed, Sealed and declared by the said John J. Lee as his last will and testament in our presence, who at his request have signed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of each other. Henry Slade. A. P. & Ex off J. P.

J. A. Nettles

Filed for record Sept 14. 1896. S. G. Woolf. Judge of Probate

Will

E A Taylor

The State of Alabama

Marengo County } I Edward A Taylor of said County and State do make this my last will and testament. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as early as practicable. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Mary Sophia Taylor, for and during natural life all of my estate real and personal after the payment of my debts, to be managed and controlled by her at her discretion, for the support of herself without being liable to account to any person or to any court for her management thereof and with power to sell any portion of my estate real or personal and to buy other property according to her judgment; and at her death One half of my estate to be equally divided between her brothers Lewis Temple Eppes, Burton R. Eppes and John H. Eppes and the other half of my estate to be divided equally between my nephews James Taylor Jones, Richard Augustus Jones, Richard Jones and James W. Taylor. I do hereby appoint my wife Mary S. Taylor, Executrix, exempt her from giving bond as such and do release and exempt her from making any returns annual or otherwise of any appraisement or inventory or any

settlement whatever of my said estate with any person or court. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25" day of June 1890. E. A. Taylor (LS)

Witness E. A. Mason - R. M. Compton

The State of Alabama } I. A. G. Sharpe a Notary Public in and for Marengo County, said County & State hereby certify that E. A. Mason, a subscribing witness to the foregoing and within conveyance or written instrument, who is known to me, appeared before me, this day and being sworn, stated that E. A. Taylor the grantor in the conveyance, voluntarily executed the same in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, on the day the same bears date, that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor and of the other subscribing witness and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence. Given under my hand this the 29" day of April A.D. 1896.

A. G. Sharpe Notary Public

Filed for record Oct 14. 1896. S. G. Woolf. Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of L. Newhouse.

Petition

L Newhouse

In Probate Court. The State of Alabama Marengo County. To the Hon S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court.

Your petitioner Sophie Newhouse: respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Leonard Newhouse: who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death: departed this life in the 15th day of August 1896: leaving a last will and Testament: duly signed and published by him and attested by Ernest I. Weil and Chas. H. Christock residents of New York City, County and State of New York, in which will your petitioner is named as Executrix: which said will is herewith produced to your Honor: and propounded for probate and record in this Court.

Your petitioner further states, that the following is my name and address: and the following are the names, age, sex and residence of next of Kin. Sophie Newhouse, Demopolis Marengo County Alabama: Gilbert G. Newhouse, nineteen years old, male, Demopolis Marengo County Alabama: Julia A. Newhouse, Seventeen years old, female. Demopolis Marengo County Alabama: Florence Newhouse, Fifteen years old, female. Demopolis Marengo County Alabama: Miriam Newhouse, Seven years old, female. Demopolis Marengo County Alabama. Wherefore your petitioner prays, that a day be set for hearing this petition, that due notice thereof

as required by law, be given to me the widow of the late Leonard Newhouse, and the next of kin of said deceased; and that such other proceeding 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.
Sworn to and subscribed before Sophie Newhouse
me, this the 18th day of Aug 1896
J. B. Merriwether, Notary Public Marengo County.

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In Matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse, deceased.
Before Me Samuel G. Wolf Judge of Probate, personally appeared Julius L. Marx and J. T. Collins Jr, who having been by me first respectively and duly sworn doth depose and say as follows, under oath, that they were acquainted with Leonard Newhouse dec^d whose last will and testament is now pending for probate in said Court, and that he, the said Newhouse, at the time of his death was an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis Marengo County Alabama; they further depose and say that the subscribing witnesses to the document which purports to be the last will and testament of said Newhouse and which is now shown them, are non residents of the State of Alabama, and that the said Newhouse at the time of making his said will & prior thereto was of sound mind and disposing memory, and, in the opinion of deponents, fully capable of making his last will and testament, and at the time the same was made, the testator was on the day of the date thereof of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards
Subscribed & sworn to before Julius L. Marx
me this 21st day of September J. T. Collins Jr
1896. S. G. Wolf Judge of Probate Marengo County Ala.

State of Alabama } Before me J. B. Merriwether, a Notary
Marengo County } Public in and for said State & County personally appeared J. L. Marx and Jake Marx, residents of Demopolis, Ala. who on being shown the document which purports to be the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse dec^d the probate of which is now pending in the probate Court of said County, doth depose under oath, after having been duly sworn by me to tell the truth, as follows: That Ernst L. Weil and Chas H. Comstock whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said will are non residents of the State of Alabama and that they are unobtainable as

witnesses to the effect the Probate thereof.
Sworn and subscribed to before me J. L. Marx
this 27th day of August 1896 Jake Marx
J. B. Merriwether, Notary Public.

State of Alabama } Before me J. B. Merriwether, a Notary
Marengo County } Public in and for said State and County personally appeared Jake Marx and E. W. Weiss, residents of Demopolis, Ala, who being first duly sworn to speak the truth on being shown the document which purports to be the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse, dec^d which said will is now pending for probate in the probate Court of said County, doth depose and say as follows: That they are familiar with and know the signature of Leonard Newhouse dec^d and that the signature which appears to the document now shown them and which purports to be the last will and testament of the said Leonard Newhouse, dec^d is the real and genuine signature. They further depose and say that they are familiar with and now the signature of Ernst L. Weil and that the signature which appears as his to said will is his real and genuine signature. Jake Marx - E. W. Weiss
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of August 1896. J. B. Merriwether - Notary Public -

State of Alabama } Before me J. B. Merriwether, a Notary Public
Marengo County } in and for said State and County, personally appeared Julius Marx a resident of Demopolis Ala. who being first duly sworn to speak the truth, on being shown the document which purports to be the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse dec^d which said will is now pending for probate in the probate Court of said County doth depose and say as follows - That he is familiar with and knows the signature of Chas. H. Comstock and that the signature which appears signed in the capacity of a witness to the document now shown him and which purports to be the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse, dec^d is the real and genuine signature of the said Chas. H. Comstock - Julius L. Marx
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August 1896. J. B. Merriwether - Notary Public -

Will

Know all men by these presents that, I Leonard Newhouse, of Demopolis, Marengo Co. Alabama, being in full possession of my faculties, do hereby make this my last will and testament. I bequeathe to my beloved wife Sophie Newhouse, my entire estate, consist of wares, merchandise, monies, accounts, notes, mortgages, stocks, bonds, property, both real and personal, also my life insurance policies, of which I may be possessed, at the time of my death and I further direct that my beloved wife Sophie Newhouse, be made sole executrix

My Estate without bond. Given under my hand and seal in the City of New York this 8th day of August 1893.

Leonard Newhouse [L.S.]

Witness Ernest I Weil, Chas. H. Comstock.

The State of Alabama } I S.G. Woolf Judge of the Court of
Marengo County } Probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven, by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of Leonard Newhouse deceased, and that said will, together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B page 301 Et seq. Given under my hand and seal of Office this 21st day of September A.D. 1896

S.G. Woolf
Judge of Probate

M.P. Longacre

Petition

Last Will and Testament of Milton P. Longacre
The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } To the Honorable S.G. Woolf Judge of said Court: Your petitioner Carrie S. Longacre respectfully represent unto your Honor, that the late Milton P. Longacre who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death departed this life on the 18th day of May 1894 leaving a last Will and Testament, duly signed & published by him, and attested by J. A. Hall, Geo. A. Knox and Gesner Williams residents of Demopolis said County in which your petitioner is named as Executrix, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor & propounded for probate & record in this Court.

Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of said testator and that she resides in the City of Fort Wayne Indiana and that under the terms of said will she is Exempted from giving bond and taking out letters testamentary thereon; that the Next of Kin are towit: R. Leon Longacre aged five years: Hazel J. Longacre aged nine years; Daniel S. Longacre aged Eleven years: Milton G. Longacre aged thirteen years and Bertha L. Longacre aged Nineteen years. All of whom are the Children of said testator and who reside in the City of Fort Wayne Indiana, with your petitioner, that said Bertha L. is a half sister to the other Children by a former wife deceased of said testator. Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition that due notice thereof as required by law be given to the widow and next of Kin of said deceased and that such other proceedings orders & decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be requisite & proper to effect the due probate and record of said will according to law.

Carrie S. Longacre
by Clark & Williams
Attys for Petitioner

Proof

The State of Alabama, Marengo County, Regular Term of Probate Court, Second Monday in July, 9th day, 1894.
In the Matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Milton P. Longacre deceased.

Before me S.G. Woolf Judge of said Court, personally appeared in open court Gesner Williams, who having been by me duly sworn, on his oath says and deposes, that the within named Testator towit: Milton P. Longacre at the time of executing the foregoing will and Testament was of full age to devise real Estate and personal and mixed property and of sound mind memory and understanding and not under coercion or restraint that said will was duly executed by said Testator and by him declared to be his last will and Testament in his presence, and that he saw the said Testator affix his signature to his said last will and Testament, and that he signed the said will as said witness thereto at the request of the said Testator in his presence, and in the presence of J. A. Hall and Geo. A. Knox, the other subscribing witnesses and that they each signed their names as such subscribing witnesses in the presence of said Testator and in the presence of affiant and in the presence of each other; that the said Testator and said subscribing witnesses to said last will and Testament signed the same as aforesaid on the day the same bears date and that at the time of the date as aforesaid said Testator was a resident of said County, of the full age of twenty one years and upward.

Sworn to and subscribed before Gesner Williams
me as witness my hand and seal of said Court this 9th day of July 1894. S.G. Woolf Judge of Probate M.C.

Will

I Milton P. Longacre, a resident Citizen of the City of Demopolis State of Alabama: do make this my last will and Testament as follows.

First. I give and bequeath to each of my Children. Milton G. David S. Hazel J. and R. Leon Longacre the sum of One hundred and dollars each per year from the time of my death until each of my said Children attains the age of Eighteen years, to be applied by my Executrix, hereinafter named to the education and support of my said sons, and my said daughters Hazel J. respectively, till each arrives at the age of Eighteen years.

Second. To my beloved wife Carrie S. Longacre I give all of my household goods, including house hold and kitchen furniture.

Third. All of my other property real personal and mixed of which I shall be seized and possessed I devise and bequeath as follows namely:- One third thereof

to my said beloved wife, and one fifth of the remainder thereof to each of my beloved Children namely, Bertha L. Milton P. David S. Hogue Jr and R. Lon Pryor, providing that the share of My said daughter Bertha L. of My property as aforesaid, shall be paid to her in Cash as soon as possible after My Executrix herein after named, shall qualify as My Executrix.

Fourth- I wish the share bequeathed to My said daughter Bertha L. herein, to be invested by My brother M. Harmon T. Pryor for her in such Manner as he may deem most Advantageous to her interest, keeping in Mind, that the safety of such investment shall be of paramount consideration.

