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# Last Will of Zachariah Lewis.

In the name of God, Amen:  
I, Zachariah Lewis, of the State of South Carolina, farfield District, being in perfect health but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling into witness the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and obtain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that give it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried, I a devout Christian burial and at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting at the the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

First, I desire all my just debt to be ~~thoroughly~~ paid, and

secondly, I desire my dearly beloved wife, Elizabeth Lewis, to have and to enjoy all and every thing that I now owe & do enjoy, viz: horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, money, and house hold furniture, during her life and at her life and if any left to be equally divided between my child - ven, and I do hereby revoke, disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former testament, wills, legacies, bequest and executors by me in any way of full named will and bequest, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament. Also I do appoint my beloved



Zachariah Lewis.

God, Amen.  
of the State of South  
tied being in full  
of mind and memory  
calling into witness  
by, and knowing that  
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cattle, hogs, sheep,  
furniture, swine  
and if any dispute  
between my child  
-Walter, disallow, re-  
and every other for-  
els, legacies, bequest  
e in any matter  
to be greater, satis-  
ing this and me  
will & testament  
my beloved

Elizabeth Lewis, and my beloved friends  
James Mc Carter to be my Executors.

In witness whereof I have  
set hereunto my hand and seal, this  
Twentieth day of January A.D. 1815.

Witness present  
Bryant Kinnant  
Griffin Hogins } Zachariah Lewis (Seal)

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally appeared  
Griffin Hogins and being duly sworn  
deposeth and says, that he did see Zachari-  
ah Lewis sign this as his will, and that  
he did as well as Bryant Kinnant  
subscribe their name as witnesses  
thereto.

Sworn to and  
in open Court  
before me D<sup>y</sup> Marshal  
at D. 1820.  
H. D. Stone  
C. J. M. C. C.

This is to certify that  
I do make my beloved wife Elizabeth  
Lewis my legal executrix to all my  
real and personal estate, either in  
my own right or in the right of  
any other holding any part of my  
property out of this State of Alabama  
Montgomery County - My wife of  
her is, if she cannot pray for the ab-  
ove named quarter section, to sell it  
and sign letters for the same and  
pay the United States, and for to make  
choise of any neighbor she may think  
proper to enter a quarter section for

her own use, than that to be him  
and have as long as she lives - Given  
under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of January Anno Domini one tho-  
usand eight hundred and twenty  
signed, sealed and delivered for the  
within use.  
-Witness- (Zachariah Lewis - Seal)  
Griffin Hogins  
Jesse Evans Jr.  
R. Morely.

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally appeared  
Griffin L. Hogins and being duly  
sworn deposes and says, that he  
saw Zachariah Lewis, sign the above  
instrument or read as his last will  
and that he and Jesse Evans and R.  
Morely did sign the same as witnesses  
thereto.  
Sworn to before Griffin L. Hogins  
me this 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
at D. 1820



that to be him  
elders - Given  
seal this 25<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the  
and on 25<sup>th</sup>  
years for the  
Lewis - (seal)

Personally appeared  
John C. Hall -  
being duly  
sworn, that he  
sign the above  
as his last will  
Evans and R.  
came as witnesses  
for C. H. Jones

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The State of Alabama  
Montgomery County

In the name of God, Amen -  
I, Dixon Hall, of the State and County  
aforesaid, being of sound mind and  
memory, but in a poor state of  
health, and knowing that it is once  
appointed for all to die, I do therefore  
make this my last will & testament  
revoking all others heretofore made.

First, I recommend my soul unto  
God who gave it, and my body to  
be decently buried, and as to this world  
goods with which it has pleased the Al-  
mighty to bless me, I give and dispose  
of them in the following manner - to wit:

I leave unto my beloved wife  
during her natural life a widowhood  
the tract of land on which I now live  
composed of the following quantities -  
the north east quarter of section two,  
Township sixteen and Range eighteen,  
containing one hundred and fifty  
acres. Also the south east and south west  
quarters of section thirty five, Township  
seventeen and Range eighteen, containing  
three hundred and twenty acres & 1/2  
making in the whole, four hundred  
and eighty one acres and 1/2. Also the  
following negroes, to wit: Little Jim, Abram,  
Lewis, Johnathan, Arny, Ely, Chas, Henry,  
yellow George, & Maria - four feather beds  
and furniture with every article of  
household & kitchen furniture.

