

Will of Daniel Gray
In the name of God Amen

- I Daniel Gray of the State of Alabama and County of Shelby being very old and weak in body, but of perfect intellect and a sound mind, do make this my last will and testament in the words following (to wit):
- 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Gray, her life, a long and happy marriage in a Union the right of God and Man and one hundred and fifty dollars, to her use including the plantation land the one fourth of my estate and at her death or marriage the property shall be given unto her heirs equally divided among my Children.
 - 2nd I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Julia, when she comes of age, the one fourth of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out, during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.
 - 3rd I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah, when she comes of age, the one fourth of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out, during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.
 - 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary, when she comes of age, the one fourth of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out, during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.
 - 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret, when she comes of age, the one fourth of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out, during

- her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.
- 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Martha Elliott, the one seventh part of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out, during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body.
 - 7th I give and bequeath unto my son, Jonathan Gray, the one seventh part of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out.
 - 8th I give and bequeath unto my son, Eli Gray, the one seventh part of my estate that may remain after my wife's part is taken out.
 - 9th I give and bequeath unto my four Grandchildren (viz) Levi Elliott, Jane Elliott, Stephen Elliott and Elizabeth Elliott, fifty dollars a piece which they are to receive as they become of age.
 - 10th I do constitute and duly appoint my Sons, Jonathan Gray and Eli and Jacob Bourdon, my Executors to carry this my last will and testament unto full effect.
- In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 31 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.
- Signed Sealed in the Presence of
Stephen W Elliott
William W Rennon, J.P.
- Daniel Gray

AB I have given my son Allen Gray in his

of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 1st It is my desire that my beloved daughter Caroline black
 and her children have an equal share of my un-
 bequeathed estate.

Item 2nd It is my desire that my beloved daughter Susannah
 Wilson and her children have an equal equal
 division of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 3rd It is my desire that my beloved son James to shall have
 a negro boy by the name of Hampton together with
 two hundred and sixty five dollars for out fit and an equal
 share of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 4th It is my wish that my beloved son George to have
 a horse saddle & bridle worth one hundred & 90
 twenty five dollars a negro boy named Dennis
 and three hundred & sixty five dollars together
 with an equal share of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 5th It is my wish that my beloved daughter Martha
 Ann Ellreid and her children have an equal share of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 6th It is my wish that my beloved daughter Maria Jane
 and her children have a negro girl named Sarah and three hundred
 and eighty five dollars together with an equal share
 of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 7th It is my wish that my beloved son William have
 a negro boy named Lewis and three hundred and eighty five
 dollars outfit together with an equal share of my un-
 bequeathed estate.

Item 8th It is my wish that my beloved daughter Elizabeth have a
 negro girl named Lurana and three hundred and
 eighty five dollars outfit and an equal share of
 my unbequeathed estate.

Item 9th It is my wish that my dear son Jandy have a negro
 boy named Walton and three hundred and eighty
 five dollars outfit together with an equal share
 of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 10th It is my wish that my beloved son Thomas
 Jefferson have a negro boy named Richmond
 and three hundred and eighty five dollars outfit together with
 an equal share of my unbequeathed estate.

Item 11th It is my wish that all my younger children
 have an allowance for their education raising
 out of my estate and that agreeable to their age.

Item 12th It is my wish that my son James to be my ex-
 ecutor and John Wilson be my executor to carry
 into effect this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed this 2nd day of June in the
 year one thousand eight hundred & thirty
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Edw. Himm
 J. H. Will
 Denton Stark

Jandy Key - 
~~John Wilson~~
~~Denton Stark~~

The State of Alabama
 Interrogated to be exhibited & sworn
 at to Eliza Hazzard Welch & Denton Stark
 subscribing witnesses to the last will
 & testament of Jandy Key deceased who resided
 without the State of Alabama to wit in the State
 of Georgia and whose testimony is material
 to be read & read before the Honorable the Judge
 of the County Court sitting as the orphan Court
 of Russell County in said State of Alabama.

on the application of James C. Key & John A. Appleby
 & John Wilson the executors named in said last will
 & testament for the probate thereof
 were you & each of you acquainted with Sandy Key
 late of Russell County Alabama and formerly of
 Jackson County in the State of Georgia
 Please look on the annexed instrument of writing
 purporting to be the last will & testament of the said
 Sandy Key and say whether you & each of you
 were subscribing witnesses thereto
 And you & each of you see the said Sandy Key sign the
 same or see any other person sign the same for him
 in his presence and to his express direction and did
 you & each of you attest & subscribe the said last
 will & testament as witnesses in the presence of the
 said Sandy Key and of each other and was the same
 executed at the time it bears date
 if either of said witnesses should be absent when
 these interrogatories are answered the others will please
 state whether said last will & testament was signed by
 said Sandy Key in the presence of such absent wit-
 ness and whether such absent witness subscribed
 the same as a witness in the presence of said Sandy
 Key & if they did not see such absent witness sign
 said will they will please say whether they are
 acquainted with the hand writing of such
 absent witness from having seen him write
 and whether the signature of his name to said
 last testament is in his hand writing
 At the time said last will & testament was executed
 was the said Sandy Key of sound & disposing
 mind & memory and capable of transacting his

June 14th It is my wish that my dear husband have a negro
 boy named Walton and three hundred and eighty
 five dollars ~~out~~ ^{set} ~~to~~ ^{to} be together with an equal share
 of my unbequeathed estate
 June 15th It is my wish that my beloved son Thomas
 Jefferson have a negro boy named Richmond
 and three hundred ~~dollars~~ ^{and fifty} together with
 an equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 June 16th It is my wish that all my younger children
 have an allowance for their education & raising
 out of my estate and that agreeable to their age
 June 17th It is my wish that my son James C. Key
 Appleby & John Wilson be my executors to carry
 into effect this my last will and testament
 Signed sealed this 2nd day of June in the
 year one thousand eight hundred & thirty
 six
 1836
 Elisha Wynn
 of Will
 Benton Stark
 Sandy Key - 
~~Walter Wynn~~
~~Benton Stark~~

The State of Alabama
 Interrogatories to be exhibited & propoun-
 ed to Elisha Wynn & Benton Stark
 executors subscribing witnesses to the last will
 & testament of Sandy Key deceased who resided
 without the State of Alabama & within the State
 of Georgia and whose testimony is material
 to be used & read before the Honorable the Judge
 of the County Court sitting as the orphans Court
 of Russell County in said State of Alabama

on the application of James C. Key & John Appleby
 & John McLean the executors named in said last will
 & testament for the probate thereof
 were you & each of you acquainted with Sandy Key
 late of Russell County & Alabama and formerly of
 Jackson County in the State of Georgia
 Please look on the annexed instrument of writing
 purporting to be the last will & testament of the said
 Sandy Key and say whether you & each of you
 were subscribing witnesses thereto

Said you & each of you see the said Sandy Key sign the
 same or see any other person sign the same for him
 in his presence and by his express direction and did
 you & each of you attest & subscribe the said last
 will & testament as witnesses in the presence of the
 said Sandy Key and of each other and was the same
 executed at the time it bears date

if either of said witnesses should be absent when
 these Interrogatories are answered, the others will please
 state whether said last will & testament was signed by
 said Sandy Key in the presence of such absent wit-
 ness and whether such absent witness subscribed
 the same as a witness in the presence of said Sandy
 Key & if they did not see such absent witness sign
 said will they will please say whether they are
 acquainted with the hand writing of such
 absent witness from having seen him write
 and whether the signature of his name to said
 last testament is in his hand writing

At the time said last will & testament was executed
 was the said Sandy Key of sound mind & disposing
 mind & memory and capable of transacting his

business and disposing of his property as men
 in the full exercise of their ordinary faculties
 are
 if you or either of you know any thing further
 which will go to show that said will was legally
 made state it fully & at large

The J. Tester

Atty for Executors
 appointed in the will

Filed in office the 10th day of Oct A.D. 1839
 Thomas S. Tate, Clk.

The State of Alabama: John G. House
 Russell County William Lewis & George
 I have or any two or more of you Greeling who was
 the last will and testament of Sandy Key late of
 said County deceased has been presented to his
 Honor Judge Lewis Judge of the County Court
 and Judge of the Orphans Court of said County
 and application has been made to the said Judge
 by James C. Key John Appleby & John McLean
 who are nominated by said last will & testa-
 ment as Executors thereof for the probate
 of said will & testament and it being reported
 to the said Judge of said Court that the witnesses
 to said last will & testament to wit: William
 Horatio Webb & Benton Stark reside without
 the Jurisdictional limits of said State to wit
 in the State of Georgia and an order having
 been granted by his Honor the said Judge
 Lewis (requiring) a commission to issue

authorizing the testimony of said witnesses to be taken by Interrogatories we do therefore authorize and empower any two or more of you to cause the said Elisha Wilm Horatio Webb & Benton Stark to come before you and examine them and each of them on their Corporal Oaths upon the Interrogatories annexed to this Commission and the answers to the said Interrogatories plainly & distinctly written you send enclosed under your hands & seals to the next County Court sitting at the Orphans Court to be held in & for said County of Russell on the first Monday in November next.

Witness Thomas S. Gate, Clerk of our said Court this 22nd day of October A.D. 1838 and of American Independence the sixty third year

Thomas S. Gate, cl^k
By George M. King dep. cl^k

I signed 22nd day of Oct A.D. 1838

Georgia 3 By virtue of a Commission Jackson County from the Honourable the Orphans Court of the County of Russell of the State of Alabama to us directed, we have caused Elisha Wilm Horatio Webb and Benton Stark the persons in the said Commission named to come before us and being duly sworn, true answers to make to certain interrogatories to the said Commission annexed depositions and answers as follows

To the first interrogatory they all answer. we were acquainted with Sandy Key formerly of

this State and County and know that he removed and it was said to Russell County Alabama

To the second Int. Elisha Wilm answers that he was present and saw Sandy Key sign the annexed instrument as his will and that this deponent signed the same as a subscribing witness Horatio Webb & Benton Stark answers that Sandy Key presented the annexed Will to them and acknowledged the signature to be his hand writing and that deponents subscribed the same as subscribing witnesses and that they saw the name of Elisha Wilm signed to the same as a subscribing witness and that they signed the same in the presence of each other

To the third Int. they all answer that the foregoing of this interrogatory is answered in the answer to the second interrogatory and that the said last will and testament was made and signed on or about the date it purports to have been executed

To the fourth Int. they all answer that the answer to this Interrogatory is given in their answer to the second

To the fifth Int. They all answer that at the time the annexed Will and testament was made signed and acknowledged they believe that the said Sandy Key was of sound mind and disposing memory

To the sixth Int. they know nothing more to relate that will make in favour of the

establishment of said will answered subscribed and sworn to before as the thirty first day of October 1838

John G. House JS Com (33)

William Cowan JS (33)

George Shaw Com (33)

Editha Wims

He Webb

Benton Stark

The State of Alabama, Chambers Oct 27th 1838
 Russell County, Thomas J. Foster Attorney
 for James & Key John Appleby & John Wilson
 having herewith presented to the Judge of the
 County Court as Judge of the Orphans Court of
 said County of Russell a paper purporting to be
 the last will and testament of Sandy Key late of said
 County deceased for probate of which said last will
 & testament the said James & Key John Appleby and
 John Wilson are nominated Executors and the said
 Thomas J. Foster attorney as aforesaid having stated
 in this place that to the best of his knowledge infor-
 mation & belief Editha Wims Horatio Webb &
 Benton Stark who appear to be witnesses to said last
 will & testament reside without the jurisdictional
 limits of said State to wit in the State of Georgia
 It is therefore on motion of said Thomas J. Foster
 attorney as aforesaid ordered that the of the County
 Court the Clerk of the Orphans Court of Russell County
 aforesaid do issue a commission or dedimus prohi-
 bitum authorizing the taking of the testimony of the
 said Editha Wims Horatio Webb & Benton Stark accor-
 ding to the requisition of the Statute in such cases
 made & provided

Wm. Des. Surd. Judge
 County Court Russell County

This day came James & Key one of the executors
 of the last will & testament of Sandy Key late of
 said County deceased & presented the same for
 probate & the same having been proven by the
 subscribing witnesses to wit Editha Wims Horatio
 Webb and Benton Stark by Interrogatories taken
 in the County of Jackson State of Georgia
 before William Cowan John G. House JS and
 George Shaw in terms of the law in such cases
 made & provided It is therefore ordered that the
 said will be admitted to record & the oath
 required to be administered by the laws of said State
 to the Executors of said estate were duly admin-
 istrated to two of the said Executors viz James &
 Key & John Wilson in open Court John
 Appleby the other Executors named in the above
 said will having declined any Executorship
 in said estate

Recorded 27th October 1838

Thomas J. Foster, Clk

The State of Alabama } In the name of God Amen
 Russell County } I Catm Melwellen being
 of sound mind and of disposing memory and
 knowing that it is appointed once for all men to
 die do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament in the words and figures following to wit
 I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and
 my body to a Christian like burial.

I will and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth S Southen
 daughter of Francis Gibson one negro girl named
 Amanda about eight years of age and the sum of
 of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid to her at
 any time within twelve months after my death
 by my Executors this is to be over and above an
 legal share in my property.

I will and bequeath to my Sister Francis Gib-
 son and her Children Wiley S Gibson & Nancy
 S Whitfield & Anne S Gibson Taylor & John
 and Elizabeth S Southen an equal division of
 all of property both real and personal money
 and notes so that my property may be equally
 divided amongst them all except such as I
 have specially given away.

I will and bequeath to Catm Gibson Son of
 Wiley S Gibson Five Hundred dollars to be paid
 over to his Father and to be used by him in such
 manner as he may think most conducive to the interest
 of said child.

I will and bequeath that whatever amount of prop-
 erty my Sister Francis Gibson may receive of my
 Estate to be equally divided amongst all her
 Children at her death.

I will and bequeath Five Hundred dollars to
 be laid out in Sunday cloths for my negroes
 by my Executors in such manner as they may
 think proper.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Anne S
 Gibson and Wiley S Gibson my true and lawful
 Executors to carry this my last will and Testament
 into effect In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & affixed my seal this the 22nd day of December
 in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & thirty
 eight.

Witness
 Vincent C Revere
 William D Hargrove

Catm Melwellen

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared in
 Russell County } open court the within
 named Vincent C Revere & William D Hargrove
 the two subscribing witnesses to the within will
 who being duly sworn depose and oath that they
 saw the said Catm Melwellen whose name is set
 described thereunto sign seal publish & declare this
 writing to be & publish his last will & testament & that
 these deponents subscribe their names thereto as
 witnesses in the presence of the said testator & that
 he was of sound mind & disposing memory & that
 he executed the same without compulsion or fear
 as they know or believe.
 Given to & subscribed this 25th day of July
 A.D. 1839

Wm Lewis J. C. & C. Revere
 Wm D Hargrove

3 I Sandy Hay of the County and
 and County 3 State a person being mind full of
 of death and of the frailties of life and at the
 sacred time of his dying mind full of
 and will and a desire to dispose of the good
 things that it has pleased God to bestow upon him
 by virtue of this present to make this my last
 will and Testament. I do hereby declare
 It is my desire that my beloved wife Sarah
 have and enjoy in her individual right the
 following properties to wit: Said sum of Dollars
 Charitable Insurance, Cattle, and Money to Nancy
 Ann Carriag and the Chord of a pair of Horses
 at Bucks and say Ward called Nancy Cattle
 and also a tract of land of three hundred acres
 whereon I and her said wife have been holding
 also the Mill tract of one hundred and fifty acres
 together with two beds of furniture of my house hold
 and sundry hundred dollars worth of my house hold
 and kitchen furniture and of her husband's clothing
 and also one hundred Dollars worth of stock
 and that of her children
 It is my desire that my beloved daughter
 Harriet Phelps and her children have and equal
 share of my unbequeathed estate
 It is my desire that the children of Mary Mitchell
 my deceased daughter have and equal share of my
 unbequeathed estate
 It is my desire that my beloved daughter
 Virginia Appleby and her children have and
 equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 It is my desire that my beloved daughter

Caroline Clark and her children have and
 equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 4 It is my desire that my beloved daughter
 Susan DeWitt and her children have and
 equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 5 It is my desire that my beloved son James
 shall have a Negro boy by the name of Hampton
 the height of six feet and six inches and fifty
 also an equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 6 It is my wish that my beloved son George
 shall have a horse saddled Bridle worth one hundred
 and twenty five dollars a Negro boy named
 Dennis and two hundred and twenty five dollars
 together with an equal share of my unbequeathed
 estate
 Item 7 It is my wish that my beloved daughter
 Martha and Eliza have and equal
 share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 8 It is my wish that my beloved daughter
 Melia and her husband have and equal
 and three hundred and eighty five dollars together
 with an equal share of my unbequeathed
 estate
 Item 9 It is my wish that my beloved son
 Joseph a Negro boy named Dennis and three hundred
 and eighty five dollars together with an
 equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 10 It is my wish that my beloved daughter
 Mary a Negro girl named Susan and three
 hundred and eighty five dollars together with an
 equal share of my unbequeathed estate
 Item 11 It is my wish that my beloved son Sandy

large a negro boy named Mattina and three
hundred and eighty five dollars out of
the money and a few more of the negro
states.