Fifth - I hereby appoint My beloved wife Carrie S. Pryor, Guardian of each of My said Children Milton P. David S. Hogue Jr and R. Lon Pryor until each of them arrive at lawful age - and hereby relieve her from giving bond and surety and taking out letters of guardianship of each of them and their said property and I hereby empower My said wife, as such Guardian, to keep the property of My said four Children including the amount of One hundred dollars for each per year, as set forth in the first paragraph of this My will, and the property which I have hereby devised and bequeathed to her in the third paragraph of this My will together, and to manage the same in such manner as she may deem best to the interest of My said Children and her-self, as each of said interest may appear to her, until My said Children arrive at lawful age Willing her such Authority, however to give to each of said Children his or her share of said property at such time as in her discretion, she may deem advisable, to the interest of such Child-

Sixth - I hereby appoint My beloved wife Carrie S. Pryor Executrix of this My last will and Testament, and exempt her from giving bond and taking out letters Testamentary herein - In testimony whereof I hereto set My hand at My domicile, the town City of Demopolis in the presence of the witnesses herein below set forth on this the second day of May 1894

M. P. Pryor

We hereby at the request of the testator Milton P. Pryor, sign our names as subscribing witnesses to his foregoing last will and testament which he signed in our presence on the day and year thereon mentioned towit: the second day of May 1894 Witness our hands this the 2nd day of May 1894

J. A. Hale

Chas A Mayer Homer Wellman

The State of Alabama } I S. H. Hoe Judge of the Court of Probate
Marengo County } in and for said County and State do hereby Certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court, and before me, as the Judge thereof, been duly proved by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of Milton P. Pryor deceased and that said will together with said proof thereof has been recorded in My office in Book of Wills B page 304 Et Seq. Given under My hand and seal of Office this 27th day July 1894.

S. H. Hoe Judge of Probate

PROOF

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of R. M. Compton deceased - Before me Saunne G. Hoe Judge of the said Court personally appeared W. P. Compton and W. G. Allen who being by me first respectively duly sworn and examined did and do depose and say, on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last will and Testament of R. M. Compton, deceased, late an inhabitant of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama; that said R. M. Compton, since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be his last will & testament on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and that affiants at their requests attests on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other, at the request of said testator; that said testator was of sound mind and disposing Memory and in the

opinion of deponents fully capable of making his last will and testament at the time the same was signed so made and executed as aforesaid. Affiants further state that said testator was in the day of the date of said will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

W. F. Compton

Sworn to & subscribed before me W. G. Allen

this 9th day of Decr 1895. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Will

R. M. Compton

The State of Alabama } I Robert Milwood Compton
Marengo County } of said County and State do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament.

Item first - It is my will and desire that all of my just debts be paid as early as practicable.

Item second - I do hereby give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Lucy G. Compton, for and during her natural life all my Estate real and personal after the payment of my debts to be managed and contracted by her at her discretion for the support of herself and my Children, without being liable to account to any person or any Court for her management thereof, and with power to sell any portion of my estate real or personal, and to buy other property according to her payment, and after death my said Estate to be equally divided between my Children.

Item third - I do hereby appoint my wife Lucy G. Compton Executrix of this my last will and testament Exempt her from giving bond as such and do release and exempt her from making any returns annual or otherwise or any appraisement or inventory or any sentiment whatever of my said Estate with any person or Court.

Item Fourth - Should I receive or hear any property hereafter it is to be used and disposed of as the other - Int witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of December 1894

R. M. Compton (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in presence of

W. G. Allen W. F. Compton -

The State of Alabama } I S. G. Woolf Judge of the Court
Marengo County } of Probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of R. M. Compton deceased. and said will together with the said proof thereof have been duly recorded in my office in book of wills B page 307 & seq.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of December A. D. 1895.

S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament of Sallie J. Simmons.

S. J. Simmons

Petition

State of Ala } In Probate Court
Marengo County } To Hon S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court

Your petitioner Sallie R. Cherry, respectfully represents unto your Honor, that the late Sallie J. Simmons, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death departed this life in the day of June 1896 leaving a last will and testament, duly signed and published by her, and attested by S. A. Cherry and Fred Dixon the former a resident of Corona Ala. but who is residing temporarily at Demopolis, and the latter a resident of Demopolis Ala, in which will your petitioner is a legatee and devisee, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states, that the statutory next of Kin as required to be herein stated are as follows: L. Lavender Simmons age 54 residence Demopolis Ala husband of Sallie J. Simmons.

Sallie R. Cherry age 23 female resides at Corona Ala and is the wife of S. A. Cherry. Both of the above parties being of sound minds. Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition, that an Notice thereof as required by law be given 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 recording of said will according to law

Sallie R. Cherry.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of July 1896

T. F. Howze J. P.

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of said County
Marengo County } August 10th 1896.

In the Matter of the probate of the last will & testament of Sallie J. Simmons deceased. Before me S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court personally appeared S. A. Cherry and Fred Dixon who having been by me first respectively duly sworn and examined, and and do a loose and say, on oath, that they are each subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last will and testament of Sallie J. Simmons deceased. late an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama, that said Sallie J. Simmons

since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be her last will and testament on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her 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 testatrix and in the presence of each other, at the request of said testatrix; that said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of deponents fully capable of making her last will and testament at the time the same was made. Affiants further state 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 S. A. Cherry - Fred Dixon -
Subscribed before me this 10th day of August A. D. 1896. F. G. Woolf - Judge of Probate -

Will

State of Ala } July 17th 1894 -
Marengo Co. } Know all men by these presents that I
Demopolis City } Sallie J. Simmons of the aforesaid State County and City do make this my this my last will and testament. For the love & affection and for other valuable considerations I give and bequeath to my daughter Sallie R. Cherry all of my earthly effects of every nature what soever. My city property which consist of two lots & one half numbered respectively half of lot 650 lots 651 652 with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. all of my real Estate situated in Marengo Co. a part of which is in dispute in the Courts of said County should I become by consent of these Courts in possession of these lands they also must be the property of my daughter Sallie R. Cherry. also all of my household & kitchen furniture. I own 57½ acres of land known as a part of the Killingsworth plantation Deeded me by my uncle Joseph Killingsworth which my daughter Sallie R. Cherry can deliver this land or the value of it to her sister Lee Ann Sanders If Lee A. Sanders is put in possession of this land & dies Childless then this land reverts to her sister Sallie R. Cherry who shall own & manage all of said property as she may deem best. I my husband Lewis Lavender Simmons survives me. it is my expressed wish that my daughter Sallie R. Cherry shall provide for her father so long as he shall remain unmarried. My daughter S. R. Cherry shall not give any bond for the performance of any duty herein required & she shall have entire control of said property. This is not to go into effect until after my death.

I reserve the entire right to hold manage & make such disposition of said property as I shall see fit during my natural life, after which event I will commend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from which it sprung I hereunto affix my hand & seal
Attest Sallie J. Simmons (Seal)
Witness S. A. Cherry - Fred Dixon -
The State of Alabama } I F. G. Woolf Judge of the Court
Marengo County } of probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of S. J. Simmons deceased, and said will together with the said proof thereof have been duly recorded in my office in Book of Wills B page 309. Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th August A. D 1895. F. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.

C. F. Compton

The last Will and Testament of C. F. Compton -
The State of Alabama } Probate Court -
Marengo County } December 12th 1896.
To the Hon F. G. Woolf Judge of the Court of probate of said County

Pettition

The petition of Susan Compton respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late Charles F Compton, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death, departed this life on the 3rd Day of December 1896 at his home at Putnam in said County of Marengo and State of Alabama, leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by him, and attested by E. D. Little and R. C. Gillespie who reside in this County, in which your petitioner as she verily believes is named as Executrix thereof. which said will is herewith produced to your Honor for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that she is the widow of said decedent and that she resides in this County, and that the next of kin of said decedent are his Children and grand Children. Charles I Compton. a son who is over twenty one years of age and resides at Putnam in said State and County; and the following Children of the said Charles I Compton towit: Pernecia Compton who is over 14 years of age and resides with her father Charles I Compton. James F. Compton who is under fourteen years of age and resides with his father Charles I Compton. and Willie A. Compton who is under fourteen years of age and resides with his father Chas. I Compton. 2nd The Children of Pernecia C. White deceased, a daughter of Testator towit: Pearl Singleton the wife of Alex Singleton and resides in Marengo County

Annie White who is over 14 years and under 21 years of age and resides with his father W. H. White in said County. Alma White who is over 14 and under 21 years of age, Jean White who is 14 years of age and Bain White who is under fourteen years of age. All of said Minors reside with their said father W. H. White.

3. Elizabeth P. Clarke, wife of J. L. Clarke a daughter of decedent. And the following Children of the said Elizabeth Towit: Daisy. Charlie. Grover. Maggie Rebie. Hoffer and an unnamed infant. all under the age of twenty one years and reside at Putnam in said County with their father J. L. Clarke and their Mother his wife.

4th Maggie White deceased, who was the wife of W. H. White and who was a daughter of Testator and who died prior to his death. left her surviving the following Children Towit: Rosa. Annie and Esther White. all under twenty one years of age and reside with their father W. H. White at Putnam in said County.

5th Albert N. Compton. deceased, who was a son of decedent who died just prior to C. D. Compton was married and left no Children

6th J. Earl Compton. a son of decedent, who is over twenty one years of age and resides at Putnam in said County. In Consideration of all of which. your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing the matter of this petition, that Subpoenas may issue to bring in said Orbs arbing witnesses to testify in such opposition day, that due notice of this application may be given to said widow and next of Kin of said deceased And that such proceedings may be had in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the Probate and record of said will according to law, and as in duty bound &c

Susan Compton-

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 12th day of December 1896.

S. H. Wood Judge of Probate

Proofs

The State of Alabama } Probate Court. Dec 28th 1896
Marengo County } In the matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament of Charles D. Compton Dec'd Before Me S. H. Wood Judge of said Court personally appeared in open Court E. D. Klett and R. L. Gillespie who having been by me respectively sworn and Examined Deposes and say, that each of them is a Subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to them and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Charles D. Compton deceased late an inhabitant of Putnam Marengo County Alabama: that said Charles D. Compton. was of sound disposing mind & memory & executed said instrument on the day

the same bears date, and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that affiants respectively at their Signatures thereto, on the day the same bears date as aforesaid, witnessed the same in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and in the opinion of affiants fully Capable of making his Will at the time the same was made as aforesaid: that said Testator was on the day of the date of the making of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

E. D. Klett - R. L. Gillespie

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 28th day of December 1896.