I give unto my beloved wife  
my present crop of corn, fodder and  
cotton, with all the plantation  
utensils, my stock of hogs & cattle,

also, my wagon and gear, and one  
pair of cast wheels, my sorrel horse,  
thresher and dark bay horse, called  
Mark, a small mare (by the name of)  
sorrel horse called Rob. also one thousand  
dollars in cash, which I have by me,  
also the pork which I have killed.

I give and bequeath to my  
daughter, Milly Hall, the following  
negroes, to wit: Ruben, Rachael, Lucy,  
Narah, Caroline, Julia and Martha, also  
five hundred dollars in cash which  
I now have by me, also the south  
east quarter of section number ten  
in Township sixteen and Range twenty,  
the three last payments to be paid out  
of the money which I now have  
on hand to her & her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my  
son, Waddy Hall the north west quarter  
of section twenty four, in Township  
fifteen and Range ten, the three last  
payments to be paid out of the money  
which I have on hand.

I leave unto my daughter-in-law,  
Arny Hall, during her life a widowhood,  
a negro man by the name of Will, now  
in possession of Dixon Hall for administration  
of Hugh, and after her death, to be equal-  
ly divided between the children  
of Hugh Hall.

I give and bequeath to my  
daughter Elizabeth Ruth Colley Lewis  
and Francis Harris, and my two sons  
Dixon and William Hall the balance  
of my negroes not otherwise disposed  
of, to be equally divided between them.

I give and bequeath to  
my daughter Elizabeth Ruth Colley  
Lewis and Francis Harris the debt

red gear, and one  
my saddle horse,  
horse, called it,  
(by distinction) 19  
also one thousand  
I have by me,  
ave killed.

bequeath to my  
d, the following  
en, Rachael, Lucy,  
and Martha, also  
in cash which  
also the fourth  
con number ten  
and twenty two,  
to be paid out  
I now have  
heirs forever.

bequeath to my  
north west quarter  
in Townships 12  
ten, the three last  
out of the money  
land.

my daughter in law,  
life a widowhood,  
name of W. D. C., now  
call for administration  
or death, to be equal  
between the children

bequeath to my  
wife Polly Lewis  
and my two sons  
Hall the balance  
therein disposed,  
and between them.

bequeath to  
with Isaac Polly  
is Harris the wife

due me by Richard Gregory, am-  
ounting to twenty five hundred  
dollars, to be equally divided between  
them.

Item All the property or money  
given or loaned to any of my children  
previous and which they now have  
in possession, I give to them.

Item It is my will and desire that  
the bed and other articles which I left  
in Georgia, also one bed without fur-  
niture which I have in possession, also  
the balance of my horses not disposed  
of by this will, be sold and the money  
equally divided between my daughter  
Elizabeth Ann Polly Lewis, and my sons  
and my sons Sison and William Hall.

Item It is my will and desire  
that on the death or marriage of my  
wife, the land and negroes with them  
increase, be the property of my son  
Wesley Hall which I give to her and  
her heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my  
two sons Sison Hall and William Hall  
and Bolling Hall, executors to this  
my last will and testament, and  
it is my will and desire that exec-  
utors prove as soon after my death as  
the circumstances will permit, to carry  
every part of my will into complete  
effect without regard to delay required  
by law in ordinary cases the latter a-  
in the first place of the first clause  
and the word this, interlined in the  
second line before signed.

In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this twenty eighth  
day of December in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and nineteen,  
signed & acknowledged Sison Hall —

In presence of —  
Lucy Baugh  
J. S. Mathin  
Bolling Hall  
Nicholas Oylbourne  
John Harper

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally appeared  
in open Court  
James S. Mathin, Bolling Hall,  
Nicholas Oylbourne and John Harper  
and being duly sworn, depose and  
say, they saw Sison Hall sign, seal  
and deliver the within will as his last  
will and testament, and they sub-  
scribed their names as witnesses thereto.

J. S. Mathin  
Bolling Hall  
Nicholas Oylbourne  
John Harper.

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } I leave in charge  
of my brother  
Bolling Hall, my daughter Willy  
Hall, to be raised and educated by him,  
and it is my will and desire that he  
also shall take entire and full charge  
of the property which I have bequeathed  
to her to be used and applied by him in  
any manner which he may conceive wise  
but promote her interest.  
In presence of — Given under my hand  
Nicholas Oylbourne and seal this 10th January  
John Harper A.D. 1820.