It is my wish that my father and son Thomas

- I offen have a negro boy named Richard and
 three hundred Dollars out of the city, and

equal share of my inheritance estate.
It is my wish that all my

Handwritten note: "that all things on your side are
hand and a power and for them I am certain and saying
about it, my sister, 2nd

It is my wish that my son James C. should be

& John Wilford be my Executors to carry into effect
this my last Will and Testament &

Signed & sealed the 2^d day of June in the Year
One thousand eight hundred & 71

The above eight names are of thirty six 1835
 Int—

Sandy Hay

~~Chas. H. Davis~~
~~James H. Davis~~

The State of Alabama
 Certifies that to be in his office & pronounced
 to Col. John Minor Novatia ~~Drill~~ and Western
 Charles Subscribing Minister to the last will
 & Testament of Sandra May Mrs. W. H. Novatia
 Widelyy Indebted of Alabama to May in the
 State of Georgia and whose Testamentary is
 Material to be used and signed by the
 Judge of the ^{County} ~~County~~ of Reynolds County
 in said State of Alabama in the following

of James C. ^{Shir} John Appleby & John
Wilson the Executors named in said last
Will & Testament for the free & clear
1.14th Word you and each of you so warranted with Land &
- ^{Shir} late of Russell County, Alabama and
proximity of Jackson County into the State of
Georgia

2. And I have took in the annexed instrument With of
- Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testa-
- ment of the said Sandy, Hay and say whether
you and each of you saw the said Sandy Hay
sign the said and bind in his presence and by his
own voice Sweet wine and did you each of you
attest and subscribe the said last Will & Testament
as Witnesses in the presence of the said Sandy-
- Hay and of each other and was the said
execution at the time it was made

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If either of said Witnesses should be absent
I should then interrogate and answered the
other and please Lettate Whithing said last will
& Testament was signed by said Handy Thy
in the presence of such a true Witness and
Whithing such about Witness Subscribed the
same as a witness in the presence of said
Handy Thy if they did not see such about
Witness sign said will they will please say
Whithing they are acquainted with they have
writings of such about Witness from having
said true write and whether the signature
of his name to said last Testament is and has
been written &
At the time said last will and Testament

Was Executed Was the said Sandy Hogg of
Sound & disposing Mind & Memory and Capable
of transacting his business and disposing of his
property as shown in the full exercise of their
ordinary faculties and

If you are either of you and showed any thing further
Which will go to show that said Will was
legally made, state it fully & at large

The S. Justice
attor for Executors
appointed in the Will -

The State of Alabama To John L. House
Honor. County of William Cowan &
George Shoup or any two or more of you being
Whereas the last Will and Testament of said
Sandy Hogg late of said County deceased has been
presented to his Honor, Vlysses Lewis Judge of the
County Court as Judge of the Probate and County
of said County and application has been made
to the said Judge by James C. Hogg John W. Hogg
& John Wilson who are named in said last
Will & Testament as Executors thereof for the
probate of said last Will & Testament and it
being represented to the said Judge of said
County that the Witnesses to said last Will
and Testament to wit Elisha Milled Horatio Webb &
Benton Starko reside within the
jurisdictional limits of said State to wit in
the State of Georgia and an order having been
granted by his Honor the said Vlysses Lewis
requiring a Commission to issue authorizing the

the testimony of said Witnesses to be taken by
Interrogatories We do there fore authorize and
empower any two or more of you to Cause the
said Elisha Milled Horatio Webb & Benton
- Starko to Come before you and examine
them on each of them in their several Corpo-
ral oaths upon the interrogatories annexed
to this Commission and the answers to the said
Interrogatories plainly & distinctly written
you send enclosed under your hand & seal
to the Hon. County Court sitting as the open
Court to be held next for said County of Monroe
on the first Monday in November next
to wit the day of October A.D. 1838
and of American Independence the thirty third
year
Thomas J. Jackson
By George W. King dep. att
Witness my hand this 15th day of Oct 1838

Georgia By Virtue of a Commission from
Jackson County to the Honorable the Probate Court of
the County of Russell of the State of Alabama to
us directed We have caused Elisha Milled Horatio
Webb and Benton Starko the persons in the said
Commission named to Come before us and being
duly sworn true answers to make to certain
interrogatories to the said Commission annexed
deposited our answers as follows -
In the first interrogatory they all answer We were
acquainted with Sandy Hogg formerly of the
State and County and know that he removed

The State of Alabama } Orphans Court Nov 1840
 Russell County } Personally appeared
 John C. Hunt and Anderson who being
 duly sworn Depose that this defendant
 was a subscribing witness to the last will
 and Testament of 177 A. D. Bardolow and
 that he was present when G. B. Rush
 Margaret Anderson subscribed the same
 as witnesses and that the said testament was in
 sound disposing minds at the time of
 executing said will
Witness James D. C. R. C. Penline Anderson

Recorded the 9th day of June 1840

Thomas J. Tate Clerk

Will of Benjamin P. Jarver Ltd.

The State of Alabama Russell County

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin P. Jarver of the County of Russell and
 State of Alabama being of sound mind and capable
 of disposing of my property as suit my inclinations
 and knowing that it is the lot of man to die do make
 and ordain this my will and Testament as follows

- Item 1 I Will my soul to God who gave it and desire
 that my body after my death shall be decently buried
- Item 2 I desire that all my just debts be paid and my
 business & temporal affairs settled up as soon as can
 be done after my death
- Item 3 I Will and Bequeath to my beloved Mother
 Henry Jarver my plantation in the County of Russell
 and State of Alabama the same being on the North
 half of Section Number ^{in Township number}
 eighteen and Range Number thirty and the East half
 of Section Number ^{in Township number}
 eighteen and Range Number twenty nine except
 forty acres belonging to Thomas McCoy and such
 portion as may have been sold to James S. Moore
 together with all the stock of Horses Mules Cattle
 Hogs &c and the farming utensils belonging to said
 plantation and also all my house hold and kitchen
 furniture
- Item 4 I Will to my Brother Milton P. Jarver one
 hundred Dollars
- Item 5 I Will to my Brothers William, Elijah and
 James Moore Jarver the entire balance of my
 estate both real and personal in the following manner
 To Elijah M. Jarver one entire half To James Moore
 & William Jarver each an equal share of the other

half with the condition that if William should die without having his portion to be equaly divided between the surviving brother and the hope surviving

I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother William D. Turner the executor of this my last Will and Testament having all others In testimony Whereof I the said Benjamin P. Turner have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord and thousand eight hundred and Forty Two

Harry State
Chancery Penny
P. S. Clay J. R.

Benjamin P. Turner

of Alabama Personally appeared in open Court of the County of Chancery Penny & Harry State two of the Justices of the Peace to the undersigned Will who being duly sworn depose that they saw the said Benjamin P. Turner who subscribed thereto sign seal published & claim this Writing contains his last Will & Testament & that the deponents read the same and that as witnesses in the presence of the said Benjamin P. Turner & that he was of sound mind and memory that he executed the said Will without any fraud or force as they themselves believe and do hereby certify in open Court this 6th day of July 1840

Harry State
Chancery Penny

did the 1st day of July 1840

Thomas A. State

Will of John Robison Secd

The State of Alabama Russell County
I John Robison do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Will and Testament of my late husband John Robison and with the fear of God before my eyes do this day make my last Will and Testament as follows

First I do give my soul to God and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner

Second I will all my property both real and personal to my wife Sarah Robison for life and at or after her death for all mine to be equally divided between my three children or their heirs

Third I leave to my son W. C. Robison and my wife Sarah Robison to my Executors of this my last Will and Testament

Fourth I desire that all my debts be first paid out of my Estate and the balance remain in the possession of my wife for life and as above mentioned

Fifth I desire that my wife shall have discretionary power in reference to selling a part of my property or the whole of it as she may think best and support her self of the interest of the same as long as she may live in view of which of I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year and date first above written

Witness
Samuel J. Turner
John A. Robison
William C. Robison

John Robison

any shorter time and if at any time he chooses to deliver the occupancy of the Swamp Plantation and Settlement or either of them and to sell them one or both of them to be sold or otherwise disposed of and the proceeds of such sale or disposition to be for his use if he so chooses otherwise to be equally divided amongst my Daughters within here - The following negro Slaves to wit. Charles and Hagar his wife and Charley their son Alexander and Richard. One third part of six Stock of cattle and sheep all the two two Horses or shares plantation tools and two Beas mattresses bolsters pillows and Bedsteads with six pairs of pillow cases four pairs of Sheets four pairs of Blankets four counterpanes and twelve towels Kitchen furniture the Stock of wine on hand at the time of my decease and things in the Store room and Smoke house.

I give and bequeath all the said property after the death of my ^{dear} husband and all the other property that I ever am entitled to and possess hereafter may possess to my Executors herein after to be named in Trust and for the said several purposes herein expressed, with all the powers of trustees for a further and full perpetuation of the said Trust

To my daughter Sarah Georgiana Sperry the following property to wit. Negroes Charles and his wife Hagar and their Elizabeth M. & M. Bell

Sam Charley, Betty Emily and Lewis the three first named Charles Hagar's Charles after the death of my said husband together with an equal proportion of my household goods and cattle except such as are herein otherwise disposed of To and for the use and sole benefit of the said Sarah Georgiana Sperry for and during her life and after her death to and for the use of all her children upon their coming of age or Marriage until then each to be the heirs of the other which said negroes and property is to be free and clear from the debts dues and contracts of any husband the said Sarah Georgiana. Now has it hereafter may have and further the legal right is vested in my said Trustees for the purposes expressed in this my said bequest

Fourth)

To my daughter Elizabeth Smith Moore the following property to wit. Negroes Cumberland Alexander Vincent Camilla & Molline her child and Paris one Bed Mattress bolsters pillows and Bedsteads and an equal Division of my other household goods and cattle except such articles as are herein otherwise disposed of together with a marble slab but the negroes Alexander to remain with my husband till his death. This property Negroes & the rest to be subject to all the Elizabeth M. & M. Bell

provisions contained in the preceding
bequest to Sarah Jennings Sperry
To my daughter Harriet Moore McGill
the following property to wit Negroes little
Corny, Sarah, Frederick, Priscilla, Richard,
Adeline and old Louisa (Rose) Richard to
remain with my husband during his life
likewise my Walnut Wardrobe and an
equal Division of my household goods
and cattle with one of my youngest
daughters - the said negroes and other property
to be subject to all the provisions contained
in the preceding bequest to Sarah Jennings Sperry and Eli Smith
Smith Moore

To my daughter Janet Harris Stanton
the following property to wit Slaves
Mollie, George, Anne (Fanny), Diana,
Jacob, Michael, Joe and Gilbert the chest
of drawers (Dresser) the iron my Mother's
and an equal share of my household
goods and cattle - the said Slaves and other
property to be subject to all the provisions
contained in the preceding bequest to
Sarah Jennings Sperry, Elizabeth
Moore and Harriet Moore McGill

To my daughter Margaret Sanders
the following property to wit Negroes
Will, Louisa (Liza), Harriet and the little
Toney - by Samy, Bountaine and Louisa
and to an equal Division of my household
goods and cattle not otherwise disposed of
Eli Smith Moore

The said negroes and other property to
be subject to all the provisions contained
in the preceding bequest to Sarah
Jennings, Elizabeth Smith Harriet
Moore and Janet Harris
And lastly I hereby name and appoint
Nell Mumme and Eli Warren to be
the executors and Trustees of this my
last will and testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 25th day of December in
the year one thousand eight hundred
and thirty - being written on four pages
and part of a fifth at the foot of each
I have subscribed my name
Signed sealed pro-
nounced and declared Eli Smith Moore
to be the last will
and testament of Eliza-
beth Mary Sam M'Call the day
and year last above written in
presence of
John Lowther
Charles B. Fugton and Duncan Dohanne

Georgia } Court of ordinary 3^d
Lawrence County } of January 1832
a preme in open court John Lowther
Charles B. Fugton and Duncan D
Mumme who being duly sworn testify
that they saw Eliza M. M'Call

Sign seal and publish this writing
to be contain his last will and
Testament. That at the time she was
of a sound and disposing mind and
that they signed the same as witnesses
Attest Thomas Cate Clerk

Received in office this 7th day of
April 1841
Thomas Cate Clerk

I John G. Woodson of The State of Alabama
and County of Ripley do make this my
last will and Testament in the words following
to wit. I direct that my funeral expenses
be paid as soon after my death as possible
and all the debts that Alfred P. Reed and
my self John G. Woodson owe known as a
firm of Woodson & Reed after all such debts
shall be paid I will and bequeath to my
Mother Mary T. Woodson one third of all
the money Property and effects which I may
have at my death after such expenses and debts
as above mentioned shall be paid which she
shall have and hold during Her life and
after Her death her Property left to her by me
John G. Woodson shall be the property of
my sister Charlotte J. Woodson
I will and bequeath to my sister Charlotte
the remaining two thirds of the money
all the money Property and effects which

I may have at my death I do write
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 6th day of
August one thousand eight hundred and
forty. Signed sealed in the presence of
John T. Leonard

William B. Martin John G. Woodson
Thomas Cate

I T. B. Take notice that Alfred P. Reed
my self John G. Woodson have no real
estate property all the money Property and
effects belonging to the firm of Woodson
& Reed is one half Alfred P. Reed the
other half is John G. Woodson this 11th
August one thousand eight hundred and forty
Signed sealed in the presence of the day
and year above written

William B. Martin John G. Woodson
John T. Leonard
Thomas Cate

In the name of God amen I Robert McCall
Governor of the State of Alabama do make and seal of body but of perfect
mind and memory that I do give unto God
calling unto mind the mortality of my body
knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die do make and ordain this my last
and Testament that is to say principally
first all I give and bequeath say I do in
the name of Almighty God that you

And my body I becomine to the Earth to be
buried in decent Christian burial at the discre-
tion of my Executors nothing doubting but of
the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of god and as to
nothing such worldly Estate which with it
both pleased god to bless me in this life
I give devise and dispose of the same in the
following manner and form first I give and
bequeath to Rebecca McCalister my dearly
beloved wife all and singular my Estate to
wit three negroes named Betty and Fannie to
gladden with all my household furniture
Stock of Cattle hogs and Sheep we are worth
five hundred dollars but money to Lucy Brooks
for which I have not any note to be by her pay-
by Enjoyed during her natural life or widow
hood at her decease the negro girl Fannie and
one bequeath to Martha Lawrence my Son
grand Daughter and the heirs of her body if
she die without an heir the said negroes
to be returned back into the said Estate per-
where she was taken and the remainder of
my Estate at my wife decease I give to my
Slaves grandchild Mary, Elizabeth, Jane
Josephine, Isaac and James Lawrence
all having consisted make and deliver within
30 days my last Executor of this my last
will and Testament and the hereby intended
disallow rewrite and disannul all and every
other former Testament with a legacy be-
quest and Executor by me in any way before

And publishing and confirming this as
no other to my last will and Testament
whereof I have written let my hand and seal
this twenty eight day of August in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty and sixty fifth year of American
Independence Signed Sealed published
pronounced and declared by the said Robert
McCalister as his last will and Testament
in the presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each other have here-
unto subscribed our names,

Just
George Trevis
John Edge
James H. and
Robert McCalister
his mark

The State of Alabama, Personally appeared
Russell County before me in open
Court John Edge one of the subscribing witnesses
to the aforesaid will who being duly sworn
deposed and said that he saw the said
Robert McCalister whose name is subscribed
there to sign seal publish and deliver this
writing to be my and certain his last will
and Testament and that they did not subscribe
his name there as a witness in the presence
of the said Robert McCalister and that he ex-
posed the same without compulsion so far
he knew or believes true and true
in open Court this 7 day of
October A.D. 1840.