S. H. Wood, Judge of Probate.

Will

Will of Charles D. Compton-

The State of Alabama } I Charles D. Compton of said State
Marengo County } and County, being of sound mind and disposing Memory, do make and declare and publish this instrument to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows Towit:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susan Compton during her natural life, all of my property of which I shall be in possession at my death, both real and personal, Except the plantation known as Dews creek bluff plantation lying in the above named State and County which I have devised and bequeathed by deed of even date to my lawful bodily heirs in the year A.D. 1878. Provided always. That so long as she remains a widow. but if she should marry then this instrument to be null and void and of no effect, and at the death of my beloved wife Susan Compton to be disposed of in manner and form as follows Towit:

Item 2nd I devise and bequeath equally during my lawful bodily heirs all of My Estate both real and personal of which my beloved wife Susan Compton shall be in possession at her death ---

Item 3. I give and bequeath unto the lawful bodily heirs of My beloved daughter Princess E. White one equal share of My property both real and personal -

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto the lawful bodily heirs of My beloved son Charles D. Compton one equal share of My property real and personal -

Provided always that none of the property named in item 4th Can be sold by the said Charles D. Compton in any way whatever, for the payment of any of his debts or any Judgments that may exist against him or that has been against him But for the sole use of his bodily heirs.

Provided further that I devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Charles D. Compton all the lands lying in Section three (3) of Township Seven (7) and the

South of the Hoboken Road and west of Landrum Branch.

5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth V. Clarke and her bodily heirs an equal share of my property both real and personal.

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Maggie L. White and her bodily heirs an equal share of my property both real and personal.

Item 7th - I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Albert W. Compton an equal share of all of my property both real and personal -

Item 8th - I give and bequeath unto my beloved son J. Earl Compton an equal share of my property both real and personal -

Item 9th - All of which bequests shall be paid or delivered to the respective devisees hereinbefore named; by my Executor hereinafter named after all of my just debts and burial expenses shall have been fully paid by my Executrix

Item 10th - I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Susan Compton my Executrix of this my last will and testament and exempt her from giving or being required by any Court to give any bond or security as such Executrix -

As witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of January 1886

C. F. Compton - (Seal)

In presence of - witnesses - E. D. Little - R. C. Gillespie

The State of Alabama } I S. G. Woods Judge of the Court
Marengo County } of probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court, and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last will and testament of Charles F. Compton deceased. And said will together with the said proof thereof have been duly recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 311 Et Seqr. Given under my hand and seal of Office this 28th day of December 1896

S. G. Woods Judge of Probate

M. J. Fascue

Petition

Last Will and Testament of Mary J. Fascue. Deceased.

State of Ala } In the Matter of the probate of the last
Marengo County } Will and Testament of Mary J. Fascue Decd

To the Hon S. G. Woods Judge of Probate of said County Linden Alabama.

The undersigned Francis L. Fascue a resident of Demopolis Ala respectfully represent.

1st That Mary Jane Fascue died in Demopolis Ala on the 5th of Feby 1896.

2 That at her death she was a resident of said City and

and died leaving an estate in said County of Marengo consisting of real and personal property.

3. That decedent left a last will and testament an nominated therein the undersigned as sole Executor without Bond and security.

4. That decedent left her surviving only two Children one son, the undersigned who resides in Demopolis. and one daughter Ella N. Fascue a resident of Mskaloosa Co. Ala.

Said F. L. Fascue hereby as Executor proponents said will for probate in your Hon Court, and asks that due notice be issued to next of Kin as by statute is provided -

11th Feby 1896.

F. L. Fascue

Proof

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of Mary J. Fascue decd of Demopolis Marengo County Ala which was proponended for probate at Linden Ala on the day of Feby 1896 by Francis L. Fascue as sole Executor nominated in said will.

Before me Saml G. Woods Judge of Probate of said County personally appeared W. W. Dugger who is known to me and whose name appears as a subscribing witness to the last will and testament of Mary J. Fascue who died in Demopolis an inhabitant of said Marengo County. on Feby 5th 1896 leaving an estate in said County and the said Dugger being first duly sworn says on oath that - The will dated September the 23rd 1884 purporting to be the will and testament of said Mary J. Fascue, was written by him at the request of said Mrs Fascue & was signed by her voluntarily at Arcola Hale Co Ala as & for her last will & Testament in his presence and in the presence of Mrs V. A. Hatch, as attesting witnesses, on the day and at the time the same bears date. That at said date said Testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory & discretion and over twenty one years of age and residing at Arcola Hale Co. Ala. That said W. W. Dugger at that date at the request of Testatrix and in the presence & in the presence of said other witness subscribed his name as an attesting witness and that said Mrs Hatch at that date & at the request of said Testatrix subscribed in her presence, her name as an attesting witness and in the presence of the other witness W. W. Dugger.

Said W. W. Dugger also deposes on oath that at a subsequent time he wrote at the request of Testatrix, of said Mrs Fascue what is attached as a part of her will and what purports to be the written codicil thereto dated November the twenty seventh 1894 & subscribed by Addie Michael and W. W. Dugger as attesting witnesses. That at said date said Testatrix was of sound & disposing mind and was an inhabitant of Demopolis Marengo Co. Ala

& over twenty one years. That Mrs Mary J. Fascue at that date, Nov 27th 1896 signed said Codicil voluntarily as a part of her last will and Testament in the presence of said Addie Michael & W. W. Dugger as witnesses, and that said W. W. Dugger at the request of Testatrix subscribed his name at that date in the presence of said Testatrix and in the presence of said Addie Michael at the request of Testatrix and in her presence and at the same date said Addie Michael at the request of Testatrix and in her presence and in the presence of W. W. Dugger subscribed her name as an attesting witness W. W. Dugger

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day of 1896

Will

I Mary J. Fascue of Demopolis Ala. being of sound and disposing mind memory and discretion do hereby make & declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I hereby will and bequeath to my son Frank L. Fascue all my real and personal property including my houses and lots in Demopolis and the land near Jefferson called the Halpin Place (980 acres) together with any notes. accounts or Chattels I have in my possession to him and his heirs forever, and I appoint my said son Frank my Executor of this will & exempt him from any bond and security as such.

Second. I desire to make some provision for the permanent Comfort of my daughter Ella Nora Fascue Nor in Tuskaloosa. but as she will be entitled at my death to some income arising from the interest she may have in the Corpus of the Trust fund willed her by Aug. Fascue Sr. dec^d her Grand father. it is only necessary to secure her a certain income which can be applied safely and economically to her board & will being where sower she may be. I therefore desire & require my said son Frank to see that she has applied to her Board lodging, support and Comfort the sum of Four hundred dollars annually without fail, intending hereby to guarantee out of my Estate enough to supply any deficit in her income to make that sum, and my Estate is charged to that effect towit: that should any year of her life, her income from her property aforesaid fall short of four hundred dollars then my son Frank must add to her income enough to make the amount four hundred dollars. But it is not required

that said property of my son Frank hereby bequeathed should be liable for said deficit under all circumstances, and in the event it is not yielding any or sufficient income to justify it then I do not require my said son Frank to make good the deficit. Signed sealed published and declared as my last will and Testament at Arcola Hale Co. Ala Sept 23rd 1884 in presence of the following M. J. Fascue

witnesses W. W. Dugger. V. A. Hatch

Codicil

Whereas I Mary J. Fascue have heretofore made and executed my last Will and Testament towit on the twenty third day of September 1884 as appears above on this sheet of paper and in the second Clause of said will have required my Executor to provide for my daughter Ella Nora Fascue Nor in Tuscaloosa by paying for her Comfort & support the sum of $400.00 annually, or adding to her income a sum sufficient to make good that amount annually, and whereas I charged my entire estate to that extent. Now owing to the depreciation of property & the uncertainty of income. and all values in the future I desire to alter the said second Clause of my said will so made and hereby exempt and exonerate my Executor from any duty to pay or make good said annual sum of four hundred dollars for the benefit & support of my said daughter Ella, and I hereby will that my Estate shall not be charged to that extent & for that purpose and I do now make and declare this to be a Codicil to my said will & desire that it be taken as a part and parcel of my last will & testament hereby reaffirming in every respect the first Clause of my said will. Signed published and declared as a Codicil and the only Codicil to my last will and Testament, at Demopolis Ala. November twenty seventh in the year of our Lord 1894. in the presence of the following. M. J. Fascue.

witnesses. Addie Michael. W. W. Dugger

The State of Alabama } I F. G. Woolf Judge of the
Marengo County } Court of probate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day, in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last will and Testament and the Codicil thereto of M. J. Fascue deceased. and said will and said Codicil together with the said proof thereof have been duly recorded in my office in Book of Wills B page 314 Et seq. Given under my hand and seal of office this the day of 1896

F. G. Woolf
Judge of Probate

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E.W.H. Selden

Last Will and Testament of E.W.H. Selden. Deceased.

State of Alabama }
Marengo County } In Probate Court.

Petition

To Honorable Samuel G. Wooldsp of said Court.

Your petitioner William M. Selden respectfully represents unto your Honor that the late E.W.H. Selden who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death, departed this life on the 5th day of December 1895 leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by her and attested by Daisy Smathers and E.M. Rice residents, as follows towit: the said Daisy Smathers is a resident of Wainsboro North Carolina and the said E.M. Rice is a resident of Montgomery County Alabama In which will your petitioner is named as one of the Executors, which said will is herewith produced to your Honor and proponded for probate and record in this County. And your petitioner further States that your petitioner is the husband of the deceased, that Bessie C. Peacock is a resident of Selma Alabama. Laura C. Bethea is a resident of Fannsdale Alabama, the said Bessie C. Peacock and the said Laura C. Bethea are both married women and over the age of twenty one years and are daughters of the deceased: Maria Bland Selden is a resident of Fannsdale Alabama, is over the age of twenty one years and is a daughter of the deceased: Willie L. Selden is a resident of Fannsdale Alabama is under the age of twenty one years and is a daughter of deceased: Joseph L. Selden is a resident of Fannsdale Alabama and is under the age of twenty one years and is a son of the deceased: that your petitioner and the aforesaid Bessie C. Selden - Laura C. Selden Maria Bland Selden Willie L. Selden and Joseph L. Selden are all of the next of Kin and an all persons who are entitled to a share of the Estate of the aforesaid E.W.H. Selden - Wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing of this petition - That due Notice thereof as required by law be given to the aforesaid next of Kin of said deceased. 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 recording of said will according to law

W. M. Selden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th day of January A.D 1896. S.G. Wooldsp Judge of Probate

State of Alabama }
Marengo County } Before me Samuel G. Wooldsp Judge of Probate of Marengo County Alabama personally appeared William M. Selden who

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being first duly sworn doth depose and say as follows: That M.E. Rice one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of E.W.H. Selden, is a woman and resides in the City of Montgomery Alabama, that her testimony is Material to the proving of the said will. that the other witness to said will resides in the State of North Carolina, sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January 1896. S.G. Wooldsp Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } To L.E. Rogers.

Know ye That we having full faith in your prudence and Competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine M.E. Rice as a witness in behalf of Petitioner in a cause pending in our Probate Court of Marengo County wherein W.M. Selden petitions for Probate of last Will and Testament of E.W.H. Selden dec^d. On oath to be by you administered upon interrogatories annexed to this Commission to take and certify the deposition of witness and return the same to our said Court with all Convenient speed, under your hand and seal.