Sison Hall

and eight hundred  
son Hall — (Seal)

Personally appeared  
in open Court  
Bolling Hall,  
son John Harper  
own, deposed and  
on Hall sign, seal  
him will as his last  
us, and they sub-  
scribed these.  
J. S. Matkin  
Bolling Hall  
Nicholas Osborne  
John Harper.

I leave in charge  
of my Mother  
daughter Willy,  
and educated by him,  
and desire that he  
and full charge  
I have bequeathed  
applied by him in  
he may concide will  
and.  
under my hand  
seal this 10<sup>th</sup> January  
1820.  
Chas Hall (Seal)

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally appeared  
in open Court  
Nicholas Osborne and John Harper,  
and after being duly sworn, deposed  
and sayeth, that they saw Simon Hall  
sign seal and deliver the above as  
his codicil, will and testament,  
and that they signed the same as  
witnesses.

2<sup>nd</sup> June 1820 } Nicholas Osborne  
John Harper

### Last Will of George Thompson.

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County }

In the name of God, Amen:  
I, George Thompson, of the State and  
County aforesaid, being of sound mind  
and memory, calling to the view of my  
mind the mortality of man, and the  
necessity of examining my worldly  
affairs, and bequeathing, as I may  
see proper before I go hence and am  
no more, do hereby make this my  
last will and testament in the  
words and form following. viz:

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Thompson during  
her natural life a widowhood, two  
negroes, namely Tillis and Morris,  
one feather bed and furniture.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my  
son James Thompson one negro boy  
named Hall.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to  
my son Charlton Thompson one negro  
woman named Casy.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
son George Thompson two negroes  
named Cid and Dick, one feather  
bed and furniture.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
son John Thompson one negro man  
by the name of Ben, one negro woman  
by the name of Kitha, and a boy by  
the name of Green also one feather bed  
and furniture.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
grand daughter Elizabeth Simmons one  
negro girl named Caroline.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
grand son Matthew Simmons one negro  
boy named Allen.

8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
grand daughter Lucy Simmons  
one negro woman named Hannah.

9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
grand son William Simmons  
one negro boy named Glosscher.

10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
two grand sons Elhamon & Thompson  
Simmons fifty dollars each.

11<sup>th</sup> My further will and desire  
is, that all the other property, debts, dues  
and demands which I may be pos-  
sessed of after all my just debts are  
paid, shall be equally divided  
between my wife and E. Thompson  
my son James Thompson, Charlton  
Thompson, George Thompson & John  
Thompson I have and share  
alike.

12<sup>th</sup> And lastly I do appoint my  
two sons Charlton & George Thompson



bequeath to  
my son one negro  
boy.

bequeath to my  
son two negroes  
one male, one female

bequeath to my  
son one negro man  
one negro woman  
and a boy by  
one feather bed

bequeath to my  
son one negro man  
one negro woman

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son one negro

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bequeath to my  
son one negro man  
one negro woman

Executors of this my last will and  
testament, revoking all others her-  
etofore made, acknowledging and  
proclaiming this to be my last will  
and testament.

In witness whereof I have set  
my hand to my seal this day of  
November A.D. 1851.

Teste  
Thomas M. Barnett George Thompson  
Uriah Sparks

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally came  
before the undersigned  
Justice of the Peace Thomas M. Barnett  
and after being duly sworn sayeth  
he heard George Thompson acknowledge  
the signing of the within will,  
and that he believes he was of a  
sound and disposing mind & memory,  
and that he also saw Uriah Sparks  
set his name as a subscribing witness  
to the same.  
sworn to before Thomas M. Barnett  
me this 11th Decr 1851  
Willis Atkins  
Justice Peace

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } Personally came  
before George W.  
Thompson one of the named executors  
to the within will of George Thompson  
deceased, and was qualified as such  
agreeable to Law.