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas C. Mackley of the County of Russell
State of Alabama being weak in body but
of sound mind memory do make and ordain this
my last will & Testament making all other wills
heretofore made by me,

I request that all my first debts be paid
I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
Stewart one dollar Thirdly, I give to my daughter
Martha that, five dollar Fourthly I give
to my son Wm. Shockley one dollar Fifthly
I give to my son Archibald Shockley one dollar
Sixthly I give to my daughter Mary P.
Stewart one dollar Seventhly I give & bequeath
to my beloved wife Malvina the following
property to wit Twenty acres of land lying
situated in the county of Russell State of
Alabama known as the south east $\frac{1}{4}$ south
west quarter of section three in Township
Eighteen & Range Twenty Seven, one note of
hand on William Haining for Twenty five
dollars due the 25th December 1840 one note on
Wm. Murphy one for Twenty five dollars due
the Twenty dollars both notes date 25th June 1839
given Twelve months after date one note on William
P. Fisher for Twenty one dollars of 1839 date
the 25th Decr 1839 & given due Twelve months
after date one note on Abner Hawn for Eight dol
lars & 25 cents date 6th January 1840 given due
Eight years of date with their increase to
gether with all my house hold & kitchen
furniture now in my life time with this for in

That the latter ear, maintains my youngest daughter Seena and at the death of my said wife Malinda my said youngest daughter Seena is to have all the above property that may be left at my said wife's death. I wish it distinctly understood that none of the above property is to be sold or made use of only for the support of my said wife & daughter Seena & also give as above directed one lot of land No 2 in the 11th district of old Town Co. near Seconia County in Georgia. Thereby appoint my Dr. William Abbott of Upper County Georgia and Bryant S. Mangham of Russell Co. also, my true & lawful executors, In witness I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2^d day of February 1842
James Seale in fee

presence of us,
Hugh McGair Thomas B. & Shetley
H. V. Saville north
James M. Hopkins
The State of Alabama, Chancery Court
Randall County, & Special Term August 20
1874 Personally appeared in open Court James M.
Hopkins one of the subscribing witnesses to the
aforesaid will who being duly sworn deposes
and swears that he saw the said Thomas B. Shet-
ley whose name is subscribed thereto sign
seal and publish and declare this writing to
be certain his last will and Testament and
that this deponent subscribed his name there

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right to all the children as they arrive at years of maturity or lawful age to demand & receive their proportion of negro property whenever the above described tract of land shall have been paid for I will in the event my wife death or marriage the lands be sold for the benefit of my three heirs & I will to my wife & minor children one years supply of provision and a reasonable supply of stock for the farm horses cattle large mts. &c. In the event of my executor selling the note to a stranger & allowing the loan half of the land of land for the use of my wife and children I will that the house be sold to get for credit with factors is made to to ex^r John Crowell for the lower half of land for a home for my wife & minor children. In the event of a failure of all my hopes and prospects with the Division above tract of land for a home for my wife & minor children I will that a sufficiency shall be taken from the three growing or crops or land or any surplus to purchase some place that the executor with her consent may think proper for her home with the minors. These donations or accommodations for my wife are to be distinct & understood to last only her life time or widowhood all lands devised for my wife & minor children at her death or widowhood manise I claim the shall relinquish all her right to down. I will that in the execution of this my last will & testament that it be executed by the executor they calling in three free holders without

regard to the customs of the courts of the County the executors shall have full power to call in three house holders in buying & selling or giving off one of the heir their portion & thus far managing as individual property for the benefit to the executor & heirs Plaintiff my brother John Crowell Sena & my son John Crowell & my wife Sarah C. Crowell my executors to this my last will & testament this 8th November 1832

Saml. C. Kinder

James Boykin Jr

Samuel Crowell

Pascal ^{my} Hostin

John of Alabama

Accorded to this my last Russell County will & testament Plaintiff May 8th 1832 to execution and connect with other named in the face of the will I will that my ~~note~~ gett Harwell be left in charge of of my wife in trust for the use of the three younger children during her life time or widowhood in either event she the said male child girl returns as common stock for the use of my legal heirs this 8th July 1832

J. C. Kinder

of State

The Hon of Alabama Presumably approved in Russell County & open Court Samuel C. Kinder and Samuel Crowell two of the Subscribers to the above wills who being duly sworn depose & testify that they saw the said Henry

James Abernethy (son of James Abernethy senior and the senior of them in trust and for the use & benefit of my nephew Charles Thomas Abernethy the of said Anderson Abernethy during the life of said Charles Thomas and after his death to his children the place whereon I now live containing thirty six acres or thereabouts as aforesaid together with all the buildings and improvements and the house hold and kitchen furniture & other things belonging also the following negroes & slaves, to wit Rhoda and her children Harriet, Eliza Paddy, David, Isaac and Camus and a negro woman named Judy and her four children, Caroline, Jane, Ellen, and Sam together with the future increase of said negroes but if the said Charles Thomas Abernethy should die without children living at the time of his death then I will & desire the said thirty six acres of land improvements, & the said negro woman Rhoda & her children and the said negro woman Judy and her children and their future increase to the said James Abernethy senior & James Abernethy junior in trust for and for the use of my nephew John Abernethy and ~~the~~ James Abernethy son of Anderson Abernethy during their lives and at the death of each his interest in said property to go in trust as aforesaid to his children but if either should die without children living at the time of his death then the whole of said property in this clause aforesaid to go and belong to the other or if he be dead to

his children, and in the event of the death of the said Charles, John & James said sons of said Anderson Abernethy, without children living at the time of their death respectively, at the death of the senior I will & desire the property in this clause devised to them to be equally divided between Ebenezer Hammett Abernethy and Robert Abernethy sons of Anderson Abernethy but to remain in trust as aforesaid, I give and bequeath to ~~James~~ Anderson Abernethy, and James Abernethy senior and to the remainder of them in trust for my nephew Charles Thomas Abernethy, the son of the said James Abernethy senior during the natural life of the said James Abernethy the son, all my interest in & to a certain body or tract of land situate by me & being the said county of Russell in Township sixteen and range twenty six consisting of the north half of section number eleven, the north west half of quarter five twelve, the west half of section one, the east half of section five, and the north west quarter of section two are at the death of the said James the senior son of James Abernethy senior, I will & desire my said interest in the said land in this clause mentioned to the said Anderson Abernethy and James Abernethy senior in trust for the use and benefit of the said Charles of the senior James son of the said James

Abercrombie Senior But if the said James and
 of the said James Abercrombie Senior die without
 leaving children or children or grand children at
 the time of his death then my will & devise
 is that my interest in the said land in this
 clause described shall be equally divided among
 the other sons of the said James Abercrombie
 Senior deceased. 6th on the death or marriage
 of my wife Betty Abercrombie I will & direct
 that my executor take the legal measures to have
 the tract of land and plantation lying on the
 Chatahochee river in Russell County as herein
 before described to be divided and partitioned be-
 tween the said Anderson Abercrombie and
 my estate and I further will & direct that my
 executor cause the part (being an equal half)
 which may be assigned and set off to my
 estate divided into two equal parts according
 to quantity & quality one equal part which
 I give and devise to my Brother Anderson Aber-
 crombie and his heirs forever in fee simple and
 the other equal part of the same portion of
 the land & plantation assigned to my estate
 I will & devise to the said Anderson Abercrombie
 and James Abercrombie son of James Abercrombie
 Senior in trust for and for the use and benefit
 of my nephew Charles Thomas Abercrombie
 for and during his natural life and at
 his death the same the trust still continuing
 to be for the use and benefit of the chil-
 dren of the said Charles Thomas Abercrombie
 but if he should die without leaving

Any child or children or living at the
 time of his death then I will & devise the land
 so divided in trust to him as aforesaid to the
 said Trustees for the use and benefit of my neph-
 ews John Abercrombie and James Abercrombie
 sons of Anderson Abercrombie for and during their lives
 and at the death of either the same to be divided
~~between~~ equally between the children of the
 one so dying and the survivor and at the death
 of such survivor his part to be equally
 divided ~~between~~ among his children if either
 the said John or James sons of the said Anderson
 Abercrombie should have no children at
 the time of his death then his
 share of said land I will to the other or if
 he be dead to his children and if the said John
 or James sons of the said Anderson Abercrombie
 should both die leaving no children or children
 living at the time of their death respectively
 I give & divide the part of the land hereby devised
 in trust for them to Edward Hamilton Abercrombie
 and Robert Abercrombie sons of Anderson Ab-
 -crombie the same to be & remain in trust as
 before, & At the death or marriage of my wife
 I will and bequeath the plantation tools and
 one third of my ~~estate~~ interest in the ~~number~~
 stock of hinds cattle & hogs on the place
 to my nephew Charles Thomas Abercrombie
 the son of Anderson Abercrombie and the
 remainder of my interest in the said stock
 to my brother Anderson Abercrombie & on the
 or marriage of my wife I give to

My nephew Charles Thomas Abernethy
 son of Anderson Abernethy my faithful
 servant Riker to whom as a reward for his
 fidelity I would gladly give his freedom but
 as this cannot be done I bequeath him to my
 said nephew Charles Thomas with the earnest
 injunction that he will take good care of him
 and not require him to do any work and for
 the support of the said negro Riker will
 direct that the sum of one hundred dollars
 be paid over to him and that the same be paid
 in equal proportions by my brother Anderson
 Abernethy and the said Charles Thomas Abernethy
 from the proceeds of the crops raised
 on the land herein devised to them in the event
 of the death of my nephew the said Charles
 Thomas Abernethy I earnestly request and
 direct that ~~my nephew~~ ^{my nephew} ~~he~~ will do my wishes with
 regard to the said negro man Riker as here-
 in expressed fully, completely, with-
 out all the remainder of my negroes except
 those herein before disposed of. I give & bequeath
 at 1 after the death of or marriage
 of my wife to the sons of my brother Anderson
 Abernethy and James Abernethy except
 to Charles Thomas the son of Anderson Abernethy
 who is already provided for by my will
 I desire is that all said negroes with the con-
 fidence above mentioned be equally divided
 on the happening of either of the events
 above mentioned the death or marriage of my wife
 equally divided among the sons of my said

two both except the said Charles Thomas
 and when so divided I bequeath the portion
 assigned to the sons of Anderson Abernethy
 to the said Anderson Abernethy in trust for
 his said sons respectively and in like manner
 I bequeath the part assigned to the sons
 of the said James Abernethy to the said
 James Abernethy in trust for his sons
 respectively. If either of the said sons of the
 said Anderson Abernethy or James Abernethy
 senior to whom the bequeath in this clause
 is made should die leaving no child or child-
 ren my will is that the share of the said
 so dying shall be divided equally among the
 surviving brother of the deceased except the said
 Charles Thomas Abernethy - I do therefore con-
 stitute and appoint my beloved wife Selig Abernethy
 and executor and my brother Anderson
 Abernethy & James Abernethy senior and my
 friend Henry Irvine executors of this my
 last will & testament. In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my seal this nineteenth day of December in the
 year of our said eighteenth hundred & forty-

Charles Abernethy
 Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said
 Charles Abernethy the day and year above written
 in presence of us who have attested the same
 in the presence of the said Charles Abernethy
 and in the presence of each other,
 Jackson H. Rogers
 Nelson J. Rogers
 Great Seal

The State of Alabama, personally appeared in open Court the within named Jacobariah Rogerson and Wright Polk two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will who being first duly sworn depose & swear that they saw the within named Charles Abernethy when same is subscribed thereto sign & publish & declare the within to be his last Will & Testament that these deponents subscribed those names to the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Charles Abernethy that they saw the other subscribing witnesses Milton J. Taylor sign the same as a witness in the presence of the said Charles Abernethy in the presence of each other on the day & year therein named. & deponents further say that at the time of signing the within Will the said Charles Abernethy was of sound mind and disposing memory. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 12th day of April A.D. 1841.

Myself Sworn to

Jacobariah Rogerson
Wright Polk

Last Will & Testament of James Holt

The State of Alabama, in the name of God, Amen. I James Holt of the County & State aforesaid being weak in body, but of a sound & disposing mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

Item 1st I give my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my children sons viz.

John B. Holt, William W. Holt and James A. B. Holt and also to my two daughters viz. Mary Holt and Emily B. Holt, all my landed estate, consisting of the following sections and parts of sections viz. Section twenty seven (27) in Township number nine (9) and range number twenty eight (28) containing six hundred & forty acres (640) more or less situate lying and being in the County aforesaid, on the Wacocchee Creek also the south east quarter of Section number twenty eight (28) in the above named Township & range - containing one hundred & sixty acres (160) more or less also the east half of the south west quarter of the same Section containing eighty acres (80) more or less and the east half of the north east quarter of the same Section containing eighty acres (80) more or less, and one hundred and twenty acres (120) off the south end of the east half of the same Section twenty one (21) in the same Township & Range, and one hundred & twenty acres off the south end of the west half of Section number twenty two (22) in the same Township & Range.

Item 3rd I will & bequeath unto my five children above named & their lawful heirs thirty seven

Negroes with their messen, whose names are as follows. viz Isaac, Mito, Jameson Levi & Spence, Salem Smith, Leash, Edmund, Josh. & John, Lewis, Edmund, Meredith, Williams, etc. Allen & Ramond, women, Rhoda, Bing, Patsy, Kitty, Foss - Chandy, Becka, Martha, Mariah, Julia, Augusta Louisa, Harriott, Sarah, Mary, Winy, Susan - Phillis & Eliza, together with all my stock of Horses, Mules, Cattle and Hogs, all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, waggons, carts & one pleasure Carriage, and all my tools of every description, said property to be kept together by my executor for the common benefit of my five children above named, until the youngest becomes of age or in case of marriages either male or female, then my executors agree to each or either to marry, his or proportionate part of the above named property, either of the above named children dying without lawful heir their portion to be equally distributed among the survivors of the five above named.

I do hereby bequeath to my five above named Children the Crop of every description that may be on the plantation at my decease, all debts that may be owing to be liquidated previously out of it.

I will bequeath to my Daughter Jane E Bert, two thousand Dollars in Cash in addition to what I have hitherto given her, which is to be her final portion of my estate.

I will And bequeath to my daughter Emily B. Lesueur one thousand Dollars in Cash, on account

and to my son James B. Lesueur five hundred Dollars in Cash, the last five hundred dollars is designed to complete the education of the said James B. Lesueur.

Item 7 The remainder of my estate consisting of money & notes I give to my five first named Children viz John B. Lesueur Wm H. Lesueur James B. Lesueur Ann Mary Lesueur and Emily H. Lesueur to be equally divided between them.

Item 8 I hereby appoint my sons John B. Lesueur & Wm H. Lesueur & C. W. Floyd my executors in the my last will and testament. Signed Seal & acknowledged the twenty first day of August one thousand eight hundred & forty two.

In presence of,
Ophm Davis

Isa Wilson

Thos B. Langham

George W. Palls

Samuel Lesueur [Seal]

The State of Alabama Personally appears in Russell County 3 open Court the within named Wm Davis Thos B. Langham & George W. Palls thereof the subscribing witnesses to the within will who first being duly sworn depose & oath that they saw the within named Samuel Lesueur, whose name is subscribed here to, sign Seal publish and declare the within to be his last will and testament that these deponents subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of the said Samuel Lesueur and that they

Saw the other subscribing witness James Wilson sign the same as witness in the presence of the said Samuel Esment. & in the presence of each other on the day and Year therein named and the deponent further say that at the time of signing the within will the said Samuel Esment was of sound mind and disposing memory sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 6th day of September A.D. 1841
 Wm Lewis J.C.C.R.C.

Wm Davis
 George W. Dallas
 Wm Hollaway

Recorded 6th Oct 1842

Thos S Tate clk

State of Alabama—In the name of God
 Russell County I Thomas W Perry being of sound mind but in a low state of health from which if I do not recover I make this my last will and testament
 1st It is my wish that all my just debts be paid.
 2^d It is my wish for my beloved wife Smith Perry to have to keep and manage all my property real and personal for her own interest and my children so long as she remains a widow should she marry or after her death I do will and demise all my property both real and personal to be equally divided among my children & it is further my wish for my daughter portion

of my estate to be vested in them and their lawful heirs of their body. Should any of them die without children then it is my wish for those portions to be equally divided among the others and the lawful heirs of their body. It is further my wish for my wife should any of my children marry to loan them their such a portion as she may think proper.
 3^d Lastly It is my wish that no part or clause or sentence of this my last will and testament be litigated should any dispute arise. It is my wish that the matter in dispute to be settled by selling more or less of the negroes & 5th last I do appoint my beloved wife Smith Perry my executrix to the my last will and testament I do hereunto set my hand and seal the 4th day of July 1842

Test Jno Davis
 J. P. Clayton
 A. Kilgus

Thos W Perry Test

I, State of Alabama Personally appeared in open Court James O. Clayton Russell County whose signature appears to the above will as a witness and after being duly sworn depose and say that he saw Thomas W Perry place his signature thereto in the presence of himself and the other subscribing witnesses Jno Davis & A. Kilgus and that he subscribed his name thereto in the presence of the said Thomas W Perry and that he believed that the said Thomas W Perry at the time of his assigning the above will was of sound mind and disposing memory sworn to and subscribed the 30th Aug 1842
 Wm Lewis J.C.C.R.C.