Witness this 7th day of January 1896. S.G. Wooldsp Judge of Probate

In Re probating of the will of E.W.H. Selden } In the Probate
of Marengo County } Court Marengo County

Interrogatories to be proponded to M.E. Rice of Montgomery Alabama a Material witness in the proving of the execution of the will of E.W.H. Selden.

First Interrogatory: Where do you reside, and how long have you resided in Montgomery.

Second Interrogatory - Did you know E.W.H. Selden during her life time: did you and Daisy R. Smathers ever subscribe your names to a will of the said E.W.H. Selden: If yes, State when it was & when it was: and by whose request it was: look at the will attached to these interrogatories and state whether or not that is the will you signed -

Third Interrogatory - Was E.W.H. Selden of sound mind at the time you signed the will as a witness: did E.W.H. Selden sign the will which is hereto attached: Who was present at the time the will was signed? What was the age of E.W.H. Selden at the time of making said will. Did each of the subscribing witnesses attest the will in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other. Was E.W.H. Selden at the time of the signing of said will fully Capable of making her last will and Testament. W.M. Selden

Petitioner

I hereby suggest L.E. Rogers of Montgomery dec to take the deposition of M.E. Rice

W.M. Selden Petitioner

State of Alabama } Deposition of M. E. Rice, a witness sworn on
Montgomery County } the 18th day of January, 1896 at my office
in the City of Montgomery said State and County, under and by
Virtue of a Commission issued on the 7th day of January 1896
out of the Probate Court of Marengo County Alabama in a Certain
Matter in the Probate of the will of E. W. H. Selden. The said
M. E. Rice 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 interrogatory she saith. I reside at 728 Madison
Ave. and have lived in Montgomery about thirty five years
ever since I was a Child.
To the Second Interrogatory she saith. I knew Mrs E. W. H. Sel-
den during her life time. I and Daisy R. Smathers signed
our names to a will of the said E. W. H. Selden. The will
Attached to the interrogatories and shown me by the Commissioner
who took my deposition is the will signed by myself and
Daisy R. Smathers.
To the 3rd Interrogatory she saith. E. W. H. Selden was
of sound mind at the time I signed the will as witness.
She signed the will in the presence of myself and in
the presence of Daisy R. Smathers with her own hand. I
do not know the exact age of Mrs Selden at the time
of signing the will, but should judge she was about
fifty five years of age. Each of the subscribing wit-
nesses to the said will signed the same in the presence
of the testator and in the presence of each other
Mrs E. W. H. Selden at the time of the signing of said
will was fully Capable of Making her last will
and Testament. M. E. Rice.
I L. E. Rogers, the undersigned Commissioner in
said Commission named, hereby certify that I am not
a Consul or of Kin to the parties to this Cause, nor
in any way interested in the result thereof, that I am
personally acquainted with the said witness M. E. Rice
and know her to be the identical person named in
said Commission; that she was sworn and examined as
above stated and that her evidence was taken down in
her own language and was subscribed by her in my
presence on this the 18th day of January 1896 at the
place above stated. L. E. Rogers. Commissioner.

Will

State of Alabama } I E. W. H. Selden wife of W. M. Selden
Marengo County } do make and declare this my last
Will and Testament, revoking all others.
Item 1. I humbly and trustingly Commit my spirit
to God who gave it.
Item 2. I Appoint my husband W. M. Selden
and my daughters Bessie L. Peacock. M. Bland
Selden and Laura C. Bethea to be Executor and

Executrix of this my will, and direct that they shall be required
to give bond or security.
Item 3. I give to my daughter M. Bland Selden & Willie L.
Selden and my son Joseph L. Selden my present home and Contents
and surroundings, lots, yard garden and Orchard. also one hun-
dred acres of land west of the home and south of the Southern
Railway Railroad. it shall also be a home for my husband
W. M. Selden, so long as he remain unmarried, and also a
home for my daughters Bessie L. Peacock and Laura C. Bethea
should they ever be unfortunate and need a home. Should my
daughter Bland Selden marry her portion of the homestead
shall go to my daughter Willie L. Selden and my son Joseph L.
Selden. Should my daughter Bland Selden after marriage be un-
fortunate and need a home she too can return to the home
stead for a home.
Item 4. If the proceeds, income and profits of my said proper-
ty. I direct that my husband W. M. Selden and daughters
M. Bland and Willie L. Selden and my son Joseph L. Selden
have a just support suitable to the Condition in life, in which
they have heretofore moved. And I direct that my daughter
Willie L. Selden & my son Joseph L. Selden, shall have a
liberally and thorough education from said proceeds of my
Estate.
Item 5th. I direct that after the debts of my Estate are
paid: and if there are any funds from proceeds more than
enough to support and educate my daughter Willie L. Selden
& son Joseph L. Selden as aforesaid in a liberal and thorough
manner & and support them & my said husband W. M. Selden
and daughter M. Bland Selden as aforesaid. I direct those
funds to be equally divided between my said husband and five
Children to invest as each may deem and as those of age
shall think best for the portion that shall go to the two
Children who are not of age.
Item 6. When my youngest daughter Willie L. Selden is of
age. I direct that my property shall be divided. but if
my husband W. M. Selden is living one fifth shall be
removed from division. the proceeds of which is to be applied
to his support and maintainance during his natural
life, the remaining portion to be equally divided between
my five said Children. The homestead & surroundings
and one hundred acres of land is not be included in
the division at all. as that is a separate and distinct
gift. and never to be sold except by consent of all
my Children.
Item 7th. After the death of my said husband
the remaining fifth in which he has a life in-
terest shall be equally divided between my five
Children unless any of them should be in [illegible]
& need his portion, then it shall go to them in [illegible]

Security. The issue of any of my dead Children taking the Share that Their would. if living.

Item 8th I direct that My Married Children are without being the heirs of their portion of My Estate shall return to my living Children or their heirs.

Item 9th - I direct that My said Husband's portion of My Estate shall in no way be responsible for or taken from him for any debt of his made before My death or any judgements that may be had against him.

Item 10th I direct that if any member of My family try to break this My will, they shall be disinherited and lose their portion of My Estate.

E. W. H. Sedden

Signed Sealed Published & declared as My last will in the 19th day of April 1895. in the presence of the under signed witness who signed the same at My request, & My presence and in the presence of each other.

Witness as E. W. H. Sedden

Dabney R Mastin - M. E. Rice -

The State of Alabama } I S. H. Wood Judge of the Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County and State, do hereby Certify that the written instrument of writing has this day, in said Court and before Me as the Judge thereof - been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the Last Will and Testament of E. W. H. Sedden deceased and said will, together with the said proof thereof have been duly recorded in Book of Wills B. page 318 Et seq. Given under My hand and Seal of Office this 25th day of January 1896

S. H. Wood
Judge of Probate

A. G. Dugger

Petition

Last Will and Testament of A. F. Dugger - Deceased.

In the Matter of the probate of } In Probate Court of
the will of Alice Boon Dugger Dec'd } Marengo Co. Ala.

To the Hon Sam'l H. Wood Judge of Probate Linden Ala.

Your petitioner W. W. Dugger a C. Executor Nominated in said will & a Legatee & Son of said Testatrix represents that Alice F. Dugger died in Demopolis June Eighth 1896 leaving an Estate in said City Consisting of real & personal property and leaving a said Will and Testament heretofore Submitted & filed for probate with an Application in writing addressed to your Honor together with a Codicil signed by Testatrix & attested in due form

Your petitioner further states that Chas Christian of the Testatrix above survives her W. W. Dugger over 21 yrs & of Sound mind residing at San Bern Ala. Dr Rufus H. Dugger over 21 yrs & of Sound mind residing near Carlow Hale Co. Ala. Alice Victoria Sprague a widow over 21 yrs & of Sound Mind residing at Washington Square Mobile Ala. That Alice Vaughan Sprague is over 21 yrs of Sound Mind and Annie B. Sprague is over 21 yrs & of Sound mind and Fanny S. Myers & Fred S. are of Sound Mind & Minors & are reside with their said Mother in Mobile -

That L. White Dugger died some years ago leaving his widow in Petersburg Va & one Child, Alice B. who resides with her Mother in Petersburg Va. and is of Sound Mind over 14 yrs & a Minor. her said Mother is of Sound Mind & has since Married & her address is Mrs B. Lane Peters Burg Va. other legatees Mentioned in said will are the wife & Children of said Dr R. H. Dugger and are over 21 yrs & of Sound Mind -

Your Petitioner asks that said will & Codicil be Probated. and that Miss Anna Stewart of Ballinger & Benjamin F. Elmore Esqr of Demopolis are attorneys herein be duly subpoened - that a day be set for hearing of this Petition & probate of said Will & such other steps be taken in the matter as by Statute is in such case made & provided -

W. W. Dugger
R. H. Dugger for
W. W. D.

Proof

The State of Alabama } Probate Court. Marengo
Marengo County } County - Alabama -

In the Matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Alice F. Dugger deceased.

Before Me S. H. Wood Judge of said Court personally appeared Anna J. Stewart who having been by Me, first duly sworn did examine, did and does depose and say on oath, that she is a disinterested witness to the instrument of writing Now shown to her and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of A. F. Dugger deceased, late an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in the County of Marengo & State of Alabama; that said A. F. Dugger Alice deceased signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be her last Will and Testament in the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last will and testament, and that affiant did at her request attest and sign as a witness thereto and that Anna Stewart the other disinterested witness did the same at the same time

date as subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said Testatrix and in the presence of each other. At the request of Testatrix; that said Testatrix was of sound Mind and disposing Memory, and in the opinion of deponent fully capable of Making her last Will and Testament at the time the same was Made and Executed as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testatrix was on the day of the date of said Codicil of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Deponent further says that to her best recollection the said Will was altered by her in November 1887; that she did not read said Will and she cannot say when the interlineations, dated Dec. 18th in the Eighth paragraph of said Will were Made. but if she is correct as to the date of the signing of said Will; November 1887 then the said interlineations were Dec 18th were Made after the signing of said Will.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th day of October 1896. A. J. Stewart

J. F. Wood Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Marengo County } Marengo County Alabama.

In the Matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of A. J. Dugger deceased. Before Me J. F. Wood Judge of said Court personally appeared Benjamin F. Elmore, who having been by me first duly sworn and examined did on oath depose and say, in substance that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument of writing now shown to and which purports to be a Codicil to the said last Will and Testament of A. J. Dugger, deceased, late an inhabitant of the City of Demopolis in the County of Marengo and State of Alabama; that said A. J. Dugger, since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, and that affiant at his signature thereto and Bessie M. Elmore the other subscribing witness, at his Signature thereto on the day the same bears date, as subscribing witnesses to the same, in the presence of Testatrix and in the presence of each other, at the request of said Testatrix; that said Testatrix was of sound Mind and disposing memory and was in the opinion of deponent fully capable of Making her last Will and Testament and the Codicil thereto at the time the same was Made and executed as aforesaid. Affiant further states that said Testatrix was on the day of the date of said Codicil of the full age of twenty one years and upwards.