Gives under my hand and seal  
as Chief Justice of the Probate Court  
for the said County this 11th

Seventh day of December 1851

Witness my hand and seal  
this 20th day of Decr  
A.D. 1851  
J. D. Stone  
C. A. C. M. C.  
J. R. Hanson  
Clerk

## Last Will of Sarah Veazey

The State of Alabama }  
Montgomery County } ✓

In the name of God: Amen!  
I, Sarah Veazey of the County and State  
afore said, being weak in body, but of  
sound mind and disposing memory  
have ordained this my last will and  
testament, in manner & form following:

1<sup>st</sup> I recommend my soul  
to God who gave it, and my body  
to the dust to be interred at the discretion  
of my executors herein after named.

2<sup>nd</sup> I constitute my trusty friend  
John Browning my executor to this  
my last will and testament, with  
full power and authority to do and  
perform all requisitions & provisions  
herein after pointed out.

3<sup>rd</sup> My will and desire is, that all  
my just debts be paid, and the remain-  
der of my estate managed & disposed  
as herein after pointed out.

4<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that  
my son Zebulon Veazey have forty  
dollars.

5<sup>th</sup> My wish and desire is that  
my son Andrew B. Veazey have  
forty dollars.

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Stone.  
A. C. M. C.

arah Veazy.

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me of God: Amen!  
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in body, but of  
possessing memory  
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and my soul  
and my body  
at the direction  
after named.  
my trusty friend  
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Testament, with  
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5<sup>th</sup> My wish and desire is, that  
my son James & Veazy have the land  
whereon I now live & all the furniture.  
7<sup>th</sup> My wish and desire is, that  
my beloved daughter Sarah P. Veazy  
have one negro girl by the name of  
Rebecca, also one bed & furniture.  
8<sup>th</sup> My wish and desire is, that  
the balance of my estate be equally  
divided amongst all my children.  
(She was this, interlined before signed)  
In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1821.  
In presence of Sarah P. Veazy  
William B. Rock. mark  
Francis J. Browning  
John Cain

The State of Alabama  
Montgomery County}

Being in perfect senses, I,  
James M. Carey do will and bequeath  
with unto John M. Carey one negro  
man named Isaac, and unto my  
daughter Mary I do will and  
bequeath one negro boy named Samuel,  
and all my personal property which  
contains three stills and stows, two  
sorell mares, and stock of hogs which  
seventy five head - after my just  
debts are paid, each one have his  
equal part of the remainder which  
is John M. Carey and Mary M. Carey,  
and Mary Ann M. Carey and Catherine  
M. Carey. I do will and bequeath  
unto her five shillings, and my  
son and beloved wife I do will  
and bequeath all the balance  
of my property which remains in  
South Carolina for her third &  
for the use of raising my daughter Mary Ann.  
I do appoint and authorize  
Claborn Freeman and John Hanston  
as my trusty friends, to take care and  
dispose of agreeable to this my last  
will and testament. This 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1821.

Signed in the  
presence of  
Ben. Freeman  
John Hanston for  
Roland Sayler  
James M. Carey, mark

perfect senses, I,  
will and bequeath  
to carry one negro  
e, and into my  
I do will and  
boy, named Samuel,  
onal property which  
e and stand, two  
stock of hogs which  
after my just  
one have this  
the remainder, which  
D Mary Ann, Mary  
e Mary and Catherine  
will and bequeath  
things, and my  
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a for her third I  
my daughter Mary Ann  
with and authorize  
and John Benator  
and, to take care and  
to this my last  
will. This 27<sup>th</sup>  
1821.

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## Last Will of Arthur Williams—

In the name of God, Amen!

I, Arthur Williams, of the County of Morgan,  
and State of Georgia being weak of body though  
of mind and memory do make and constitute  
this my last will and Testament.

First, I will see my just debts to be paid.

Second, I give to my loving wife Elizabeth  
Williams, all my stock of horses, hogs &c, house  
hold and kitchen furniture, plantation  
tools &c, and likewise all my crop, except  
twenty five cents to each of my children  
& any.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1813.

Witness the power  
of Samuel Townsend  
Robert Johnston  
Arthur Williams

The State of Alabama

Montgomery County

Personally came  
Samuel Townsend  
(one of the subscribing witnesses to the within  
will) before the undersigned justice of the  
Peace for said County, and make oath  
that he saw the within testator,  
Arthur Williams ap<sup>pears</sup> the within  
will for the within purposes, and that  
he, the testator, was in sound mind and  
memory at the same time, and he  
expressly further say that he was a  
subscribing witness to the same, and that he further saw  
Robert Johnston likewise ap<sup>pears</sup> his name as a witness to the  
within will.