Recorded Oct 6th 1842

Thos S Tate
 Clk

In the name of God Amen, I Ezekiel C Park
of the County of Russell and State of Alabama
being in good and bad health, but in perfect mind
do make this my last will and testament and I do
hereby appoint John Redd Thomas P Park and William
A Redd my executors to take charge of my estate and
to settle the said estate as soon as practicable in
the State of Alabama and after paying all of my
just debts, I wish my said executors to take all of
the said estate to the State of Georgia, then to be managed solely
and alone by William A Redd one of my executors. It is
my wish that all those of the above mentioned executors
shall give good and sufficient security for the faithful
management of my estate, and as soon as my
estate is carried to the State of Georgia I wish my
executor William A Redd who will be my only
executor in the aforesaid State of Georgia to give
good and sufficient security in the sum of
such sum or sums as the Court shall require
or demand for the faithful management of my
estate.

Item 1st I direct that the whole of my estate shall be
kept together in the entire possession of William
A Redd for the benefit of my wife and children.
Item 2nd Should the proceeds of my estate at any time
be over and above the wants of my family I
direct that it be laid out in the purchase
of slaves the title of said slaves shall be taken
in the name of William A Redd for the benefit
of my estate, which title shall be recorded
forthwith recorded in the clerk's office in the
County where my property shall be.

Item 3rd I direct that after my debts are paid and
and then should any funds on hand that
it shall be laid out in negro property as
above directed but I request no slave be purchased
- and over the age of sixteen.

Item 4th I direct that my children shall receive a
liberal education, I mean by that such an as is
usually taught in the best well regulated academies
in the State of Georgia.

Item 5th When each of my children shall arrive at
the age of twenty one year I direct that my
executor William A Redd shall select two
persons who shall select and value pro rata
his or their equitable share of the estate which
said property shall descend to his or their
children, and in case either my wife or children
shall die intestate the property to descend
to my wife and children.

Item 6th I direct my executor William A Redd in case
that either of my daughters should get married
before they arrive at the age of twenty one
years they shall receive their equitable proportion
of my estate and should either of them die
without issue their estate to revert back to
my wife and children.

Ezekiel C Park (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in in the presence
of us on the twenty third day of September
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
one
D. J. Williams
John B. Harrison
A. P. Allen

The State of Alabama Special Probate Court
Russell County Oct 30th 1841

Personally appeared in
Open Court Drury Mims and Allen J. Mims, two
of the subscribing witnesses to the above will
who being duly sworn depose and saith they
saw Ezekiel C. Park whose signature appears to the
above will sign seal and declare the same to be
and contain his last will and testament that
at the time of signing the same he was of sound
mind and of disposing memory that then depose
subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in
the presence of of the said Ezekiel C. Park
and that they saw the other subscribers set up
John W. Swearingen sign the same as a witness
in presence of the said Ezekiel C. Park
and in the presence of each other
on the day and year therein mentioned
Sworn and Subscribed
in Open Court Oct 30th 1841 Drury Mims
Allen J. Mims S.C. R.C.

Recorded Oct 6th 1842

Thos. J. Sate
Clerk

In the name of God Amen:

I Elias Holt son of the County of Madison and
State of Georgia being in the forty eighth year of
my age and of my sound health and disposing
mind and memory and knowing in the course
of nature that I have not long to remain in
this world do make and ordain this to be my
last will and testament in manner and form
following (to wit):

Item 1st I give and bequeath my body to the dust from
whence it came, to be buried in a decent Christian
like manner and my soul to God who gave it
with a tender reliance on the merits of Jesus Christ
his death resurrection and righteousness for happiness
beyond the grave

2nd I give unto my beloved wife Mary Dixon Holt
such number of my negro property as she may
select, my plantation and appurtenances known
as the Coffers, my Carriage and Harness or such
portion of my household and kitchen furniture
plantation utensils, and stock of all kinds as
she may choose to select to dispose of as she may
think proper and during her natural life and
after her death to be disposed of as here after
mentioned or such portion of them as may then remain

3rd To my daughter Harriet Eliza Harris I have
heretofore given the negroes Dobby, King & Jack and
other property supposed to be reasonable worth
the sum of two thousand dollars in Cash
4th To my son Elford Robert Holt I have heretofore
given to him a negro fellow by the name of
John and now give and bequeath to him

a favorite negro by the name of Jim which together with the sum of two hundred Dollars received for the quarter section of land sold in Alabama and the money advanced in the last year (1837) whilst in Georgia, which is supposed altogether to be reasonable worth the sum of two thousand Dollars in Cash.

5th To my son James Holt I have heretofore given him a negro boy by the name of Guilford and now give and bequeath to him another negro by the name of Pherson and an additional sum of three hundred dollars to be raised from my estate as a debt due him to make up the two thousand dollars as given to each of my Children.

6th To my son Robert Augustus Holt I have heretofore given him a tract of land on Gladys Creek in Walton County and two negroes Pinton and Edmund and other articles or things which is hereby bequeathed to him all of which is reasonable calculated to be worth the two thousand dollars as heretofore mentioned to be given to each of my Children.

7th To my daughter Mary Ann Dixon Hutchinson I have heretofore given her four negroes (twelve) Ben Alice, Maria and Susan together with their increase which I hereby bequeath to her.

8th To my daughter Octavia Susan Parley I have heretofore given her a lot of land on Pole Cat in Walton County (which I have purchased back from her husband) and four negroes (to wit) Cato and his wife Senah

and two negro girls Martha and Eliza and other property all of which is reasonable supposed to be worth the sum of two thousand Dollars all of which now remaining are bequeathed to her.

9th Pherson I did give to my grandson Erasmus D. Hopson a negro girl now called Mary and her increase (who died early in life) It is my will and desire that the said Girl Mary and her increase be equally divided between my grand daughter Sarah Ann Christopher Hopson and my daughter Harriet H. Harris.

10th It is my will and desire that after my just debts are paid and my beloved wife Mary D. Holt makes her selections, that the balance of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among all my Children or their heirs.

11th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary D. Holt my sons Alfred B. Holt James Holt and Robert Augustus Holt to execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me. It is further my will and desire that after the death of my beloved wife, that what property she may leave and disposed of be sold and equally divided among all my Children, agreeable to the 10th (tenth) I am in this instrument and where as I may have on hand certain notes in Bank for some of my sons and son in law, should any or either of said notes be unpaid at the time of my decease. It is my will and desire that such unpaid notes shall be deducted from any claim that they have against my estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand and affixed my seal the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said James Holt to be his last will and Testament, before us

Signed and published this 15th March 1838 in

Presence of

J. L. Symmes

Isaac Patillo

J. M. Menon

Codicil the first. It is my will and desire that the property therein described to my Daughter Octavia Susan Bailey in the 10th Item of the my last will and Testament inure to and become the property of her son James Holt as agent for the sale benefit and behoof of my said daughter Octavia. I do hereby give her five children, namely - Margaret Holt, Mary Elizabeth, Alfred and Emma Augustus and James and to them such other children as may be born to the said Octavia and their heirs the survivors or survivors of them, as witness my hand and seal this 20th day of February 1840

Witness

James Williams

Wm. H. Books

James Holt

The State of Alabama I James Holt son of Russell County of the State and County aforesaid, but late of the County of Madison and State of Georgia do make and constitute this as the second Codicil to my last will and Testament executed on the 15th day of March 1838, to which the first Codicil was executed on the 20th day of February 1840. Whereas in my last will and Testament and in the 2nd Item thereof I did and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Dixon Holt, my plantation wherein I then resided known as the Cowpens, and wherein I have since the execution of said will disposed of the land, now in the place and stead of the said plantation and appurtenances and roads the said provisions as contained in the 2nd Item I give and bequeath to the said Mary Dixon Holt the place wherein I now reside in said County of Russell with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, whereas also in the 5th Item of said will it is mentioned that Guilford Johnson & three hundred dollars is given to my son James Holt and I have since given to him ten negro children, Richmond, Ann, Nov more I confirm unto the said James the gift of the said four negroes. He relinquishing his right to the said three hundred Dollars mentioned in the said fifth Item of said will, whereas also my son Robert Augustus Holt has by indorsement for others and the misfortune become entangled in the pecuniary affairs and whereas it is my

desire to make now permanent provision for
my daughter in Law, Emeline C Holt and her children
the wife and children of the said Robert Augustus
Holt, wherefore it is my will and desire that the
property devised to my said son Robert Augustus Holt
in the 10th 11th items of my said last will and
testament inure to and become the property of my
son. I found R Holt in trust for the sole use benefit
and behoof of the said Emeline C Holt and her
children now in being and to be born or which
may hereafter be born to the said Robert Augustus
Holt, to them and their heirs the survivors or survivors
of them, and whereas also the said first
Codicil to my said last will and testament is said
to be informal in the execution thereof for the want
of a sufficient number of witnesses, I do therefore
to wit & herein reaffirm the same, adding, that
the property referred to in the 11th item of said original
will and published is part of my said last will
and testament; and will and desire its
execution fully as therein specified In
testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 28th day of December 1840.

James Holt dec^d Truly
Signed & sealed published & declared as a second Codicil
of the last will and testament of of the said
James Holt senior in presence of us who in this
presence and at his request have attested the same on the
day and year above mentioned the words of figure 11th item.
3rd page adding, that the property referred to in the 11th item of said original will
inured before the execution of the above
H. J. Wimberly
William Perry

The State of Alabama Person all appeared in
Russell County Upon Court, H. J. Wimberly
and William Perry two of the subscribing witnesses
to the within Codicil, who being duly sworn deponents
and swear that they saw James Holt dec^d whose name
is subscribed thereto sign and published & declared this
writing to be a Codicil to his last will and testament
that then deponents subscribed their names thereto as
witnesses in the presence of the said James Holt dec^d
that he was of sound memory & disposing mind
& that he executed the same so far as they know
a bolone without Compulsion or fear.

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court

this 5th day of Sept A.D. 1842

H. J. Wimberly

William Perry

The State of Alabama Russell County
To Warren J. Hill & Charles D. Davis.

Know ye that we having faith in your probity
and Competency have appointed you Commissioners
and by their presents do authorize you or any
one or more of you at such time and place you
may appoint call before you and examine
Gustavus J. Symmes Perry Patton James M. Morrow
James Williams and William H. Brooks witnesses
to the last will and testament together with the
Codicil thereto annexed of James Holt senior
late of said County & State aforesaid decedent
On oath to be by you administered upon
interrogatories annexed (by the Commissioners)
to take and certify the dispositions.

of the witnesses aforesaid & return the same to our Orphan's Court to be holden 1st Monday in September A.D. 1842. under your hands and seals. Witness Thomas J. State Clerk of our said Orphan's Court at Office the 10th day of August A.D. 1842 & day of American Independence the 87th year.

Thomas J. State Clk.

Given 10th day of August A.D. 1842
The State of Alabama In the Orphan's Court
Russell County 3 September Term 1842

Interrogatories to be exhibited to Justices J. Symmes Lickly Pettie James H. Brooks, maternal witnesses in the matter of the probate of the last will and testament and the first Codicil thereto of Henry Holt senior late of the County and State aforesaid, all said witnesses residing out of the limits of said State of Alabama - 1st Each of you will please look upon the annexed will and Codicil and state severally whether you saw the said Henry Holt senior in his lifetime subscribe the same?

2^d State severally whether the said Testator signed sealed and published the said will and Codicil in your presence & in the presence of each of you and whether each of you in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other subscribe the same as witnesses, and whether the said Henry Holt senior was at the time of such signing sealing & publication of same and disposing of same and memory

Henry Holt
one of the parties

I Josephus of witnesses sworn and examined the 22nd August in the year 1842 at Monroe in the County of Walton State of Georgia namely by virtue of a Commission issued out of the Orphan's Court of the State of Alabama for Russell County in a certain matter therein depending of the probate of the last will & testament & the first Codicil thereto of Henry Holt senior late of said County of Russell State of Alabama aforesaid deceased.

I J. Symmes & Leroy Pettie of the County of Walton State of Georgia being duly sworn & examined do depose and say as follows To the first Interrogatory they say that they saw Henry Holt senior in his life time subscribe the will annexed to the interrogatories. To the second Interrogatory they say that the said Henry Holt senior and sign sealed & published the said will in their presence, as also in the presence of J. W. Morrow another subscribing witness to the said will & that each of them in the presence of the said Henry Holt senior and at his request & also in the presence of the said J. W. Morrow of each other did subscribe the same as witnesses and that they saw the said J. W. Morrow also subscribe the same as a witness & that the said Henry Holt senior at the time of subscribing sealing & publishing the said will was of sound mind and disposing mind & memory

J. Symmes
Leroy Pettie

Examination taken reduced to writing Subscribed & sworn to the 22nd August 1842 before us as witnesses
Hands & Seals

Marion J. Hill *Deputy*
Charles D. Davis *Deputy*

Disposition of the writing to the first Codicil
James Williams sworn & examined the 22nd day of August 1842 at Macon in the County of Walton and State of Georgia under & by virtue of a commission issued out of the Orphan Court of the State of Alabama for Russell County in a certain matter therein depending of the probate of the last will and testament of the first Codicil thereto annexed of James Holt sworn late of the said County of Russell & State of Alabama deceased.

To the first Interrogatory said James Williams saith that he saw James Holt sworn in his life time subscribe his name to the first Codicil to the will & Codicil annexed to the interrogatory.
To the second Interrogatory he saith that the said James Holt sworn signed & sealed & published the said first Codicil in his presence in the presence of William Holbrook another subscribing witness to first said Codicil and that the deponent subscribed his name as a witness and that he saw Wm. Holbrook do the same in the presence of the said James Holt sworn and at his request and that the said James Holt sworn was at the time of signing, sealing & publication of said first Codicil of sound & disposing mind & memory
James Williams

Examination taken reduced to writing
Subscribed & sworn to the 22nd day of August 1842 before us as witnesses our Hands & Seals

Marion J. Hill *Deputy*
Charles D. Davis *Deputy*

Recorded Oct 7th 1842
Thos. J. S. Cobb

State of Alabama In the name of God
County of Russell (Almon?)
I William Perry of the County and State aforesaid of sound and disposing mind and memory and in an informed and knowing of the Certainty of Death and the Great uncertainty of Death and the great uncertainty of life and wishing to make a final disposition of all my worldly effects after my death do hereby on the first day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty two publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made of any kind whatsoever
1st at my Death I will and bequeath my soul to the disposition of him who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came and that my executor to be hereinafter appointed cause my body to be entombed in a place and decent manner
2nd at my Death I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Perry the following negro slaves viz Esther, Elenson, Bens, Cornelia, Rebecca, Emma, Maria, Maryarah and their increase forever and to be her disposal of as she may will or wish
3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Perry and during her natural life the Place whereon I now

reside it being twenty one (21) Range 29 Township four ten
(No) in The County and State aforesaid And at the death
of my wife it is my will that the same be equally divided
between my two nieces Lavinia C. Calhoun now the wife
of George H. Calhoun and Louisa J. Hayes wife of Henry
C. Hayes and my nephew Joel Stokes each to share
and share alike.

And with all my death I give and bequeath to Mayes
McEntee my old plantation in the County of
Twiggs in the State of Georgia the place where I
formerly resided and where the Major Calhouns
now reside the same to them and his heirs forever
And I give and bequeath to Edmond S. Calhoun
the lot of Land whereon he now resides in the
County of Stewart and State of Georgia the mention
and district not recollected the same to him and
his heirs forever

And I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary
Perry for and during of her natural life all of my
undivided shares not elsewhere disposed of And my last
will and Testament except my negro woman Ann and
and her son George and her future increase and
at my death I give and bequeath to my
nephew Joel Stokes.

And I give and bequeath at the death of my wife I give and
bequeath all the negroes and their increase which
I have herein given for for and during her
natural life to my two nieces Lavinia C. Calhoun
and Louisa Hayes to be equally divided between
them and the issue of their bodies forever (except
Mills whom at my death it is my will that he is
to be supported by my wife & not compelled to labor)

than than he may desire I then Enjoin I will at
my death all my just debts shall be paid as well
as my funeral expences by my beloved wife the same
to be paid out of the balance of my estate not before
herein disposed of And I hereby give and bequeath
to my beloved wife after the payment of all my
just debts all my House hold & kitchen furniture
my stock consisting of Horses Cattle Hogs Mules
together with what Cotton Corn and Wheat I may
have on hand at my death as also the Crop and
I give and bequeath to my wife as aforesaid
all and every thing I may die possessed of or
entitled to, not herein enumerated & before disposed
of then Constituting her my ordinary Executor
And I hereby constitute and appoint my wife
Mary Perry sole executrix during her lifetime
for the purpose of carrying into
full effect the my last will and testament
and after her death then I constitute & appoint
Mayes McEntee and Henry C. Hayes my
Executors for the purpose of fully constituting
the same. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal on the day
and year before written

William Perry
Signed Sealed & published
in presence of us
Mr J. L. Lister
Joseph Stungis
J. G. Chambers
Mark

Recorded Nov 18th 1862
Thomas J. H. Clerk

State of Alabama — Orphan Court
Russell County — Term from October 1842

Personally appeared before Myself Lewis Judge
of the County Court William A. Lester & Joseph Thurgis
who being duly sworn depose & say that they the said
said William Perry late of said County deceased
signed and published the foregoing will and Testament
in his last will and testament that the same was
signed, sealed & published in the presence of Deponents
and that they deponents signed their names as witnesses
to the same in the presence of the Testator and in the
presence of each other and that they saw
Signatures Chamber subscribe the same as a
witness at the same time & in the presence of
each of the deponents. Given to and Subscribed
in Open Court the 6th Oct 1842

Myself Lewis J.C., R.C.