Benj. F. Elmore

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th day of October 1896.

J. F. Wood Judge of Probate

Will

Mistletoe Farm November 7th 1887.

State of Alabama. Marengo County.

I Alice G. Dugger residing in Marengo County in the State of Alabama. being of sound Mind Memory and disposing, do hereby Make and declare this to be My last Will and Testament in manner and form following hereby revoking any and all Wills by me at any time heretofore Made.

First. I desire My Executors to pay funeral Expenses and just debts and the expenses of executing this My last Will.

Secondly. I will to My son W. W. Dugger all My interest in the Mistletoe farm and the office lot he is using in Demopolis and an equal interest in any money I May leave or that may come to me by will or and hereafter. I will him My Bed room set just as it stands, & excepting the large Mirror and the Mantle ornaments, Counseling of Room pieces: 3 Cut Spreads. 3 pairs of sheets 2 pairs of Blankets. 3 pairs of pillow cases, 6 large silver Spoons Marked. A. J. D on them. 12 silver forks Marked Centrum. a large silver ladle. My gold watch. My Diamond Pin in gold.

Thirdly. I will to My son Centrum 25 acres of the South western piece and an equal part of any Money I May leave or that will come to me by will or note. My large side Board. large Arm Chair in the hall. 6 Dining Room Marked A. J. D on them. Butter dish and Cream Pitcher.

Fourthly. I will to My son L. W. Dugger 50 acres of the Southwestern land and an equal part of any Money I May leave or come to me by will or note. 12 small cream spoons Marked A. J. D with the handles and the small Silver waiter. 2 sofas and four Mahogany Chairs and the Centre table that sits in the Hall with a Marble slab on it.

Fifthly. I will to My daughter Alice O. Sprague Two lots near Birmingham in the Meadows and 25 acres of Southwestern land and an equal share of any Money I May leave or that come to me by note or will. I will to her My large Mirror and Majolica ornaments consisting of Room pieces in My bed room. also my piano and Consisting of a large Sofa desk. Mirror Pot. Jar Pot and Ash bottle and

Kirkley a cut glass decanter, her grand Mother Vaughans like mine she is good my brother with me of her brothers in the City. I leave my daughter Mary Lou My gilt set of China an Cook book own at belonging to the House and table Linens her. a pickle Stater the one Reuben gave me Christmas one a Meat bleach Grass.

Seventhly. I vote to My daughter Em. whites wife, 6 new posts and 12 Bolts Irons a good ring watch chain and or garnet stones one a nice bleach dress a pair of ear rings one breast pin.

+This is the interlineation of which clerk is now [illegible]

Eighthly (+ December 18th Whatever My sister Miss Whites goods or Cows to me is for little Alice and Ted Duggar.+)

I vote to my grand daughter Alice V. Spragins My large Silver waiter. a good bracket clock ofpens and Objects. my Mantle watch all that is in it, except What has a name on it for her little Sister and brothers. My Spare Bedroom Set just as it is (and an equal part of any Money I may leave.)*

The part in brackets obviously was added afterwards. It shows different hands writing & different ink.

Ninthly. To My grand daughter Fannie Mc Mason Silver Spoons, a good ring, one of the Spoons has mine Roberts name on it.

Tenth. I vote to Myron S. Spragins a Breastpin and Jersey Cow.

Eleventh. To Frankie a Breastpin Made of mine Frankie hair. and a Jersey Cow.

Thirteenth. I vote to My grand Son Frederick Duggar all my Books Marked F. L. D. I vote him the good Walsh Marked F. L. D.

Fourteenth. I vote to Reuben, My grand Son, a Large good ring and if he Studies Medicine, all the Medical Books of his uncle Roberts

15. I vote to My grand Son Benin Duggar a Breastpin and gold ring.

16. I vote to My grandson Manly Hood Duggar

17th I vote to My grandson L. L. Duggar

18th I vote to Little B. Duggar

19th I vote to Little Mary Em Duggar

20th I vote W. H. Duggar and D. R. H. Duggar to be My Executors and as I leave other things that I have not voted away such as Kitchen utensils and many things coming under the House I wish them to be divided as best they can not forgetting that Grannie has many things of his when here.

Witness my hand and Seal. Alice V. Duggar (Seal)

Anna J. Stewart

Flora M. Stewart.

Codicil

State of Alabama } I Alice V. Duggar of Demopolis
Marengo County } Ala. Make and publish this Codicil to my last Will and Testament, dated the 9th day of November 1887 which Will I do ratify and Confirm in all things, except as the same shall be Changed hereby. In addition to the provisions already made in my said Will for my dearly beloved and much esteemed grand daughter, Alice V. Spragins. I the said Alice V. Duggar, do give, devise and bequeath to the said Alice V. Duggar on My dwelling house and lots on which said dwelling house is situated, in the City of Demopolis, Ala. Said lots being situated in said City of Demopolis, Marengo County, Ala. and known and described on the Map or plan of said City of Demopolis as Lots No One hundred and forty one (141) One hundred and forty eight (148) Said lots being bounded on the west by Main or Magnolia Street, South by Preston Street, East by Walnut Street, and North by Lots No 142 and 147 together with all the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging. In testimony whereof I the said Alice V. Duggar, do hereby set My hand and seal this 2nd day of March 1895.

Signed and published by A. V. Duggar (Seal)
the said Alice V. Duggar, as a Codicil to her last Will and Testament in our presence, and we, in her presence, and in the presence of each other have at her request, hereto subscribed our names as witnesses this 2nd day of March A. D. 1895.

Bessie W. Elmore. Benj. F. Elmore.

The State of Alabama } I, W. H. Wood Judge of the
Marengo County } Court of Probate in and for said County and State, do hereby Certify that the foregoing instrument of writing have this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Alice V. Duggar, deceased. and that said Will and said Codicil together with said proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 322 Et Seq.

Given under My hand and Seal of Office this 12th day October 1896.

W. H. Wood
Judge of Probate

E. G. Baptist Will

Edward Granville Baptists Will -

Spotsylvania County. State of Virginia -

In the name of God Amen. I Edward Granville Baptist of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound mind and Memory, but infirm in body: doe hereby declare the uncertainty of human life & desiring to make preparation for death, both as to my temporal as well as my Spiritual affairs, do hereby make this my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I do my beloved wife Sarah A. Baptist (nee Dawson) & give and bequeath my farm upon which I reside known as Granville, together with all household and kitchen furniture, also all teams, two Vehicles & farming utensils, all Cattle Sheep, hogs, fowls, growing crops and provisions which may be upon said farm at the time of my death; to her & in lieu thereof property to be for her use and support during her natural life & at her death to be equally divided between her then Children by Mr (viz) Maude, Harry & Maurice -

Item 2nd I wish all my debts Claims & accounts and my Collection, my lands in Manning's County also bonds and all my just debts (if any) paid: two hundred and twenty five dollars to be spent on Maurice's academical education to make him a good scholar, my other Children, if there is not enough before my death; and then the remainder (if any) to be equally divided between my five Children (viz) Kate, Florence, Maude, Harry & Maurice, charging Harry with ($400.00) already advanced him to get his Medical education

Item 3rd I desire to be buried by the side of my dear little son Noel & a plain Marble or stone (of whatever description by my family) placed around it, 20 feet square, the title to which shall be vested in my former and I hereby commit my body to the dust and my spirit to the care of my Blessed Saviour who gave himself for me and saved me with an everlasting salvation to whom be the glory forever Amen!

Item 4th I appoint my dear wife Sarah - executrix of this my last will and testament & the guardian of my minor Children & request that the Court do not require her to give security for the same - Done the 20th day of October 1874 as witness my hand and seal -

Test: L. M. Smith -

E. G. Baptist (Seal)

Proof

Virginia. In Spotsylvania County Court June 1st 1876

The writing purporting to be the last will and testament of E. G. Baptist deceased was this day presented in Court for probat and then being duly sworn and subscribing witnesses E. W. Smith and W. F. Coates came into Court and proved and acknowledged, and they are ordered to be certified accordingly. And on the motion of Sarah A. Baptist the executrix therein named who made oath and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of 1,000 $^{00}_{100}$ with surety, according to law without security the will requiring same, Certificate is granted her for obtaining probat of said will and administration.

Test: J. P. H. Crosswhite C. C.

Letters

Letters of Executorship

To all whom it may concern: I J. P. H. Crosswhite Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania County Virginia do hereby Certify that at a Court held for said County aforesaid in the State of Virginia on Monday the first day of June A D 1876 Sarah A. Baptist the executrix named in the last Will and Testament of E. G. Baptist deceased was duly qualified as such Executrix of said E. G. Baptist deceased and that she entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $1000.00 Conditioned according to law, with security approved by the Court - That letters of Executorship are to show that she is authorized and empowered to collect and duly collect and administer all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the said E. G. Baptist deceased, in all Matters and things concerning the same according to law - Given under my hand as Clerk and the seal of said Court this 16th day of July 1876 and in the 101st year of the Commonwealth

J. P. H. Crosswhite Clerk

Clerk's Spotsylvania County Court Virginia

Certificates

United States of America.

State of Virginia. County of Spotsylvania -

To Wit: I Robert E. Waller Judge of the County Court of Spotsylvania, in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that J. P. H. Crosswhite, whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of the said Court, duly Elected and qualified: that his attestation above is in due form of law: that his signature is genuine and that all of his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

Given under my hand this 16th day July 1876

Robert E. Waller

Judge of Spotsylvania County Court

United States of America.
State of Virginia. County of Spotsylvania.
To wit: I J. P. H. Crosmine, Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania County, do hereby Certify that Robert E. Waller whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate, is, and was, at the time of signing the same, Judge of the said Court, duly qualified. Given under my hand this 16th day of July 1896.
J. P. H. Crosmine - Clerk.

State of Virginia } To wit: I J. P. H. Crosmine Clerk
County of Spotsylvania } of the County Court of Spotsylvania County, in the State of Virginia hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of said Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Virginia my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 16th day of July 1896
J. P. H. Crosmine Clerk

State of Virginia, County of Spotsylvania, To wit.

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Robert E. Waller Judge
Spotsylvania County Court

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J. P. H. Crosmine - Clerk.