Done to before me 15<sup>th</sup> July 1822. Miles Atkins

## Last Will and Testament of Philip Pittman.

The State of South Carolina

In the name of God, Amen!

Philip Pittman  
of Kershaw District, being in ill health but of  
sound and disposing mind memory and  
understanding, receiving with deep  
solemnity the certainty of the approach of  
my dissolution, do make and declare this  
writing to be and contain my last  
will and Testament.

First, I give and  
bequeath to my beloved wife Phoebe Pittman  
the following eleven negroes, viz: Paul,  
Dann, Peter, Black, Jane, Cary, Emily, Jones,  
Joe, Manewas and Harriett, together with  
their future increase; also two beds and  
furniture, two horses named Ball & Blomery  
and my riding chair and harness and all  
my kitchen furniture.

Second, I will and  
bequeath to my son Burrell Pittman the  
following property, to wit: six negroes named  
Wat, Chanty, Rhobar, Maria, William and  
Ligget, together with their future increase,  
one horse called the black colt, one mare  
named Imp, and one ponell horse, one cart  
and ten head of cattle; all of which property  
has already been delivered, and one bed and  
furniture that has not yet been delivered  
to him, the said Burrell Pittman, his  
heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly I give and  
bequeath to my son James Pittman the  
following negroes, viz: Lucy and Dock  
which I have already delivered to him.



Philip Pittman.

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God, Amen!

Philip Pittman  
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First, I give and  
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Cary, Emily, Sones,  
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also two beds and  
named Ball & Bloomer,  
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Second, I will and  
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their future increase  
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small horse, one cart  
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Thirdly I give and  
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delivered to him.

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Sary, Jim, Vine and Patsy that has  
not yet been delivered; ten head of cattle  
one small mare, one cart and harness,  
that not been delivered to him, and one  
bed and furniture that has not been  
delivered to him, to him, the said James Pittman  
his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly, I give and  
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Williams  
the following five negroes, viz: Jack, Holland,  
Ag, Pat, and George, together with their future  
increase; two beds and furniture, fifteen  
head of cattle, fifteen head of hogs, four head  
of horses, viz: one brown horse, one mare  
called Lined, one bay filly and one black  
filly, and two blankets and furniture, all  
of which property has been delivered to her  
the said Eliza Williams her heirs  
and assigns forever.

Fifthly, I give and  
bequeath to my son J. R. Pittman the  
following six negroes, viz: Sary, Flop  
Jude, Lid, Lott and Reiner, together with  
their future increase, two beds and furn-  
-iture, and the following property that  
has already been delivered, to wit: One  
bay colt and one horse called Baykin, ten  
head of cattle, and nineteen head of  
hogs, to him, the said J. R. Pittman his  
heirs and assigns forever.

Sixthly, I give and  
bequeath to my grand daughter Margaret  
Williams, a negro girl named Kate  
together with her future increase, to her the  
said Margaret Williams her heirs and  
assigns forever.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath  
to my grand son Philip Pittman  
Williams one negro boy named Jack, to

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him the said Philip Pittman Williams his  
heirs and assigns forever.

All the rest and residue  
of my estate both real and personal that I  
have not given away and disposed of.

I will and bequeath that it may be  
disposed of in such manner as my wife  
Phoebe Pittman may think proper, and the  
proceeds thereof be appropriated to the  
discharge of my debt, and I hereby leave it  
discretionary with my wife either to  
keep the said property, not-willed away, or  
sell the same to pay off such debt and I  
am now owing, retaining to her own  
use any surplus that there may be in case  
of sale.

The whole of the property which I have  
given to my wife, it is my will and  
desire that the same, at the death of my  
said wife, be divided among my children  
as she by her last will and testament  
may direct. But should she die  
without leaving such will, then &  
in that case, I will that the property  
hereby given to her be equally divided  
among my children, share & share  
alike.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint  
my wife Phoebe Pittman and my son  
Burrell Pittman, executrix and  
executor of this my last will and  
testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1821  
signed, sealed, published & pronounced  
by the testator to be his last will and  
testament in the presence of us,

John D. Cattle  
John Williams  
Chas. K. Evans

Witnessed 12<sup>th</sup> August 1822

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