Joseph Thurgis
W.A. Lester

Recorded Nov 18th 1842

Shames of State etc

In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

I, the undersigned Henry Bradford Thompson
fully convinced of the uncertainty of life & being at
present bound as to mind & body, wishing to settle my
temporal concerns before I may be overtaken by the
hand of Death have made the following dispositions
consisting of several articles which I hereby declare to
be my last will & testament, viz

Article First

I by then presents do appoint as my Executor Testamentary
Mr George Hargraves my brother in Law with the full
persuasive assurance that his good will & friendship towards
me & my family will prompt him to qualify & serve as such
currently requesting him to arrange with those guardians
appointed here below to my children, matters in such a
manner as to ensure to all of them the benefit of a
religious & enlightened education

Article Second

In case my above named Executor should not live till
all my children would be of age or should resign before
that time in order that no injury may accrue to my estate
by those Contemplations, I have thought it reason-
able & just to provide against such an emergency
in consequence thereof & in then two cases only I do
appoint as my Executors to succeed him my wife
Louisa Sophia & my eldest son Geo Hargraves & in con-
sequence thereof I do appoint my next eldest son John Lester as my

Article Third

In and do appoint as Guardian over my
children, my wife & my nephew George Columbus
Hargraves and I strictly inform & recommend to all my

not
 1842
 Judge
 Joseph Plumer
 by the said
 deceased
 Testament
 as was
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 as witnesses
 and in the
 law
 in case of
 described
 in Plumer
 Testator
 to act

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 Mr. George Hargrave my brother in Law with the full
 persuasion & assurance that his good will & friendship towards
 me & my family will prompt him to qualify & there as such
 earnestly requesting him to arrange with their guardians
 appointed here below to my children, Matthew & Julia
 Manner as to ensure to all of them the benefit of a
 liberal & enlightened education

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In case my above named Executor should not live till
 all my children would be of age or should resign before
 that time in order that no injury may accrue to my estate
 by their contemplative wants, I have thought it reason-
 able & just to provide against such an emergency
 in consequence thereof & in that case only I do
 appoint as my Executor to succeed him my wife
 Louisa Sophia & my eldest son Geo. Hargrave & in absence
 of him to then live my next eldest son John Coates with of age

Article Third

I do now and appoint as Guardian over my
 children, my wife & my nephew George Columbus
 Hargrave and I strictly enjoin & recommend to all my

children to live in good friendship & harmony
 together & to be dutiful & affectionate to their Mother

Article Fourth

My will is that my wife Louisa Sophia & my children
 do each & every one of them have & equal share in all
 & every part of my property of whatever nature it
 may be as every one of them are equally dear to me

Article Fifth

Convenient for the good of my wife & children that
 my property should not be sold & mortgaged out
 I hereby enjoin that it be kept together in an undivided
 mass until my wife & my children should prefer to take the
 portion bequeathing to her by article fourth of this my
 will in which & on my property shall be made out
 in equal lots that she may have the faculty of
 drawing her own but with regard to the remaining
 lots or portions I wish them to be kept together &
 that each of my children as they become of age
 do draw his or her portion in the presence of a
 sufficient number of witnesses in order that no
 dispute or ill will may arise between them.

In bearing the mercy of God & recommending my
 soul to his unbounded Clemency, I do solemnly
 declare that these presents containing for articles in my
 last disposition in faith whereof I have hereunto affixed
 my signature the twenty sixth day of July in the County
 of Russell State of Alabama & in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred & forty two.

Signed & sealed in presence of us Henry Bradford Thompson
 Robert Allen
 Buford Colman
 Joel Rice

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Article Fourth

My will is that my wife Louisa Sophia & my children
do each & every one of them have & equal share in all
or every part of my property of whatever nature it
may be, as every one of them are equally dear to me

Article Fifth

Now intend, for the good of my wife & children that
my property should not be sold & mortgaged out
I hereby enjoin that it be kept together in an undivided
mass until my wife or her heirs should prefer to take the
portion bequeathing to her by article fourth of this my
will in which & as my property shall be made out
in equal lots that she may have the faculty of
drawing her own but with regard to the remaining
lots or portions I wish them to be kept together &
that each of my children as they become of age
do draw his or her portion in the presence of a
sufficient number of witnesses in order that no
dispute or ill will may arise between them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & the seal of my office the twenty sixth day of July in the County
of Russell State of Alabama & in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred & forty three.

Signed & sealed in presence of us Henry Bradford Thompson
Robert Allen
Bluford Colvin
Joel Rice

The State of Alabama, Personally appeared in open
Russell County Court, Robert Allen, Bluford
Colvin, Joel Rice the three subscribing witnesses
to the within will who after being duly sworn
deposed & said that they saw the within named
Henry Bradford Thompson whose name is subscribed
thereto sign seal & publish & declare the within
instrument to be his last will and testament
that these elements subscribed their names to the
same as witnesses in the presence of the said

Henry Bradford Thompson & in the presence of
each other on the day & year therein mentioning
& elements further say that at the time of signing
the within will the said Henry Bradford Thompson
was of sound mind & disposing memory
wherein to & subscribed in open

Court the 13th February 1843 Bluford Colvin
Myssus Lewis J.C.C. Robert Allen
Joel Rice

In the Name of God, Amen
I George Hunt of the State of Alabama and County
of Russell Calling to mind the Mortality of my body
and knowing that it is now appointed for all men
to die, and to charge such worldly Estate as it hath
pleased God to intrust me with in this life I give
And bequeath in the following manner to wit
I leave to My wife and desire is that at my decease my
estate more than be given Fourteen thousand
Dollar worth of my property at Cash price
my son George Hunt Fourteen thousand
Joel Rice

Dollar worth of Property at Cash price
my Daughter Mary E. Hunt Fourteen thousand
Dollar worth of Property at Cash price

My son George M. T. Hunt Fourteen thousand
Dollar worth of Property at Cash price

My son John M. Hunt Fourteen thousand
Dollar worth of Property at Cash price

My son Augustus T. Hunt Fourteen thousand
Dollar worth of Property at Cash price

Item 2^d My wish and desire that the remainder
of my estate both real & personal be equally
divided, between my wife Martha and my then
surviving Children share and share alike
in receiving a Child's part.

Item 3^d Touching such property as I have
previously given off to my Children I do put
the following estimate upon it.

To my son William T. Hunt one Dollar
To my son in law Russell Brown fourteen thousand
To my son Henry Hunt fourteen thousand Dollars

As will appear by reference to my book of accounts
I intend to for seven good Cows one horse and
manure I give and bequeath unto my two

Grand Children Martha and William Emma
Hunt each One Dollar and my wish and
desire is that neither of them that is to say

Martha nor Emma Hunt shall
receive any further than One Dollar each

out of any part of my estate or in person
Item 4th I do hereby invest in my executors discretion
power to dispose of any part of my estate they may
think proper if they should deem it to the interest

of said Estate also to put the Young Children
property in Common Stock and put on a Partition
& worked together to the best advantage if they think
it for the best

Item 5th My wish and desire is that in case I shall
decease my Child or Children under age at my
decease that my son Henry Hunt and my son
John E. Hunt shall have the Guardianship and
Custody of them during their minority.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife
Martha, my son Henry Hunt & my son John E. Hunt
my whole and sole Executors to this my last will
and testament

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged in the
presence of

Newton Reynolds

John A. Reynolds

William Smith

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared in open Court the within
Russell County } named William Smith & Newton Reynolds two
of the subscribing witnesses to the within will who being first duly sworn depose
and say that they saw the within named John E. Hunt when same is subscribed and that
sign and publish to declare the within instrument to be his last will & a
testament that their deponent subscribed their names to the same as a
witness in the presence of said John E. Hunt that they saw the other
subscribing witness John A. Reynolds sign the same as a witness
in the presence of the said John E. Hunt & in the presence of each
other on the day & year therein named & depose further say that at
the time of signing the within will the said John E. Hunt was of sound mind
& disposing memory & subscribed in open Court the 6th of
July A.D. 1861
Witness our S. C. R. C. William Smith

North Carolina February 26th 1842

In the name of God Amen I Col John Ellis of White Oak in the County of Rutherford being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory taking into Consideration the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of Death and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me do make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place my will is that my body be buried in a decent manner as became an orderly and Christian like people according to the discretion of my Executors

Item My will is that all my just debt be paid

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Ellis who is now of Lawd he now lives on including the Robert Legard Tract to him and his heirs forever and so much of the Rock house tract as lies below the new Road.

Item I give and bequeath to my son George Ellis the Estate wherein my Mansion house and plantation is situated including all the lands on both sides of White Oak above my Patrick Murren lands on the south side of the Creek and above the hogpen road on the North side so as to run on the North side with the top of the hill until it shall strike the line between my home place and the lands purchased of Samuel Youngs heirs and I also give the tract of land on which is situated my first child purchased of James Young also the Rops place and the lands purchased of Grant Alexander what I mean by the Patrick Murren lands on the south side is from the mouth of the horse lot branch and up that branch to the fork of said branch and thence south 45 West to the Murren line - Also I give to my son George all my lands on Mill Creek and all my lands on Rocky branch to him the said George Ellis and

of said Estate also to give the Young Children property in Common Stock and put on a Plantation & worked together to the best advantage if they think it for the best

Item 6th My wish and desire is that in case I shall Occure my Wife or Children under age at my decease that my son Henry Hunt and my son Joel C Hunt shall have the Guardianship and Custody of them during their Minority.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife Martha my son Henry Hunt my son Joel C Hunt my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

Newton Reynolds
John A Reynolds
William Smith

The State of Alabama Personally appeared in open Court the within named Henry and Joel Hunt of the said County of Russell and the within named Newton Reynolds and John A Reynolds and swore that they saw the within named Joel Hunt when he was in his full mind and senses and that they saw him sign and publish to declare the within instrument to be his last will and Testament that these deponents subscribed their names to the same as witnesses in the presence of said Joel Hunt that they saw the other subscribing witness John A Reynolds sign the same as a witness in the presence of the said Joel Hunt and in the presence of each other on the day & year then and there named & depone that at the time of signing the within will the said Joel Hunt was of sound mind & disposing memory and was a Subscribed in open Court the 6th day of February 1842

Witness Lewis C. Rife
William Smith

North Carolina February 26th 1842

In the name of God Amen I Col John Ellis of White Oak in the County of Rutherford being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory to King into Consideration the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to dispose of such worldly Estate as it has please God to bestow upon me to make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place my will is that my body be buried in a decent manner as becomes a Godly and Christian like people according to the discretion of my Executors

Item My will is that all my just debt be paid

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Ellis the tract of Land he now lives on including the Robert Logan Tract Lanes Corners Entry and 100. Acre entry in my own name to him and his heirs forever and so much of the Rock house tract as lies below the new Road.

Item I give and bequeath to my son George Ellis the Lands whereon my Mansion house and plantation is situated including all the lands on both sides of White Oak above my Patrick Lanes lands on the South side of the Creek and above the hogpen road on the North side so as to run on the North side with said road to a point from which shall be struck the line with the top of the hill until it shall strike the line between my lands place and the lands I purchased of Samuel Youngs heirs and I also give the tract of land on which is situated my first mill purchased of James Young also the Rope place and the lands purchased of Frank Alexander what I mean by the Patrick Lanes lands on the South side is from the mouth of the new branch and up that branch to the fork of said branch and thence South 45 West to the Mansions line - Also I give to my son George all my lands on Mill Creek and all my lands on Rocky branch to him the said George Ellis and

his heirs forever

Item I give to my son Horan Ellis the lands whereon his farm and plantation is on Tacolot including all the Lands called the George Logan Lands and which I purchased of Doctor McEntee with all Shildes tract and Clouds Entry, further will that the fourth entry above named to my son William be so divided as to give one half only to William and the other half to my son Horan to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Columbus Ellis all my Backlot Lands on both sides of that stream lying above the lands herein given to my son William including the William Logan tract the Rock house tract the place I purchased of Phodon and the Jacks Land place and whatever other may be the particular tract lying above my son Williams lands as aforesaid to him and his heirs forever - I give to my son Columbus the above lands upon the condition that he may in release and give up a certain note or notes he holds on me and that he my said son give up and release to my son Rufus all claims title or interest he may have or set up to the tract of Land in Alabama of six hundred and forty acres on which my son Rufus is now living and where he has his Mansions and farm in said State of Alabama

Item I give my son Rufus all my said six hundred and forty acres of Land situate in Russell County Alabama where he is now living and where his farm and plantation is situated the being the same included to in the above bequest to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my grandson John C Camp all that tract of Land on White Oak joining the Lands below these herein bequeathed to my son George which I purchased of Saddy McEntee - also I give him the lands I purchased of the late Samuel Young Estate and Jackson Young tract not herein already bequeathed

my son George in fee simple

I then I give and bequeath to my Grand son John M. Dean that tract of Land on White Oak called my East Wood tract containing two hundred acres more or less in fee simple

I then I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Lavinia Camp my Lands on Gum River including the place I purchased of my Mother and my Kelpatich purchase and adjoining in fee simple that is on the south side of the River

I then it is my will that remaining Lands belonging to me bequeathed also any in this will be sold by my Executor or the heirs of them and the Money arising from said Sales to be applied to payment of my debts said Executor or the survivors meeting to the same when sold and such parts of said Money arising from the Sales of said Lands as may not be applied to payment of my debts - to be equally divided among all my sons and grand Children

I then - I give to my son William the following Negroes to wit my Andy, Russ, Isaac, David, Sallie, Ann and son, George and I leave him over and above my Negro Cattle to make up for what I am deficient in his Share of said

I then - I give to my son George the following lot of Negroes to wit Ephraim, Abram, Joe, Ann, Abraham, Miley, Danvers, Lucy, Betsey and one of Robt till free

I then I give to my son George my Negroes Hays, Mary, Bessie, Hannah, Bantam, Adams, Abner,

I then I give to my son Columbus my Negroes Anthony, Jim, Lavinia, Sallie, Fred,

I then I give to my son Rufus my Negroes Mace, Linda, Jerry, Horace, Shadrach, Sam, Shields,

I give to my Grand son John C. Camp my Negroes Henry, Mary, and Hawkins

I then to my Grand daughter Lavinia Rachel, Jerry and Patsy

To my grandson John M. Dean I have heretofore given by bill of Sale Recited in Rathford County the Negroes I consider as a free fair share for him to wit, David, Anderson, Brazeo, Henry, John, James and her child

I give to my son William and Columbus all my books. To my son George and Grand son my two Shot Guns powder horn and Shooting apparatus to my son William my old rifle and her horn & shot bag

I then I give to Lavinia Camp a bed and all its furniture complete including a bra chair also her mother's front basket

I then I give to my grandson John C. Camp a bed and furniture complete also bedstead - I give to Lavinia the Cotton Candlestick tray Snuffbox be brought her by her mother - My will is that George have my sideboard in the small room and the common Chair also the balance of beds and furniture and my riding Saddle the getting Lavinia a good ladies Saddle in the place of my riding saddle

I then my will is that all the balance of my household and Kitchen furniture all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Mules, Crops, Bacon, also my Jack and Mules in whatever be sold at Credit of twelve months and the Money to be applied to payment of my debts and the residue to be equally distributed if any

I then all my personal estate not herein sufficiently described, to be sold in the same way & applied and distributed as above my will is that my son William and Columbus act and be the Guardians of my two Grand Children Lavinia and John Camp. I also appoint them and my son George Executors of this my last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seal in presence

of Jos M. D. Carson
Walter Daffey

Jno Mills



To my grandson John M. Dean I have heretofore given
by bill of Sale Recorded in Rutherford County the Negroes I
consider as a free fair share for him to with David, Anderson,
Craigs, Henry, John, James and her child

I give to my son William and Columbus all my
books. To my son George and Grand I give my two Shot
guns powder horns and shooting apparatus to my son Wil-
liam my old rifle and her horn & shot bag

I then I give to Linn Camp a bed and all its furniture
complete including a bed head also her Mother's foot basket

I then I give to my grandson John C. Camp a bed and
furniture complete also bedstead - I give to Linn the Cotton
Candlesticks tray Snuffers be brought him by her Mother - My
will is that George have my sideboard in the small room
and the Common Chairs also the balance of beds and furniture
and my riding saddle the getting Linn a good ladies
saddle in the place of my riding saddle