Filed for record this duly and this 12th September 1896
J. T. Wood
Judge of Probate

Petition

Joanna K. Maxson. Will.
The State of Alabama } Probate Court.
Mowry County } To Honorable S. H. Wood Judge of said Court: Your petitioner Eugene H. Hatch respectfully represents unto your honor that the last Will and Testament and the Codicil thereto of Joanna K. Maxson, late of the City of Plainfield County of Union, and State of New Jersey, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate and record by the surrogate of said County of Union, State of New Jersey, and the surrogate thereof duly certified by the said surrogate to this Court, to Baxter Esq., and who is the Clerk of the Orphans Court of said County and State and the Certificate of Hon Thomas F. McCormick Judge of said Court, that said Parker is the Clerk of said Court, and petitioner further represents that said Court is a Court of Competent jurisdiction of the probate of Wills under the laws of New Jersey. Petitioner further represents unto your Honor that said Joanna K. Maxson was at the time of her death an inhabitant of the County of Union and State of New Jersey, and departed this life more than thirty days prior to the 25th day of September 1897, leaving a last Will and Testament made and executed by her and attested by F. E. Kenyon and S. H. Plainfield and said Codicil attested by J. A. Arnold and F. J. Clarke, as subscribing witnesses thereto. Petitioner further represents that said Joanna left assets in said County of Mowry and State of Alabama, and that petitioner is named as Executor in said will, and is desirous from giving bond or security as such in any proceeding that he might act under such will. Petitioner further shows unto your honor that the only Next of Kin and Heir at law of said Joanna K. Maxson is Edward M. Wolf of John Wade Station, only Child of said deceased who is over twenty one years of age of sound mind, and resides at Savannah Ga. New York, who waives all notice of this application and consents that said will may be admitted to probate forthwith. Wherefore your petitioner prays that as may be set for the hearing of this petition, and that such other proceedings in and may be had

and made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate and recording of said will under the laws of the State of Alabama. Eugene H. Hatch by Wm Cunningham,

Probate Court } In the Matter of the probate in
Marengo County } the State of Alabama of the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Joanna K. Maxson, deceased, heretofore only proven in the State of New Jersey.

I the undersigned, Eleanor M. Stimson of Saranac Lake, County of Franklin, State of New York, being of the age of twenty one years and upwards and the only Child, heir and next of Kin of Joanna K. Maxson, late of the City of Plainfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey, deceased, do hereby appear in person and waive the publication and service of any and all notices of the application for the admission to probate in the State of Alabama of the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of said Joanna K Maxson, deceased, which Will and Codicil were duly admitted to probate in said Union County, State of New Jersey, September 25th 1897. and do hereby consent that the same may be admitted to probate forthwith in Marengo County, Alabama

Attest Eleanor M. Stimson

Alice Hirschberg Jno Ward Stimson.

State of New York }
County of Franklin } s.s. On this 4th day of January 1898, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Franklin, State of New York, personally came Eleanor M. Stimson, to me known and known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing waiver and consent and acknowledged that being informed of the contents of said waiver and consent she executed the same voluntarily

Richard H. McIntyre Notary Public Franklin Co N.Y.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year last above said. R. H. McIntyre Notary Public

State of New York } I W. H. Flack, Clerk of said
Clerks office of Franklin County } County of Franklin and Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts which are Courts of record in and for said County, do hereby certify that R. H. McIntyre Esqr whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and therein

written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public, in and for said County, and acting therein, Commissioned, sworn and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Notary and verily believe that the signature to the said Certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine, and that the said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of this State. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court and County this 7th day of Jan A.D. 1898

Franklin Co Seal

Wm H. Flack, Clerk.

To the Surrogate of the County of Union.

Eugene H. Hatch the Executor named in the last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Joanna K Maxson late of the City of Plainfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey deceased hereby applies for the probate of the said last Will and Codicil thereto and shows. That the next of Kin and heirs at law of the said Joanna K. Maxson together with their respective residence or Post office address, so far as the same are known or this application has been able to ascertain are as follows: Eleanor H. wife of John Ward Stimson only Child of said deceased, Saranac Lake New York.

Eugene H. Hatch.

Union County. s.s.

Eugene H. Hatch above named being duly sworn on his oath says that the statements in the foregoing application for probate of Will made are true. Eugene H. Hatch

Sworn before me September 21st 1897.

W. B. Parrot Deputy Surrogate.

I Joanna K. Maxson, of the City of Plainfield County of Union and State of New Jersey, do hereby make, publish and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

First - I direct my Executor to pay all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses.

Second - I give to my daughter Eleanor M. Stimson all my Clothing, works of art, books and jewelry, and all the furniture and articles of household adornment of which I am the sole owner.

Third - I direct that my Executor and Trustee shall

at the request of my Sister, Eliza Elvira Henry m. lease to my said Sister from year to year, for such More than five years after my death, my Share and interest of and in that parcel of land with the improvements, situate in Seventh Ward and Eighth Street in Plainfield, known as the Seminary land also. All my Share and interest in the furniture, household goods and fixtures which she and I together own in equal Shares. She to pay all taxes and assessments on said real and personal property, and the interest upon the Mortgage affecting said land, to keep the buildings and improvements in good repair and insured to the amount of Seventeen Thousand and five hundred dollars, and in addition to pay to my said Executor and Trustee the yearly rent of Six Hundred and dollars in equal half yearly payments. After said period of five years, the leasing of said premises shall be in the discretion of Executor and Trustee as herein after provided. I give all my interest in the Family Stores and supplies that may be on hand in the Seminary at the time of my death to my said Sister Eliza E. Henry m.

Fourth. Subject to the foregoing provisions, I give devise and bequeath all my Estate Both real and personal to My Executor hereinafter named, and his successors in Trust, to apply the net rents, income and interest thereof, to the sole use of my daughter Eleanor N. Stimson, during her life and also, in Trust for the future uses and purposes hereinafter set forth.

Fifth. If my said daughter Eleanor N. Stimson shall leave at her death, a Child or Children born after my death, then the property, securities and money in the hands of my Trustee shall be equally divided among the Children of my said daughter, who, at her death, are of the age of twenty one years, and those who thereof her obtain that age; each to receive, upon the death of my said daughter, or upon Coming of age, as the case may be, such portion as he or she is then apparently entitled to, and in all cases the issue of a deceased Child to receive the Share that his, her or their parent would have had if living. And the Trustee shall apply to the use of each of said Children as are under age so much of the income of the property held by him, as may be proper, in his judgment, for their support and education; the surplus if any, to be added to the principal.

Sixth. But if my said daughter shall leave at her death any Children born in my life time; or if my said daughter shall die in my life, leaving issue, then from the time of the death of my said daughter, or from my own death, whichever may have happened, the property hereby given to the Trustee under this will, shall be considered to be divided into as many parts or shares as there may be Children of My said daughter then living, and issue of a deceased Child, if any there may be, to be counted as a Child for this purpose; and actual division of said Shares shall be made by the Trustee under this Will, whenever he shall judge it to be necessary or desirable. Subject to the exceptions herein after expressed the said Trustee shall hold the said Shares of said property during the lives of said Children respectively, that is to say, a Share thereof during the life of each Child of said daughter living at her death, or at my death, as the case may be, and shall apply the net income thereof to the use of each Children respectively; except however, that when any Child of my said daughter shall have reached the age of thirty years, and shall be, in the judgment of the Trustee under this will Competent to Manage and Care for his own or her own property, and lawful to make a proper use thereof such Trustee shall assign, convey and pay over to him or her, his or her Share of My Estate, the same to be his or her absolute property, if at my death, or at the death of my said daughter, whichever may last happen; then Share to be the issue of a deceased Child of My said daughter such issue shall be entitled to one of the said parts or shares of My estate; and upon the death of any Child of My said daughter who shall have been entitled to receive, during life, the income of one of said Shares of My Estate. Such Share shall go to the issue, if any, of the person so dying; if there be no issue, then to my heirs or next of kin.

Seventh. I authorize my said Executor and Trustee, and his successors in such trust, to do any or all of the acts hereinafter mentioned that is to say:

1. To retain if he think proper, any securities which I may own at my decease, without liability for losses which may be sustained by my Estate thereby.

2. To invest the funds of My estate in first

Mortgage bonds of dividend paying rail roads or to loan the same upon bonds secured by Mortgage upon improved and unencumbered property, situated in any State in the Union, and within the opinion of My Trustee, or his agent, at least double the amount of the loan.

3- To invest the funds of My estate in the purchase of real estate for the personal use of my said Daughter, if she shall desire it and such purchase shall appear to said Trustee to be pedicious.

4- To sue any real estate of which I may die seized, or which may have been purchased pursuant to this will, at public or private sale and upon such terms as the trustee may think prudent, and to convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers.

5- To apply to the use of My said Daughter from time to time, such portion of the principal of the Trust fund as may be necessary for her support, if, by reason of sickness or other misfortune, the income therefrom should be insufficient in the judgment of the Trustee under this Will.

Eighth- I desire My said Trustee to consult with My said Daughter respecting all investments, and to conform to her views and wishes with respect thereto, as far as may be, in his judgment, safe and proper.

Ninth- I Nominate and appoint John H. Whiton of Plainfield, New Jersey, to be the executor of this will and Trustee thereunder. If he should for any cause decline to act as such executor and Trustee or cease to act as such before the complete execution of the trust created by this will, then I Nominate and appoint Frederick J. Stimson of the City of New York, to be such executor and Trustee, or Trustee alone, as the case may require. I desire that no security be required from either said John H. Whiton, or said Frederick J. Stimson in any jurisdiction where either of them may act under this will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and seal this fourth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Eight.

Joanna K. Maxson (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us present at the same time who, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of of each other have hereunto subscribed

our names as witnesses. Francis Elvira Kenyon Plainfield, N.J.
Samuel Huntington Plainfield N.J.

I, Joanna K. Maxson, of the City of Plainfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, having made my last Will and testament, bearing date the fourth day of June 1888, do now make this Codicil to my said will and testament. Whereas by my said Will I have appointed John H. Whiton to be the executor thereof and Trustee thereunder, and have also by my said will appointed Frederick J. Stimson, to be such executor and trustee or trustee alone, as the case might require, if the said John H. Whiton should for any cause decline to act as such executor and trustee, or cease to act as such before the complete execution of the trust created by my said Will; Now I do hereby revoke the appointment of the said John H. Whiton as such Executor and Trustee and do also hereby revoke the said appointment of the said Frederick J. Stimson, and I do hereby appoint Eugene H. Hatch, of the City of Plainfield, State of New Jersey to be the sole executor of my said Will and sole Trustee thereunder, in the place of the said John H. Whiton; and in case the said Eugene H. Hatch should for any cause decline to act as such Executor and Trustee, or cease to act as such before the complete execution of the trust created by my said Will, then I hereby nominate and appoint Henry L. Stimson, of the City of New York to be such executor and trustee, or trustee alone, as the case may require; and I declare that My said will shall be construed and take effect as if the name of Eugene H. Hatch were inserted in my said will throughout instead of the name of the said John H. Whiton, and as if the name of the said Henry L. Stimson were inserted in my said will throughout instead of the name of the said Frederick J. Stimson; and in all other respects I do hereby confirm my said Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety seven

Joanna K. Maxson (Seal)

Signed sealed, published and declared by the above named testatrix as and for a codicil to her last Will and testament, in the presence of us present at the same time, who, at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Isabel S. Arnold, Painter Pass[illegible]
Florence F. Clarke Plainfield, New Jersey

State of New Jersey } S.S.
County of Union } Isabel S. Arnold, of Painted Post, New York. and Florella F. Clark of Plainfield New Jersey, witnesses to the annexed Codicil to the annexed will of Joanna K. Maxson, late of the City of Plainfield, deceased, being severally sworn, depose and say that they and each of them are well acquainted with Francis Elvira Kenyon, of Plainfield, New Jersey, one of the subscribing witnesses to the said annexed will having been for several years last past associated with her as Co-teachers in the Seminary, in said City of Plainfield; that in June 1897, the said Francis Elvira Kenyon went to Europe to pursue her Studies for a year at different places in Germany and France, and then to return and resume teaching at said Seminary; that as these deponents and each of them are informed and verily believe the said Francis Elvira Kenyon is now absent from this State and is in the City of Heidelberg Germany for the purpose aforesaid that the sources of these deponents information and the ground of their belief as to the place of present sojourn of said Francis Elvira Kenyon are real Statements made by her to them before she left this County and Statements made by her in letters recently received from her.