I then my will is that all the balance of my household
and kitchen furniture all my flock of Horses Cattle swine
Sheep Mules Cows Pigs also my Jack and Mules in
Alabama be sold at Credit of twelve months and the Money
to be applied to payment of my debt and the residue to be
equally distributed if any

I then all my personal estate not herein sufficiently de-
scribed to be sold in the same way & applied and distributed
as above my will is that my son William and Columbus
act and be the Guardians of my two Grand Children Linn
and John Camp I also appoint them and my son Frank
Executors of this my last Will and Testament Given
under my hand and seal in presence

of Jos M. D. Carson
Walter Daffey Jno Mills



North Carolina Rutherford County March 6th 1802

I John Mills being desirous to make and alter certain
wills and bequests in my will heretofore executed and dated
25th of February 1802 attested by Jos M. D. Carson and Walter
Daffey and to which I intend this as a Codicil do now declare
divides legacies and bequests contained in my former
will made by to my son Rufus and do will that
said son Rufus and property of any kind so bequeathed as
said to my son Rufus be given divided and bequeathed
in my son Columbus and his heirs in trust that the whole
said property its rents issues and profits be left for the
maintenance of my son Rufus his family & lawful children
if he now has or may have hereafter and the survivors
them, and for the Education and bringing up any and
such children as are or may be lawfully born to my said
Rufus in trust further to allow my son Rufus to sell and
use of any part of said Divided legacies or bequests jointly
with my said son Columbus in trust that he my said
Rufus may and shall have power to dispose of any and
of said estate himself by last will and Testament - It
is my will that the trusts aforesaid be carried into effect by
Columbus according to circumstances and condition of
for whose benefit intended it is my will further that
in case of the Death of my son Columbus then the trusts aforesaid
be divided upon my oldest son then living if competent
to do so during the lives of all my sons in succession according
to seniority - I will that the share to go to my son
the aforesaid former will be and the same is hereby taken
in him and given to my grand daughter Linn Camp
appearing necessary to her share Equal - I will that
Divided and Legacies given in my said former will
my grand son John M. Dean in the event of his death

North Carolina Rutherford County March 6th 1842

I John Mills being desirous to make and alter certain
 and bequests in my will heretofore executed and dated
 28th of February 1842 attested by J. M. D. Carson and Walter
 Duffey and to which I intend this as a Corollary do now declare
 my wishes legacies and bequests contained in my former
 will made by to my son Rufus and do will that
 said son Rufus and property of any kind so willed as
 said is my son Rufus be given divided and bequeathed
 to my son Columbus and his heirs in trust that the whole
 said property its rents issues and profits be left for the
 maintenance of my son Rufus his family & lawful children
 who he now has or may have hereafter and the survivors
 thereof and for the Education and bringing up of any and
 all children as are or may be lawfully born to my said
 Rufus in trust further to allow my son Rufus to sell and
 convey any part of said devised legacies or bequests jointly
 with my said son Columbus in trust that he my said
 Rufus may and shall have power to dispose of any and
 of said estate himself by last will and testament it
 being his right that the trusts aforesaid be carried into effect by
 Columbus according to circumstances and condition of
 for whose benefit intended it is my will further that
 in case of the death of my son Columbus then the trusts aforesaid
 devolve upon my oldest son then living if competent
 to do so during the lives of all my sons in succession according
 to seniority — I will that the above estate given to my son
 Rufus and given to my grand daughter Louisa Camp
 appearing necessary to her share Equal — I will that
 legacies and bequests given in my said former will
 my grand son John M. Dean, in the event of his death

without lawful children revert to my heirs at law
 now living to the life estate in any wife he may
 have surviving — In testimony of which I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal in presence of
 Attest,

J. M. D. Carson

Walter Duffey

Jno Mills

March the 10th 1842 I will that the boy Colston
 in the former part of this will given to Louisa be taken
 from her legacy and given to my son Columbus. And
 the boy Fred in said ~~first~~ or former part of this will
 be given in lieu of Colston to my said Grand daughter
 Louisa given under my hand & seal this date above

At J. M. D. Carson

Walter Duffey

Jno Mills

State of North Carolina
 Rutherford County

Spring Court 1842

The within instrument was presented
 in Open Court as the last will and testament of John
 Mills dec^d for probate and Joseph M. D. Carson and Walter
 Duffey subscribing witnesses thereunto upon being duly
 sworn proved solemn Execution of the same whereupon
 Ordered to be recorded, The Executors therein named
 to wit William S. Mills, Loran Mills, and Columbus
 Mills were duly qualified

Certified

L. W. Logan Clerk

The State of North Carolina } George W. Logan
 Rutherford County } of the County, Judge
 and Quarter Sessions for said County, Certify that the
 foregoing copy is a true copy of the
 last will and Testament of Col John
 Mills dec'd which has been recorded
 in my office and is now on file.
 In testimony whereof I have here-
 unto affixed the seal of said Court at office and
 subscribed my name this 23 day of July 1846
 (Curtis)

Court
 Seal

Geo W. Logan Clerk

State of North Carolina } John H. Wilkins one of
 Rutherford County } the Justices of the Peace for the
 County of Rutherford and Chairman of the Court of Sessions
 and Quarter Sessions for said County, Certify that George
 W. Logan whose name appears to the Certificate on
 the other side of this leaf is the acting Clerk of the
 Court and Quarter Sessions for said County and was
 at the time of his signature thereto and his acts
 as such are entitled to full faith & credit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sub-
 scribed my name this 23 day of July 1846 and
 that the signature purports to be his is in his own
 proper hand writing.

J. H. Wilkins

Recorded 26th March 1844

The last will and Testament of Edward B. Brookings of
 Hancock County, and State of Virginia:
 Being thoroughly satisfied of the decaying nature of all earthly
 objects, and knowing that I must shortly put off this taberna-
 cle, and it, be mingled with its mother earth, and being of
 sound disposing mind, do make and ordain this my last will
 and Testament in manner & form following to-wit: Having for
 the greater part of my life been striving with all my feeble powers
 constantly to be found in wisdom's way and to make in all the
 ordinances of the Lord blameless, I have a comfortable hope that
 when this feeble body shall be dissolved, that my spirit shall rest
 in the Paradise of Gods. As to my worldly goods, I dispose of them in
 the following manner.
 Item I bequeath to my eldest daughter Ann B. Rice, wife of John
 Rice the following property to-wit one Negro man named Arter
 one boy Bob, two young women named Suckey & Lucy, and two
 children named Sarah and Rebecca, Two flathes Beds & furniture
 except Blankets, three cows and calves, one spoke of Oxen
 six ewes, one Larder Mare, and one Brown Mare, three hogs
 and eighty pigs, all of which property I bequeath to her during
 her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided
 amongst her children, if she should have any, if she has no
 children, and her present husband should be living, I give
 to him John Rice, one half of said property, and half of the incre-
 ase thereof, to do with as he may think proper, the other half
 of said property shall of the increase thereof to be equally divided
 between my other children, and their legal representatives. The
 property when I put it in the possession of John Rice, and Ann B.
 his wife I valued after the following rates to-wit Arter at
 seven hundred dollars, Bob at five hundred dollars, Suckey &
 child at five hundred, Lucy at four hundred dollars, the other
 child Rebecca, from after that period, two Beds at eighty dollars

three lower halves at forty-five dollars, Lemell Moore at Eighty dollars, Brown Moore at Seventy dollars, Lie Ewis, at twelve dollars, three lower, and eighteen pairs at twenty dollars, and yoke of oxen at fifty dollars -

Now my further will and desire is that the balance of my property of every description both real and personal be kept together, under the management of my beloved wife, the debt that I may owe at the time of my death to be paid and as the children may come of age I mean for a like portion of my Estate to be allotted to them as I have allotted to my daughter Ann B. Rees, by the same rule of appraisement by disinterested persons after being made acquainted with the quality, kind and age of the property allotted to said Ann B. Rees, and under the same terms to hold the said allotted property and under the same provisions, in case they should die childless, and if they should have children for said allotted share of property to be at their death respectively divided amongst their children, and if they die without a child or children then if their husband or wife should be living they shall be entitled to one half of said estate and leased property together with one half of the increase thereof and the other half to be divided amongst my other children & their legal representatives, and if at any time when it becomes necessary that an allotment should be made out of my Estate that my beloved wife should think it most advisable to purchase a part or the whole of said property, to make up said allotment or portion rather than take it out of the original stock or estate, and she may have funds in hand to make such purchase that she shall have the liberty of doing so taking care to purchase in every respect, and of every kind as valuable, as the property allotted to Ann B. Rees, the above arrangement of my Estate I wish to continue unless my wife Rebecca A. Brooking should marry, in which case I wish my children that may

be old enough to choose Guardians, and the least to appoint for the younger children, and for my estate to be equally divided amongst all my children, and my wife, all of which shares except that falling to my said wife, I leave respectively to my children under the same terms to hold the said distributable share and under the same provisions as is set down in the case of Ann B. Rees, and in case it should become necessary that such general distribution should be made either by my said wife's death or intermarriage that then all three of my children, that have received said allotted portions, shall bring said allotted property into such general distribution, and each one of my children receive a full share of all my property, real and personal, but under the same terms to hold it, and under the same provisions as I have named in the case of the former allotment to Ann B. Rees.

I have I leave to my adopted daughter Millie Coleman, during her life one Negro girl named Billy, and one boy named Coleman, and one further Bed and furniture, and at her death, I give said property with all the increase thereof to her children equally, if she should die before marriage then the said property and the increase to revert to my children equally their representatives and if said Millie Coleman should marry and die childless, and her husband should be living, he shall be entitled to one half of said property, and the half of the increase thereof, the other half to revert to my children, and be equally divided amongst them and their representatives.

My further will and desire is that my Brother William Brooking retain possession of the property of mine that he has in possession at this time, as long as his wife shall live unless he should be discovered to be wasting it in which case it shall be taken into possession by my wife, as a part of my

Estate left under her management and control, and in that case my will and desire is that he be allowed a reasonable support out of my Estate yearly, and at the death of his wife if he should be the longest lived, for the property then to be taken into my Estate and for him to be supported in the house of my wife and family.

My further will and desire is that if my said son in law John Rees shall by his exertions in the management of the property loaned and put in his possession, pay over to my Executors Six hundred dollars with interest thereon from the twenty fifth day of December 1823 with the yearly tax on the land wherein he now lives that in that case, I wish not for said tract of lands to be brought into the general distribution of my Estate, but as the money refunded to my said Executors, will be raised out of the loaned property that the said tract of lands be held and possessed by said John Rees, and Ann B. Rees his wife under the same tenors and subject to the same provisions as the aforesaid loaned personal property, but if he the said John Rees shall fail to make such payment as aforesaid that then the said tract of lands shall be subject and brought into the general distribution of my Estate.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Rebecca Ann Brooking my sole Executrix to this my last will and Testament and Guardian to my children, being they are her children, and knowing she will have the deepest interest in their welfare, but if she should marry again these appointments are immediately thenceforth revoked and I leave them in the best to make such judicious appointments, as they may think proper. I have typed in the foregoing to express in as plain terms as I can, what is my will, but lest it may be misconstrued, I will here observe that my object in every instance is not to give my property to my children, but

to lend it to them and at their death it is given to their children if they have any, and if they have no children or child for such loaned property to revert to my surviving children, or their children if any of my children should be dead and left a child or children, but the husband or wife of such of my children, that may die childless, if said husband or wife should be living shall be entitled to one half of the distributive allotted loaned property and one half of the increase thereof as in the foregoing part of this my will. Signed and sealed this 10th day of April 1824.

Test Acknowledged 30th Sept 1825.

Elizabeth Bird

Ann Woodward

Ann H. Brooking

Edw B. Brooking

Real

I Edward B. Brooking being weak of body but in a sound and disposing state of mind do hereby give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca A. Brooking my Negro Man Reuben who is a Carpenter, to her and her heirs forever in fee simple to her own sole and separate use specifically, and I do hereby declare this paper to be a Codicil to my last will & Testament which bears date as having been attested on the thirtieth day of September Eighteen hundred and twenty five signed sealed, and acknowledged this 4th day of October 1825 in the presence of

Edw B. Brooking

Real

Georgia Hancock County.

Clerks Office Court of Ordinary

I Henry Rogers Clerk of said Court of Ordinary do hereby certify that the above and foregoing two pages contain a correct Copy of the Original last will and Testament of Edward B. Brooking late of said County, and also of the

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codicils annexed to said last will and Testament as the same
appears of Record in said Court of Ordinary



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the
seal of said Court of Ordinary and subscribed
my name this 6th day of December 1844.

Henry Rogers Clerk. C. C.
Hancock County Georgia

State of Georgia Hancock County

I Richard L. Handwick one of the Presiding Justices of the
Superior Court in and for said County and State when
sitting as a Court of Ordinary do Certify that Henry Rogers
who has subscribed the foregoing Certificate is the Clerk of
said Court of Ordinary and that his said attestation is
in due form of law and by the proper Officer

Given under my hands and seal this 6th
day of December 1844.

R. L. Handwick J. S. C. Seal

Georgia
Hancock County

Clerks Office Court of Ordinary
I Henry Rogers Clerk of the said Court do hereby Certify
that Richard L. Handwick who has subscribed the above
Certificate is and was at the time of doing so, one of the
Presiding Justices of the Superior Court in and for the
County and State aforesaid when sitting for Ordinary
purposes duly Commissioned and qualified as such.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscrib-
ed my name and affixed the seal of said
Court this 6th December 1844.

Henry Rogers Clerk C. C.
Recorded 10 Jan'y 1845. Hancock County Georgia

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The State of Alabama In the name of God Amen.
Elizabeth B. Bacon, of said County and State
being of sound mind disposing mind and memory, and having in
view the uncertainty of human life do hereby make ordain
and establish the following as my last will and Testament.

First It is my will and desire that my Executors to be herein after
named shall pay all my Just and lawfull debts.

Second I give bequeath and devise one moiety of all my Estate, both real
personal or mixed, that remains after the payment of my Just and
lawfull debts unto my son William B. Bacon, to be held by him
upon the following trusts and stipulations, that is to say in trust
to and for the sole and separate use, benefit and behoof of my son
John E. Bacon, for and during his natural life, and the children
of the said John E. after his death, free from the Control of the
said John E. and exempt from all liabilities for his debts.

Third I give bequeath and devise to the said John E. Bacon the other
moiety of my Estate as aforesaid to be held by him upon the
following trusts, and stipulations, that is to say in trust to and for
the sole and separate use benefit, and behoof of the said William B.
Bacon, for and during his natural life, and for his wife and
children, or either, after his death, but should the said William B.
die, without leaving wife or children then in trust, to and for the
children of the said John E. Bacon, free from the Control of the
said William B. and exempt from all liabilities, for his debts.

Fourth I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons William B. Bacon
and John E. Bacon, the Executors of this my last will and Testa-
ment, &c.

In Testimony whereof I the said Elizabeth B. Bacon, have hereunto
set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of April in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three. Signed, sealed,
and acknowledged, by the said Elizabeth B. Bacon, as her last will

and Testament in the presence of

W. Alexander
Allen Bryan
& M. W. Locke

Elija R. Bacon

These names are hereunto signed, as subscribing witnesses, and who subscribed the same in the presence of the said Elija R. Bacon, and in the presence of each other.

W. Alexander
Allen Bryan
M. W. Locke

This State of Alabama Personally appeared in open Court the Russell County within named William Alexander & Allen Bryan, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will, who being duly sworn depose and oath that they saw the said Elija R. Bacon whose name is subscribed thereto, sign, seal, Publish, and declare the writing to be and contain her last Will and Testament, and that these deponents, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the said Elija R. Bacon, and that they saw Nathaniel M. Locke, sign the same as a witness in the presence of the said Elija R. Bacon, and in the presence of each other, and that the said Elija R. Bacon, was of sound mind and disposing memory, that she executed the same without Compulsion as far as they know or believe - I sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 3rd February 1845.

W. Alexander
Allen Bryan

W. Lewis J. L. L.

Recorded 1st February 1845.

The State of Alabama, In the name of God Amen, I, Russell County, do hereby certify that the said

testament being apprised of the uncertainty of life and anxious that my worldly affairs may be disposed of as I desire after my demise do hereby make public for that purpose, this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made I direct that my body be decently entred in the Ground on the place where I now reside, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate and Situation in life, and as to such debts, estate and it shall please God to instruct me with I dispose of the same as follows

I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses 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 real or personal.

I direct that my Executors, as soon after my decease shall proceed as soon after my decease as will be convenient to sell to the highest bidder my tract of land on the Hatchachuly Creek in Russell County (Ala.) of (not previously sold) containing two hundred acres more or less known as the South half of section number twenty three, I also direct that the whole of my perishable property shall be disposed of in the same manner at the same time, unless it should be found necessary to retain a part or the whole for the purpose of assisting in cultivating or gathering any part or whole of my crops which may be in hand at the time of my decease

And in the event of it being necessary to return any part
 or the whole of said property as above described I
 direct, that so soon as my Executors, shall have caused
 said crop to be gathered and disposed of, that all
 of my said property shall then be disposed of as
 above directed.

Third I gave and bequeath to my Thomas, Robert, Selth,
 Joseph, Selth, and Charles Selth, the plantation
 I now cultivate containing three hundred twenty
 acres, more or less, as the South half of Section twen-
 ty Township sixteen Range twenty seven and ten
 in the County of Russell State of Alabama.

Fourth I leave to my wife Letitia Selth during her natural
 life one hundred seventy acres of land, where I
 now reside, embracing all the improvements, then or
 which said land is known as the South East
 quarter of Section twenty two with ten acres
 more or less adjoining the same.

Fifth I gave to my son Marcellus Selth one hundred &
 thirty acres of land, located at Collins Run, one section
 known as the North West quarter of Section twenty
 four the land I purchased of Alfred Gray.

Sixth Having previously given to my son John Alexander
 Selth property worth to thirteen hundred dollars to
 William Selth eleven hundred dollars to John
 Selth property amounting to one thousand dollars
 also to my daughter Martha & A. Threadgill
 property worth to eleven hundred dollars and to
 my daughter Lydia M. P. Selth property worth to
 three hundred dollars, and also having valued
 the plantation as herein described & bequeathed
 to my three sons Robert Selth, Joseph Selth and

Charles Selth to one thousand twenty five dollars
 each, I direct that each of my children as herein
 set already has given off to them or herein here-
 after to them property amounting to thirteen hun-
 dred dollars in additional amounts to be added to
 that as has already been given off or herein bequeathed
 and until it shall amount to the sum of twenty
 five hundred dollars. Alexander Selth, I then direct, that
 all my crops property with the two boys of William
 Selth, Joseph Selth, and all the balance of my prop-
 erty shall be equally divided between my four wife
 & my several children when and where alike with
 the exception the share allotted to my wife to be
 paid to my several children as named above equal
 at the date of my wife

And that a distribution of my property amongst
 my wife & several children shall not take place
 until after the whole of my debt have been settled
 and I direct it may be done as soon as practicable
 after my death. I direct I leave as my Executors to this
 my last will & testament my son Thomas Selth &
 William Threadgill who with John Selth I authorize
 to act as my Executors to carry in to full effect
 my wishes as an herein stated.

In testimony whereof I Robert Selth the Testator
 have to this my will set my hand and seal
 this the tenth day of December in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty
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 Robert Selth Testator

Witnessed and signed and sealed in the presence of
 us who have subscribed on the presence of
 each other this day and year above written
 William Threadgill

The State of Alabama In the name of God Amen
 Russell County John Myself of the County give
 Said being in an afflicted and
 diseased state of body, but of sound and disposing mind
 and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of human life
 do ordain establish and confirm this as my last will
 and Testament,

First, I Commit myself to the God that gave it, relying
 upon his great mercies for eternal happiness and rest,
 in his presence, and desire that my Body should be
 committed to it, together with my Friends, in the
 usual manner.

Item 2^d I desire my Friend Allen Bone to settle up and
 bring to a speedy close as his interest will permit
 all the Out Standing debts and demands which may
 be owing to him and myself as partners and that
 he shall pay off and discharge all the debts which
 may exist against the firm of Bone and Myself and
 which are individually owing, and as for any and
 bond that there is enough due me to pay off every
 thing which I am indebted, I desire that the debt due
 any being to me individually and as a partner of said
 Allen Bone, may be appropriated to the payment of said
 debt without breaking in upon other property of said
 arrangement can be carried out.

Item 3^d I will and desire that my beloved and affectionate
 wife Martha shall have two thirds of my Estate both
 real and personal, and household.

Item 4th I will and desire that my beloved Father William
 Myrddin shall have one third of my Estate both
 real and personal,

Item 5th I desire that in the disposal of my Estate

that my Father shall have my interest in the
 place in the place in which he resides in Russell
 County owned equally by myself and my Friend
 Allen Bone, and that such a division of my
 Estate between my beloved wife Martha and my Father
 or may be made as will give to each such property as
 may be suitable to the increased and necessities
 of each.

Item 6th I desire that my Executor will allow to my be-
 loved wife a decent and proper support out of
 my Estate until a division and final settle-
 ment can be made.

Item 7th I do hereby appoint my Friend Allen Bone
 the Executor of this my last will and testament,
 with full power and authority to carry out the pro-
 vises of the same.

In Testimony whereof I do hereby Sign Seal date
 or and publish the same this the Thirtieth day
 of September 1844 John Myself
 Signed Sealed and published in
 my presence

Wiley Williams Esq.
 Luke S Myrrell Esq.
 Daniel Bullard Esq.

The State of Alabama Personally appeared Wiley Will
 Russell County James Luke S Myrrell and
 Daniel Bullard who being
 duly sworn depose and say that they each
 subscribed their names as attesting witnesses to the
 aforesaid will of John Myrrell that they saw the
 Testator John Myrrell Sign Seal and Publish the

James his last will and Testament and the said John being
 was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the
 time of making his said will, and desiring further
 that they each Subscribed in the presence of the Testator
 and in the presence of each other
 Witness my hand this
 twenty fifth Oct 1844
 Wm J. Smith Secy H.C.
 Wm J. Smith
 John J. Smith
 David Willard

Recorded 21st Feby 1845
 Thomas J. Felt Secy

the State of Alabama in the name of Geo. A. Smith
 Russell County Geo. A. Smith of the County
 and State of Alabama, being in
 of the health, but of sound and disposing mind
 it hereby ordain and establish this my last will and
 Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto given
 and bequeath to James Alexander Smith, my Trustee,
 in the County of Russell and State of Alabama, the equal share
 of all my property arising from the whole of
 my estate, both real and personal, and of any kind
 and description, for and during the term of
 my natural life, and to appropriate to her com-
 use, and in such manner as she may think proper
 high grounds and enclosures, amounting to one
 half of the income of my entire estate, and I
 hereby instruct and empower James Alexander Smith
 trustee as aforesaid, to pay over to the said Pelly

Barrow from time to time the interest and profits there-
 by, as they may severally accrue, and it is my
 further will and desire, that at the death of the
 said Pelly Barrow, the interest and emolument there-
 bequeathed to her, together with the whole of my estate
 of any kind and description shall descend to and
 vest in James Alexander Smith, trustee as aforesaid
 for the sole use and benefit of James Alexander
 Barrow, to be controlled and managed by his said
 trustee for his sole use
 and further will and ordain that at the death of
 James Alexander Smith trustee as aforesaid the prop-
 erty shall appertain to trustee with the same pow-
 er and limitation as above prescribed
 It is my further will and desire, that James Alex-
 ander Smith, trustee as aforesaid, shall enter
 upon and discharge the several duties first herein
 ordered without giving bond and security as re-
 quired by Law
 I do hereby nominate and appoint James Alexan-
 der Smith and John Lewis both of the County of
 Russell and State of Alabama, Executors of this
 my last will and Testament, and I further desire
 and request that the proper Court shall authorize
 and empower them to discharge the duties imposed
 by their appointments without giving bond and
 security as is now required by Law
 C. 14th 1844
 John W. Alexander Secy

In presence of
 Thomas M. Smith
 William J. Smith
 P. C. & Co. Secy

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The State of Alabama Special Commission
Hillsdale County Held 8th October 1846

James M. Hays and in June Court Thomas M. Hays
William J. Wright Plaintiff vs. John W. Cummins
Defendant. The above and foregoing being the same being
the last will and testament of John W. Cummins
late of said County deceased after being duly sworn
affirmed and sworn that they saw John W. Cummins
when he was in his senses and to the best of their
belief the same to be his last will and
testament that they subscribed their names thereto
as witnesses in the presence of the said John W.
Cummins in the presence of each other that in the
said John W. Cummins was of sound mind and
disposing memory and he executed the same without
compulsion or fear as they then or believe
him to and subscribed in June 2nd Thomas M. Hays
Court this 8th day Oct. 18th 1846 William J. Wright
Plaintiff James M. Hays Secy.

Recorded July 27th 1848
Thomas J. Tate clk

Richard P. Santing, do declare this to be my last
will and testament, of which I name James H. King
of Deputy Sheriff, and my wife Frances P. Santing
executors and executrix
Item I give to my wife Frances P. Santing for the benefit
of the whole family, all the House hold and

Stitching furniture of which I may be possessed
also my library
Item I do my will that all my personal property
except such as herein disposed of by will, to be sold
at to the highest bidder with approved security for
all sum over twenty dollars, and for all smaller
sums for cash, also that my land and Town property
situated in the City of Columbus Ga. to be sold
until a favorable opportunity offers to sell
it, also that the money due the Estate both now
owed and after the sale of property, may be collected
as soon as due, and all my debts paid and the
balance expended in the purchase of Negroes
I think it is my will that the Negroes so purchased may be
equally divided between my wife and children going
to my wife's children, provided as to become her dower
in the sale of my Alabama lands,
Item I do my will, if my wife should marry before
the above can be accomplished that the division
be made as soon as practicable thereafter
Item I do my will that a guardian be appointed
for the children soon after the division of the
property is made
Item I have to my Nephew John P. Santing all my
real estate
Item I do my will that all my Negroes be divided
annually to the highest bidder but privately of
my executors think best
Signed Sealed and authenticated
by John P. Santing John W.
Hanson & William B. Blythe
Witness by the said Richard

I. Vantley as his last will and Testament, and that said gentleman subscribed the same as witness in the presence of the said Richard A. Vantley and in the presence of each other, this 26th day of August 1841.

John R. Dawson

John C. Bacon

Wm. B. Bacon

Georgia. By the Honorable the Superior Court of Morgan County, I do hereby certify for ordinary purposes of all records, that on the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and forty four, the last will and Testament of Richard A. Vantley to be of the State of Alabama, deceased, which said will in Open Court, and in presence of several of Lawyers present, and admitted to record, is a copy of which is herewith annexed, and administration of the estate real and personal of said deceased, was granted to Francis S. Vantley the executor named and by said will named and appointed, she having first taken the oath performed all other legalities required by Law, she is by order of said Court and Virtue of these presents, legally authorized to administer the estate real and personal of said deceased according to the tenor and effect of the said will and Testament, and according to Law, (and she is hereby) required to render a true and perfect inventory of all the estate both real and personal of the said deceased and have the same appraised, and returned to this Court according to Law, and to exhibit a true and correct account to the said Court of her acting and doings

Yearly and every year until the administration is fully completed.

Witness the Honorable George W. Pope one of the Justices of the said Court of Ordinary this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and forty four

Nelson Weston & Co.

Recorded July 27th 1845

Thomas J. Bates Clerk

I, Thomas Conner being of sound mind, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my Executors herein named the following Negroes, to wit a Negro boy by name Jack, at the time about eleven years old, also a Negro girl, by name Maria, (daughter of Aggy) about seven years old, also my Negro girl called Mary, do have and to hold the said property in trust to and for the use benefit and behoof of my son William Gustavus Conner, his heirs and assigns forever, I do hereby further will and direct that my said son William Gustavus be permitted to have and have the use, profits of said property but to have the power of selling or otherwise disposing thereof except by will, without the consent of my Executors and trustees supplied by their executing the conveyances, should said Negroes undergo a natural increase before my death, I will that said increase be held by my said Trustees upon the same terms, uses

which it may spring
 I give and bequeath unto my Executors herein named the following Negroes, to wit, Dennis a girl about eleven years old, & Amanda, about seven years old, also one feather bed, to have and to hold, and property with the increase thereof, whether happening before or after my death, in trust to and for the use of my Wife Elizabeth, until my death, and for the use of my said daughter, Maria, during her life with power to my said daughter to dispose of the same at will at her death, and in default of such disposition, then in trust for the use of my children
 All the real and residue of my property both real and personal of any kind whatsoever, I give and bequeath unto my Executors the same in trust, to and for the sole and separate use benefit and behoof of my Wife Elizabeth, during her natural life and at her death in trust to be held for the use of my daughter Martha Martha, & Abigaila Matilda and my son William Christman in equal moieties unto the equitable interest of each, but my Executors shall to hold the legal estate therein for the sole and separate use of my children last aforesaid during their lives, at their death said children to have their power of disposing of their interests by will, and in default of such disposition then in trust for their children
 I appoint Augustus B. Langtry, Thomas J. Green John B. Palmer, and Nathan C. Lloyd

my Executors and Trustees to carry this will into effect, Signed Sealed and Acknowledged this the twenty first day of April 1835
 James Bell
 Joseph C. Parkdale
 Henry B. Parkdale Witness

Georgia Court of Ordinary in Chambers
 Baldwin County October 2nd 1839.
 Personally appeared James Bell and Joseph C. Parkdale, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will who after being duly sworn depose that they saw Thomas Green the within named testator, sign and publish the within as his last will and testament, that he was of sound mind memory, and that he did it freely and without compulsion, so far as they know, and the deponents further depose, that they saw Henry B. Parkdale subscribe his name as a witness thereto, and that these deponents saw each other subscribe his name as a witness
 James Bell
 Joseph C. Parkdale

Witnessed and Subscribed
 Charles W. Cheate Secy
 Subscribed to & read & Thomas J. Green qualified as Executor November 1839.
 Charles W. Cheate Secy

Georgia Court of Ordinary in Chambers
 Baldwin County Office Clerk of Court of Ordinary January 23rd 1844

I Certify that the within is a true Copy of the last
will and Testament of Thomas Connelan late of
Said County, deceased, and the proceedings had
thereon as he died in this Office
In Testimony whereof I have Subscribed my Hand and Seal at
Office this 5th Decr. 1881

George
 Harris County } In Name of God Amen
 I James Haff of the State and County aforesaid
 being much afflicted in body and of
 feeble mind and disposing Memory, do make this my
 last will and Testament, I bequeath my Soul to Almighty
 God both given it hoping in a happy immortality
 through the merits of his son Jesus Christ and my
 body to be buried at the discretion of my
 friends and my worldly estate I dispose of in
 manner and form as follows
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I give one Leguath to my wife Mary & half
two Cows and four mature fine Cows and calves of
the same Breeding as much of my horse stable and
kitchen furniture as she may select my pleasure
Carriage and Harness the Horse John Blackton and
and the Mule Harry and. Ten Negroes named
as follows Simon Turner and his wife & children
and his eight children, My Wife a boy sixteen
years old, Austin a boy fifteen years old, Lucy
a girl twelve years old, Warren a boy called
Colonel Ten years old, Coram a boy eight years
old, Judy a boy four years old, Hannah
a girl two years old, and John a boy three

Months the above property I will to my said wife
Mary & Suff to have and to hold, during her
natural life, and after wards, to my Daughter Eliza-
beth W. Horn and her issue but should my wife
the said Mary & Suff live longer than my said
Daughter Elizabeth W. Horn and her issue the above
bequeath is made to my wife Mary & Suff forever
to dispose of as she may think proper.

3rd I desire that the Tax Lab. of Land whereon I now
and all my parcels live Stock not mentioned above
may be sold by my Executors and the proceeds appl-
ied to the payment of my last debts and should this
not be sufficient, I desire that the balance of my
debts should be paid out of the residue of my
Estate after payment, and the rest I give and bequeath
to my son in Law, William H. Horn the first son
born of the following description I have a man
and his wife Eliza and six live children I have
a boy thirteen years old, Martha a girl ten years
old, Hannah a girl four years, Thomas a boy two
years old, and Bertha a boy one month, I give
a woman twenty years old, and her three children
Lissa a girl four years old, Lavinia a boy two
years old, and Henry a boy two months old and two more
little girl children Susan six years old and Lucy
three years old and Isaac a man thirty five years
old and the old woman Judy Emmett to care to
feed and clothe.

2nd I desire that the Two Lots of Land, whereon I now
and all my surplus live stock not mentioned above
may be sold by my Executors and the proceeds appli-
ed to the payment of my Last debts and should this
not be sufficient, I desire that the balance of my
debts should be paid out of the residue of my
Estate after married, and the rest I give and bequeath
to my Son in Law, William K. Hunt my Son in
Law of the following description I have a man
and his wife Eliza and his live children Charles
a boy thirteen years old, Martha a girl ten years
old, Hannah a girl four years, Thomas a boy two
years old, and Beulah a boy one month, six years
a woman twenty years old, and her three children
Levina a girl four years old, Lawrence a boy two
years old, and Amy a boy two months old and two more
big girl children Susan six years old and Lucy
three years old and Sarah a man thirty five years
old and the old woman Judy committed to care to
said and Eliza.