These deponents further say that they and each of them are well acquainted with the manner and style of handwriting of said Francis Elvira Kenyon, having often seen her write, and that they and each of them verily believe that the signature purporting to be hers, subscribed as a witness to the instrument in writing now produced and shown to these deponents and each of them, purporting to be the last Will and testament of said Joanna K. Maxson, deceased, bearing date the fourth day of June 1888. and hereto annexed, is the proper signature and handwriting of said Francis Elvira Kenyon

These deponents further say that they and each of them were well acquainted with the said Joanna K. Maxson now deceased and with her manner and style handwriting having often seen her write, and they and each of them verily believe that the signature of the said Joanna K. Maxson, subscribed as testatrix to the said instrument in writing now produced and shown to these deponents and each of them, purporting to be the last

Will and Testament of said deceased, bearing date this the fourth day of June 1888 and hereto annexed is the proper signature and handwriting of said testatrix

Isabel S. Arnold
Sworn and subscribed Florella F. Clark
to before me this 25th day of September 1897.
W. B. Parrot, Deputy Surrogate.

Union County. S.S.
Samuel Huntington one of the witnesses to the annexed writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joanna K. Maxson the Testatrix therein named deceased, being duly sworn, says that he saw the said Testatrix sign and seal the said annexed writing and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same as and for her last will and testament, That at the time of the doing thereof the said Testatrix was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding so far as this deponent knows as he verily believes that Florence Elvira Kenyon the other subscribing witness thereto was present at the same time with this deponent and together with him subscribed their names thereunto as witnesses in the presence of the Testatrix and of each other, at the request of the said Testatrix and that said testatrix died more than ten days ago.

Samuel Huntington
Sworn before me this 21st day of September A.D. 1897 at Elizabeth. W. B. Parrot Deputy Surrogate.

Union County, ss
Isabel S. Arnold. One of the witnesses to the annexed writing purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and testament of Joanna K. Maxson the testatrix therein named, deceased, being duly sworn, says that she saw the said testatrix sign and seal the said annexed writing, and heard her publish pronounce and declare the same as for a Codicil to her last will and testament, That at the time of the doing thereof the said testatrix was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding so far as this deponent knows and as she verily believes; that Florella F. Clark, the other subscribing witness thereto was present at the same time with this deponent and together with her subscribed their names thereunto as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix, and of each other, at the request of the said Testatrix, and that said testatrix died more than ten days ago. Isabel S. Arnold.
Sworn before me this 25th day of September A.D. 1897 at Elizabeth. W. B. Parrot Deputy Surrogate.

Union County - ss. Florella F. Clark.
One of the witnesses to the annexed writing
purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will
and Testament of Joanna K. Maxson the
Testatrix therein named, deceased, being duly
sworn, says that she saw the testatrix sign
and seal the annexed writing and heard her
publish, pronounce and declare the same as and
for a Codicil to her last Will and testament.
That at the time of the doing thereof the said
Testatrix was of sound disposing mind memory
and understanding so far as this deponent
knows and as she verily believes; that said
Isabel S. Arnold, the other subscribing witness
thereto was present at the same time with this
deponent and together with her subscribed their
names thereunto as witnesses in the presence of
the Testatrix and of each other, at the request
of the said Testatrix and that said Testatrix
did more than ten days ago. Florella F. Clark.
Sworne before me this 25th day of September
A.D. 1897 at Elizabeth - W. B. Parrot Deputy Surrogate.
Union County - s.s. Eugene H. Hatch -
The Executor in the annexed writing named being
duly sworne says, that the annexed writing con-
tains the true last Will and Testament and
Codicil thereto of Joanna K. Maxson the Tes-
tatrix therein named, deceased, as far as he knows
and as he verily believes that he will as the Ex-
ecutor thereof, well and truly perform the same
first by paying the debts of said deceased
and then the legacies therein specified as far
as the goods, Chattels and Credits of said
deceased will thereunto extend and the law
charges; that he will make and exhibit
unto, to the Surrogate's office, of the County
of Union, a true and perfect inventory of all and
singular the said goods, Chattels and Credits
as far as the same have or shall come to his pos-
session or knowledge, or to the possession of any
other person or persons to his use to his knowledge.
And that he will well and truly account when
thereunto lawfully required, and that the said
Testatrix died on the 19th day of August A.D. 1897
Sworn before me this Eugene H. Hatch.
21st day of September A.D. 1897 at Elizabeth
W. B. Parrot. Deputy Surrogate.

State of New Jersey
Union County - Surrogate's Office.
I George T. Parrot, Surrogate of the County of Union
do Certify the annexed to be a true Copy of the last
Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Joanna
K. Maxson, late of the County of Union, deceased, and
that Eugene H. Hatch the Executor therein named
proved the same before me and is duly authorized
to take upon himself the administration of the
Estate of the Testatrix agreeable to the said Will.
Witness my hand and seal of office
this 25 day of September in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hun-
dred and ninety seven -
Geo. T. Parrot. Surrogate

L. S.

State of New Jersey
Union County - Surrogate's Office -
I George T. Parrot, Surrogate of the County of Union
do hereby Certify that I have Compared the annex-
ed Copy of the application for probate of the last
Will and Testament of Joanna K. Maxson late of
the County and State aforesaid, deceased, together
with the proofs, and the order of the Surrogate
granting the probate thereof, and the letters Testament
any granted and issued thereon, with the new as
thereof, now remaining in this office, and have
found the same to be a correct transcript there
from, and the whole of such records.
Witness my hand and seal of office
this Eighteenth day of December in the
year of our Lord One thousand Eight
hundred and Ninety seven -
Geo. T. Parrot Surrogate.

County of Union Surrogate

State of New Jersey } I Thomas F. McCormick
County of Union } Presiding Judge of the
Orphans Court of the County of Union, do
hereby Certify that George T. Parrot whose
name in his own proper handwriting, is sub-
scribed to the foregoing Certificate, is, and
was at the time the same bears date, Sur-
rogate of said County, and Ex officio
Clerk of the Orphans Court thereof and
that fine faith and Credit are due to his
official acts, and further that the seal
attached to said Certificate is the Surrogate's
seal of the County of Union, and the seal
of the said Orphans' Court, and that the
said Certificate is in due form and
would be received in evidence in the

Courts of this State. Witness my hand this 18th day December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety Seven
T. F. McCormick.
Presiding Judge Union County Orphans Court.
State of New Jersey } s.s.
County of Union } I. George T. Parrot, Clerk or Register of the Orphans Court of the County of Union, do hereby Certify that Thomas F. McCormick whose name is subscribed to the preceding Certificate, is Presiding Judge of the Orphans Court of the County of Union, duly appointed, and sworn, and that the signature of said Judge to said Certificate is genuine.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 18th day of December 1897.
Geo. T. Parrot Surrogate.
Filed for record and recorded Jany 16th 1898.
S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate. M. C. Ala

Last Will and Testament Mrs M. A. Grant.
State of Alabama } To the Hon S. G. Woolf Judge of
Marengo County } the Court of Probate of said County. The petition of W. L. Brasfield, respectfully represents unto your honor that the late Mrs M. A. Grant, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death, departed this life in the day of 1897. Near the village of Jefferson Marengo County Ala. leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed and published by her and attested by Charles B. Cleveland and Garland Kerrin, who reside in this County, in which your petitioner as he verily believes is named as Co-Executor thereof which said will is herewith produced to your honor and proponed for probate and record in this Court. Your petitioner further states that Walter Grant, L. E. Grant, Mary R. Brasfield and W. S. Grant as trustee for his Children are the only heirs at law of said decedent that each is over the age of twenty one years of sound mind and reside in Marengo County Alabama. In Consideration of all of which your petitioner prays that a day may be set for the hearing of the matter of this petition, that Citations may issue to bring in said subscribing witnesses to testify on such day appointed, and that one notice of this application may be given to said devisees of said deceased, 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 of said Will according to law. And as in duty bound &c. W. L. Brasfield
Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of November 1897. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate.
The State of Alabama } Probate Court
Marengo County } Feby 14th 1898.
In the matter of the probate of the last Will and Testament of M. A. Grant, dec'd

Before me S. G. Woolf Judge of said Court personally appeared Garland Kerrin and C. B. Cleveland who having been by me first duly sworn and examined deposes and says that they are subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing now shown to them, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of M. A. Grant deceased, late an inhabitant of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama; that said M. A. Grant since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument in the presence of affiants on the day the same bears date, and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament; that affiants respectively set their signatures thereto as subscribing witnesses at the request of said Testatrix, in her presence and in the presence of each other; that said Testatrix was of sound mind and in the opinion of affiants fully capable of making her last Will and Testament at the time the same was made and executed as aforesaid, And that said Testatrix was on the day of the date and making of said instrument of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Garland Kerrin - C. B. Cleveland.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of February 1898. S. G. Woolf Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Marengo County } that I Martha A. Grant, being of sound mind and good health, but mindful of the uncertainty of life, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made:-
As to my worldly estate and property, consisting of real personal and mixed property of which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease, I give, bequeath, devise and a[illegible]

of the same as follows:
First. My will is that all of my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon after My decease as may be Convenient.
Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary R. Bradford, the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid out of my personal property or from any Money I may have on hand at the time of My decease: so early as may be Convenient, and as soon as my debts and funeral expenses have been paid.
Third. I give, bequeath and devise to my Children of my son William S. Grant, who shall be living at the time of My decease, my dwelling house at or near the town of Jefferson, Marengo County Alabama together with the lands adjoining and attached to the same, being fifty acres more or less: to have and to hold to the same their heirs and assigns forever.
Fourth. I give, bequeath and devise the balance of my property, real and personal to my three Children Walter Grant, Louisa E. Grant, and Mary R. Bradford, and to the Children of my son William S. Grant, my grand Children; who shall be living at the time of My decease; to have and to hold unto them, their heirs and assigns as follows:
The proceeds of property shall be divided equally between them, share and share alike, except that the aforementioned Children of my son William S. Grant shall receive only one fourth of My personal property.
My real estate shall be divided between them as follows: The Children of William S. Grant who shall be living at the time of My decease, shall have Two hundred acres of land, of average value to be selected and set apart to them as hereinafter provided. The remainder of my lands shall be divided equally between the said Walter Grant Louisa E. Grant and Mary R. Bradford as herein after provided but should either of said Children die, leaving no Children or Child, then and in that event their share of the said land shall revert to My Children then living, share and share alike, except however that the portion My son William S. Grand would take, shall go to his Children then living; and in case dead of My said Children shall be living, the said lands shall revert to My grand Children, according to the law of Descents in Alabama.
Fifth. As of My Children being now of adult age, it is My will and desire that the Executors

be probated, but as Last Testament shall be taken and no any Letters testamentary shall be taken and Given absolutely Necessary.
Sixth. It is My will and desire that the lands hereinafter bequeathed, except those lands mentioned in Item three of this will shall be partitioned and divided among the said devisees before Mentioned, in the Month of January Succeeding My decease; or as soon thereafter as practicable I desire that Walter Grant shall have his share of said lands from the Bryant Grant place and that Mary R. Bradford shall have her share from the lands adjoining the lands of W. T. Bradford her husband; and it is further My desire that Mary R. Bradford shall have as part of his share ten acres of the forty on which her residence is situated, by my east of the Linden and Jefferson road, and that the balance of that forty acres lying east of the Linden and Jefferson road shall go to Walter S. Grant as a part and parcel of his share in the lands hereinbefore devised.
Seventh. All the lands and Chattels hereinbefore devised to the Children of my son William S. Grant I desire that she shall have the exclusive control and Management, until the youngest of said Children, who shall be living at the time of My decease, shall have attained the age of twenty one years. It is My intention and wish to constitute him, master of all the property hereinbefore bequeathed to his said Children, with all the duties and powers pertaining to such offices.
Eighth. I Can the said Walter Grant, Mary R. Bradford Louisa E. Grant, and William S. Grant, as trustee for his said Children cannot agree upon a division and partition of said lands, it is My will and desire that they shall each select a person to act upon a board of Arbitrators and Partitioners, to consist of the four so selected, and one other, in case they shall fail to agree, and that said board so Constituted shall divide and partition said lands fairly and equitably, having regard to the annual rents herein before Mentioned, and it is My will and desire that My Executors hereinafter appointed shall be Members of said Board. And to the end that My Children may know and understand the Specific gift to my daughter Mary R. Bradford of the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars. I commit them in the love and affection of the gift of a house each to My sons William Grant Walter, and of a piano to My daughter

Ninth. Having the utmost Confidence in my Son in law W. L. Brasfield, and believing that my son Walter Grant will be acceptable to the remainder of my Children in such Capacity, I do hereby Nominate and appoint them to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I, the said Martha A. Grant have to this my last Will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this the 26th day of February 1897

M. A. Grant. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Martha A Grant to be her last Will and testament, in our presence, who, at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names at Witnesses hereto. Garland Kidden.

Charles B. Cleveland

The State of Alabama } I S. G. Wo of Judge of Probate in
Marengo County } and for said County in said State
do hereby Certify that the within instrument of Writing, has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament of of Martha A. Grant, deceased, and that said Will together with the proof thereof have been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B pages 342 Et seq. Given under my hand and seal of Office this the 14th day of February 1898. S. G. Wo of Judge of Probate.

Will of Mrs E. J. Compton.
The State of Alabama } In probate Court
Marengo County } To S. G. Wo of Judge of said Court.

Your petitioner W. F. Compton, of said County and State respectfully represent unto your honor that the late E. J. Compton, who was an inhabitant of this County at the time of her death, departed this life on the 17th day of September 1897 leaving a last Will and Testament, duly signed and published by her and attested by W. G. Allen and M. A. Sledge residents of Jefferson Marengo County Alabama in which will your petitioner is named as Executor. Which said Will is herewith produced to your honor and propounded for probate and record in this Court. That said E. J. Compton died leaving her surviving as her heirs at law and next of Kin. 1st your petitioner, a son over twenty one years of age, and the following grand Children, Children of A. Millard Compton dec'd, her son, towit: Ethel Gray Compton age 6 years, and Vera Eppes Compton age 3 years

and the following devisees named in said Will, Mary Gray Compton who is over twenty one years of age and resides in said County, and Alice Virginia Compton, the wife of petitioner who is over twenty one years of age and resides in said County, all of whom are of sound mind, wherefore your petitioner prays that a day be set for hearing this petition that due and legal notice thereof be given the next of Kin, that guardian ad litem be appointed for said Minors, and that such order and decree be made in the premises as may be requisite and proper to effect the due probate of said Will.

W. F. Compton,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October 1897.

S. G. Wo of Judge of Probate.

The State of Alabama } Probate Court of Marengo County
Marengo County } In the Matter of the probate of the last Will and testament of E. J. Compton, deceased.

Before me S. G. Wo of Judge of said Court personally appeared W. G. Allen, 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 in writing men shown to him, and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of E. J. Compton, deceased, late an inhabitant of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama that said E. J. Compton, since deceased, signed and executed the said instrument purporting to be her last Will and Testament in the day the same bears date and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that affiant set his signature thereto in the day the same bears date as a subscribing witness to the same, in the presence of said testatrix and in the presence of the other subscribing witness and at the request of said testatrix: that the other subscribing witness subscribed her name to the same as a witness at the request of said testatrix and in the presence of affiant and Testatrix; that said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and fully capable of making her last Will at the time the same was made, and executed as aforesaid, affiant further state that said testatrix was in the day of the date of said Will of the full age of twenty one years and upward.

Sworn to and subscribed this W. G. Allen
20th day of October 1897. S. G. Wo of Judge of Probate

State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen
Marengo County } I E. J. Compton, of Jefferson
Marengo County, State of Alabama, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and mindful of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life

do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses, including a neat limbstone to be erected over my grave, shall be paid as soon after my decease as may be practicable and convenient.

Item 2. I give bequeath and devise to Lucy Grey Compton, for and during the term of her natural life, all of those certain lands in Marengo County, State of Alabama, lying north and west of Double Creek and being along the roads leading from Jefferson to Moscow and from Moscow to Demopolis, and known as the Mitchell place, also one hundred and fifty five acres of what is known as the Finch Place. All of the lands hereby devised and bequeathed being lands which I inherited from my mother Mary E. Finch; to have and to hold said property and to enjoy the rents issues and profits thereof during the term of her life. Upon the death of said Lucy Grey Compton, and the termination of the life estate herein bequeathed to her, I give bequeath and devise said above described real Estate to the heirs of my son R. Millwood Compton.

Item 3. I give bequeath and devise to Alice Virginia Compton, for and during the term of her natural life, all those certain lands situate in Jefferson precinct, Marengo County, State of Alabama known as the William Summons Place, said lands lying in the public road leading from Jefferson to Demopolis, and more accurately described in the deed from said William Summons and T. B. Mercer to me, to which reference is hereby made for an accurate description of the same; to have and to hold the said property and to enjoy the rents issues and profits thereof during the term of her natural life. Upon the death of said Alice Virginia Compton and the termination of the life Estate herein bequeathed to her, I give, bequeath and devise said above described lands to the heirs of my son William F. Compton.

Item 4. All of my personal property I give bequeath and devise to Lucy Grey Compton and Alice Virginia Compton, in equal parts share and share alike.

Item 5. I do hereby nominate and appoint W. F. Compton to be the executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I, the said E. J. Compton have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 29th day of July 1897.

E. J. Compton (Ps)

Signed sealed and declared by the said E. J. Compton as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. F. Allen, M. A. Sledge.

The State of Alabama, Marengo County, I H. Wood Judge of Probate in and for said County, hereby certify that the within instrument of writing has this day and in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof been duly proven by the proper testimony to be the last Will and Testament of E. J. Compton, deceased, and that said will together with the said proof thereof has been recorded in my office in Book of Wills B. pages 347 Et seq. Given under my hand and official seal this 20th day of October 1897.

H. Wood Judge of Probate.

Last Will of Samuel Threadgill.

The State of Alabama, Marengo County, To all whom it may concern Know ye, That I Samuel Threadgill of the State and County aforesaid being of the age of twenty one years and upward and of disposing mind and memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make constitute and declare this to be my last Will and Testament towit: First, I give and bequeath to my son Duncan F. Threadgill and my daughter Flora D. Threadgill my home and land of every description lying in Marengo County Alabama, to be owned by them jointly and equally, share and share alike and I further desire and so declare that, if the said Duncan F and Flora D. Threadgill should die without issue then the said lands to be equally divided between my other Children then surviving Second. It is my will and desire that if the said Duncan F Threadgill should die leaving him surviving the said Flora D. Threadgill then and in that event the whole of the land is to be the property of the said Flora D. Threadgill, and if the said Flora D Threadgill should die leaving Duncan F. Threadgill her surviving then said lands is to be the property of the said Duncan F. Threadgill and as above said if the said Duncan F & Flora D. Threadgill should die without having Children or legal issue then the said lands is to be divided equally share and share alike between my Children who may then

be living and if at the death of the said Duncan F. & Flora D. Threadgill any of my other Children should have died, leaving Children, then it is my desire that such Children surviving should share & own the interest of their deceased parent in said property.
Third - It is my will and desire and I hereby direct the said Duncan F & Flora D. Threadgill to pay to Zo S. Threadgill, James H. Threadgill and Samuel W. Threadgill should they be living at my death, each twenty five ($25.00) dollars & I hereby bequeath to them the said twenty five dollars, each, as their part of my said Estate.
Fourth - It is my will and desire and I hereby bequeath all personal property & household effects of every description which may be left at my death, belonging to me to my said Children Duncan F & Flora D. Threadgill to be owned and enjoyed by them jointly as a part of their home and plantation herein bequeathed to them.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of December in the year of our Lord Ann thousand Eight hundred and ninety three - Saml Threadgill (Ea)
Attest W. M. Cook, D. A. Cook.
Filed for record March 22nd 1895. J. G. Woolf Judge Probate

Will of Fanny S. Floyd. Deceased.
The State of Alabama, I Fanny S. Floyd of McKinley
Marengo County Sin the State of Alabama
being in failing health, but of sound mind, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made at any time heretofore -
First - I direct that my just debts be paid by my executor hereinafter named as soon after my death as by him may be found convenient -
Second - I give to my daughter Carrie Ella Floyd the dwelling house, and twenty three acres of land annected therewith, now occupied by me as my residence, and all of the household and Kitchen furniture contained therein -
Third - To my son Samuel F. Floyd I give my good watch -
Fourth - All the rest and residue of my Estate real personal and mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at my decease, I give devise and bequeath to be equally divided between my sons Crawford A. Floyd, William F. Floyd and my daughter Carrie E. Floyd.
Fifth - I hereby appoint my nephew William H. Taylor to be the Executor of this will, without bond.
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of June 1896. Fanni S. Floyd.
Signed and published as her last Will and Testament by the said Fanni S. Floyd in our presence and we in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses on the day of the date of said Will - E. E. Taylor, E. M. Sheppard -
Filed for record Sept 8th 1896. J. G. Woolf Judge of Probate