13. I do hereby Ordain Enslave and appoint Myself
in Law William A. Sum my only Executor to carry
out effectually this my last will and Testament
after my death without being compelled to give

lands and premises fully, I do hereby revoke and give
make void such and every other will by me heretofore
made, in writing whereof I have subscribed set my hand
and affixed my seal this Twenty fourth day of October
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and thirty eight.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Testator to be his last will and Testament in presence

of us
Thomas McLary
Hiram McLellan
William Whalley

Signed James Buff Esq

Personally appeared before me William
James County Clerk and Benjamin Henry
Justice of the Court of Ordinary and
Ordinary Court Thomas McLary who being duly
sworn said that he subscribed his name as a witness
to the enclosed will and that he saw Hiram McLellan
William Whalley appear their names as witnesses
with himself to the same this 6th Sept 1839.

James Buff Dec. 20

William Whalley J. L. C.

Thomas McLary

Benjamin Henry J. L. C.
George J. Williams Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
Harris J. J. and for said County of Harris do hereby certify
that the within and foregoing is a true copy of
of the last will and Testament of James Buff Esq that
is now on record and of file in my Office.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of July 1844

William Johnson, C. C.

Recorded July 28th 1848

Thomas L. Sate, etc

The State of Alabama, in the name of God Amen
Russell County I, Matthew W. B. being of legal
age, but of sound mind and
sound judgment, do make this my last will and Testa-
ment.

Item 1st I will that my Estate shall be split together as
shall appear most advantageous for the parties concern-
ing by my Executor who shall be chosen after named
and the proceeds thereof to be applied to the support
and education of my wife and children.

Item 2nd I will that whenever one of my children becomes
of age the Copsham Court shall appoint Commis-
sioners, who shall value my Estate at that time and
shall allot off to such child his or her equal
Share thereof.

Item 3rd I will that my wife Elizabeth Buff shall have
an equal share in my Estate with my children Hiram
and Sarah alike.

Item 4th I will that the property that my daughter has
become of my Estate shall be given to them and the
 heirs of their body lawfully together from the control
habitation or intermeddling of their husbands.

Item 5th I will and do hereby appoint James W. B. and
Lewis Executor of my wife Elizabeth Buff Executors
to carry out this my last will & Testament.

Item 6th I will that my Executors and Executors when it shall
be given to my land, sell and to manage my Estate
as shall seem to them most advantageous to the im-
provement of the same, and to the benefit of the
Legatee. In Witness whereof I have this day set my
hand and affixed my seal this 22nd day of July 1844
the true meaning for intention as before signed
Matthew W. B.
Sarah W. B.

The State of Alabama, Personally appeared in Open Court
Russell County, John Cornwell Esq, and Joseph

Moreland the subscribing witnesses
to the within will to be after being duly sworn depose
that they saw the within named Martine
Woods when named as Subscribed thereto by said
Testator and declare the within to be his last
will and Testament, that they each Subscribed
their names to the same as witnesses in the presence
of the said Martine Woods and in the presence
of each other on the day and year therein named
and the Affiants further depose that at the time
of signing the within will the said Martine
Woods was of Sound Mind and disposing Memory
Born to said Subscribed in Open Court 1st Aug
1863. John Cornwell Esq.
Joseph Moreland.

The State of Alabama, Personally appeared before in
Russell County, Open Court, Samuel Woods

who after being duly sworn
depose and testify that he was present at the
signing and sealing and publishing the will
in (the same being to come to him) further depose
that he declare the within to be the original and
a copy thereof of the last will and Testament
of the within named Martine Woods
Witness, Saml W. Woods.

Samuel Woods
By M. C. Haynes, Clerk
of the Court of Russell County
Recorded 28th July 1868
H. H. H. H.

In the name of God Amen
Harris County, I Charles Phillips of the County and
State aforesaid being of Sound Mind
but in a bad state of health, and knowing the cer-
tainty of death do hereby make and constitute this
as my last will and Testament in manner and
form as follows

First I will that all the debt due me with all the in-
crease of my farm with shape Hunt Wood &c be
applied to the payment of said debt

Second I will the lot of land 100 1/2 ac. and all west of the
road of 8y with all the houses on said lot except
the Horn House and the Negro with their increase
as in Marriot Will of South Lincoln Co. Tenn
Mary Mcmura, 1/2 of the Carriage and Money
House & Kitchen furniture and all other in charge of
two lots of land, the long dugger the barn stock
or cattle and half the stock of Hogs with farming
tools &c &c I give to my wife Ann J Phillips
during her life

Third I will to my daughter Elizabeth J. during all that
part of said land is lot by lying east of the Road adjoining
them with the Negro and their increase and other prop-
erty belonging give to her during her life and at her
death to be equally divided among my said
Daughter Elizabeth and the Negs & Land

Fourth I will to my daughter Rebecca M. C. Haffett the
Negro with my Negro boy and their increase with
the property hereon give her and the sum of \$200
to make her & her Negro equal in value to Negro
given to my other children and the sum of \$1200
instead of giving the Land during her life

and at her death the above Negro property to be equally divided among my said Daughters Children
 Fifth I will to my son Pleasant Jackson Philips Son of
 1220 and Negro Comfort, Scott, Lewis Bell, & Sally
 with their increase a good Bedstead & furniture which
 I and Mary have purchased a good Horse, Bedstead
 and Chaise.

Sixth I will to my son Abraham Philips Son of Land 122
 being a part of my four sons and Negroes, Bells,
 Caroline Bell, Halsey & Margaret, with their in-
 crease, my chaise and plaiting instrument
 a good Bedstead & furniture, his Bedstead and Money
 to purchase him a good Horse, Bedstead, Chaise
 and I will to my son George Nichols Philips Son of
 Land 122 with the above Horse, attached to it
 and Negroes, Bell, Sunday, Anthony & his, his wife
 Sarah, Margaret with their increase a good Bed-
 stead & furniture and a good Horse, Bedstead
 and Chaise.

Seventh I will to my Daughter Sarah, Son Philips
 Son of Land 122 Negroes, Mary, Sally, Mary
 Fern & Harriet, and their increase a good Bed-
 stead & furniture and a good Horse, Bedstead
 & Chaise, during her life and at her death
 the above Land and Negroes to be equally
 divided among my said Daughters Children
 Eighth I will to my son Henry and Philips Son of
 Land 122 and Negroes, Mary, Black, Mary, James
 Martha and Catharine and their increase
 one sett of Smith Tools that is now in the
 Shop, a good Bedstead & furniture and a
 good Horse, Bedstead and Chaise.

Ninth I will that the Horse, Bedstead, Chaise, and
 each be equally in value to their share to my two
 Daughters, that are married and left me the
 Bedstead, furniture to be taken from them, I now
 have on hand, my stock of Cattle now in the
 Piggills Pasture with Abraham, Mary and
 little Mary, to be sold, and the Money to be
 equally divided among all my Children &c.
 Their Legal heirs

Tenth I will that my son (Myself) shall make
 & deliver to my Son in Alabama, a general
 to be understanding about that property, as he
 best understands him to make said division and
 to divide the said property, a number of acres of
 Land coming to me or my Estate

Eleventh I will that my Negroes, Sally & Harriet, with all
 my interests in Alabama, as to be divided by Mr.
 Henry Myself with all other Lands that I may
 have in Alabama, together with all my other
 stock of Horses, Cattle, hogs &c. together with all
 property, thing or things that may be mine to see
 and the Money after paying such sum of Money
 as I hereafter will to be paid the said
 to be equally divided among all my Children
 or their Legal heirs

Twelfth I will that should my Son or any of my
 Children die without issue that then or their
 property be equally divided among the surviving
 Brothers and Sisters or their Legal heirs

Thirteenth I will that all my Horse property be kept
 together and worked as at present to be
 and educate my children and my wife

and my wife to draw any money (the May winds
to buy a horse, horse carriage or any thing)
In circumstances my require which shall be
her property and stand in the same way as all
her other property left to her and should my Execu-
tor or Executors think best to keep not more
than twelve hands on the farm and hire
out the balance in it to suitable such times as
one of my children should come of age or marry
then such child to draw its property and man-
age it on hand so far with all my children or
should my wife marry then I wish her to draw
her property and my children property to be
sold but I mention as my Executor Executors
may think advisable my wife to have her
portion of property given her and the balance
sold and the money equally divided amongst all
my children or their heirs and at my wife's
death all the money that I have Milled &
her and then in case all the other property
I have her to be sold and money equally divided
among my heirs and their legal representatives

September 1 I will that Henry Maffett act as the Guardian
for all my Children under age without giving
as the Law requires, untill Pleasant & Childs
shall come of age. This is it is thought to be
reasonable by the Executors he can join the
Guardianship of my younger Children
besides I will that my wife Ann & Childs Henry
Maffett and Stephen S. Green be my Executors
and Administrators to carry the above provisions

of this my last will and into effect & that they
have full power to do so
Signed with my own hand and Sealed with
my Seal this 3rd day of October 1836
Wm. Phillips Esq
Witness
Hiram W. McIntosh
Wm. Phillips
and My Sister

Georgia, Personally known Jas M Foster
Wm. County 3/4 of the Subscribing witnesses
do declare foregoing will, who after
being duly sworn testify on oath that he is
William Phillips in his life time acknowledged
that he did sign seal & publish the foregoing
will, as his last will and Testament that the
deponent subscribed the same as a witness
as now subscribed in Jas M Foster,
presence about 10th Novy 1855 Georgia duly sworn
Williamson Parham & Co. James Combs, one of the
competent Jany & S Co. cts. off. of the Court
of ordinary Dec. 12 1856
1856. 26. 27
July 1st 1857 E. H. Hoffman

Georgia By the Honorable the Court of
Wards and Guardians for said County
to all whom these presents shall come Greeting
Wherefore, that in the first day of January in
the Year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred Ninety four
the last will and Testament of Charles Phelps
was now proved and approved, and allowed of.

the said John, Phelps having in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, devised goods, rights, and credits within the County aforesaid, by Means whereof, the approbation and allowance of latter Testaments, and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights, and credits of said deceased and latter Testaments, any manner or way concerning to the said Court does of rights belong, they have therefore, granted and committed the administration of all and singular, the estate aforesaid, and latter Testaments unto Reuben H. Jones & Henry Dwyer

Nominated Executors of said deceased, in his said will and Testament being first sworn in the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, well and faithfully to administer and make a perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, and exhibit the same in the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary's Office, in the County aforesaid, in order to be heard on or before the 1st day of May next ensuing, and to render a just and true account, calculation and reckoning thereof, when thereunto required. Witness Myself in Henry one of the Justices of the said Court

In Testimony whereof, I have officially set my hand and seal, this 1st day of May Eighteen Hundred and Thirty seven and one of American Independence

Edw. L. Johnson Clerk

Georgia S. William Johnson Clerk of
Harris County of the Court of Ordinary in and
for said County do hereby certify
that the within and foregoing is a true
copy of the last will and Testament of John
Phelps late of said County deceased that is
now of file in said County Office, together with
a copy of the latter Testamentary in said
estate it is a true extract of said record

Given under my hand and seal of Office
this 2nd day of April 1843 being entitled
before me
Wm. Johnson Clerk

The State of Georgia S. William D. Jones
Harris County of the Superior Court of
said County do hereby certify
Jurisdiction of Testamentary matters do hereby
certify that Wm. Johnson when named appears
to the foregoing Certificate as Clerk of the Court
of Ordinary for said County, is the present
acting Clerk of said Court of Ordinary, that
the above Certificate is in due form of
Law, and that the said goods, rights, and credits
belong to the estate of said deceased

Given under my hand and official
Signature this 2nd day of April 1843
Wm. D. Jones Clerk

Recorded & Indexed 1st 1843
Thomas S. Sate Clerk

and at her death the above Negro property to be equally divided among my said Daughters Children
 Fifth I will to my son Pleasant Jackson Philips Son of
 John and Mary Comfort Scott Lewis Will. & Sally
 with their increase a good Bedstead & Furniture his
 tools and things I have a good Horse Wagon
 and Saddle
 Sixth I will to my son Abraham Philips Son of Land 122
 being a part of my son Jacob and Mary Will.
 Caroline Rob. Wiley & My sister with their in-
 crease my things and clothing instruments
 a good Bedstead & Furniture his tools and things
 to purchase him a good Horse Wagon Saddle
 Seventh I will to my son George (Rich) Philips Son of
 Land 122 with the above House attached to it
 and Negro Will. Sandy Antons & old Henry
 Jacob Margaret with their increase a good Bed-
 stead & Furniture and a good Horse Wagon
 and Saddle
 Eighth I will to my Daughter Sarah Son Philips
 Son of Land 108 Negro Will. Sally Mary
 Tom & Manah, and their increase a good Bed-
 stead & Furniture and a good Horse Wagon
 to saddle during her life and at her death
 the above Land and Negro to be equally
 divided among my said Daughters Children
 Ninth I will to my son Henry Will. Philips Son of
 Land 99 and Negro Will. Mary Black Mary James
 Martha and Catharine and their increase
 son Satt of Smith. Tools that is now in the
 Shop a good Bedstead & Furniture and a
 good Horse Wagon and Saddle

Tenth I will that the above Wagon Saddle and
 tools be equally in value to their share to my two
 Daughters that are named and left me the
 Bedstead Furniture to be taken from those I now
 have on hand my stock of cattle now in value
 Piggills Passes now with Abraham their and
 little Negroes to be sold and the money to be
 equally divided among all my Children &
 their Legal heirs
 Finally I will that my Mary (Wife) shall make
 & deliver of her Land in Alabama agreeable
 to her understanding about that property as he
 best understands her to make deed division and
 thing designate the part a number of acres of
 Land coming to me or my Estate
 And I will that my Negro Will. & Manah with all
 my interests in Alabama as to be divided by Mr.
 Henry Myself with all other Lands that I may
 have in Alabama together with all my things
 stock of Horses Wagon tools together with all
 property thing or things that may be mine to sell
 and the money after paying such sum of money
 as I hereafter will to be paid the residue
 to be equally divided among all my Children
 or their Legal heirs
 And I will that should my son or any of my
 Children die without issue that his or their
 property be equally divided among the surviving
 Brothers and Sisters or their Legal heirs
 And I will that all my above property be kept
 together and marked as at present to be
 and educate my children and my wife

and My wife to Draw any Money (she may want
to buy a Horse, Horse Carriage or any thing)
In Circumstances My Request which shall be
her property and stand in the same way as all
the other property left to her and should My Dece-
der or Executors think best to Ship Not more
than twelve Slaves on the Farm and five
but the balance he it should be sold twice as
one of my Children should come of age or marry
then such Child to draw its property and Man-
age it on hand so be with all my Children or
should My wife Mary then wish her to draw
her property and my Children property to be
sold but I would as my Executors should
think it advisable My Wife to have her
portion of property given her and the balance
sold and the Money equally divided Amongst all
my Children or their Heirs and at my Wife's
Death all the Money that I have Will be to
her and then in case I all the other property
I leave her to be sold and Money equally divided
Among my Heirs and their legal Representatives

I desire I will that Henry Maffett act as the Guardian
 for all my Children under age without giving
 as the Law Requires untill Pleasant & Phelps
 shall come of age. Thus if it is thought to be
 reasonable by my Executors he can claim the
 Guardian Ship of my Younger Children
 from the I will that my wife Ann & Phelps Henry
 Maffett and Stephen & George be my Executors
 and Administrators to carry the above provisions

of this my last, will send into effect & that they
have full power to do so.
Signed with the my own hand and sealed with
my seal this 30th day of October 1836
Wm. Phelps Clerk
Hon. M. D. Mc Intosh
D. Phelps
and Wm. Weston

Georgia, Farmington Conn Jas M Foster
Minors Legally & one of the subscribing witnesses
to said foregoing will who after
being duly sworn hath on oath that he has
known Thos in his life time & knows well
that he did sign seal & Publish the foregoing
will as his last will and Testament that the
deponent subscribed the same as a witness
as now subscribed in _____
presence of _____
Witnesses _____

George _____ July 1860
Harris County Ga on the
_____ of the Court
of Ordinary Term 13 Feb
1860.
July 1860 E. G. Hoffman

Georgia By the Honorable the Court of
Warren County, Ordinary for said County
to all whom these Presents shall come Greeting
Sheweth, that in the first day of January in
the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & thirty seven
the last will and Testament, of Charles Phelps
deceased, was proved and approved, and allowed of,

the said John Phillips having in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, divers goods, rights and credits within the County aforesaid, by Means whereof, the approbation and allowing of latter Testaments, and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights, and credits of said deceased and latter Testaments, any manner or way concerning to the said Court does of rights belong, they have therefore, granted and committed the administration of all and singular, the estate aforesaid, and latter Testaments, unto Reuben H. Lewis & Henry Dwyer nominated Executors of said deceased, in his said last will and Testament, being first shown on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, with one just duty to administer and make a perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, and exhibit the same in the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary's Office, in the County aforesaid, in order to be viewed on or before the 1st day of May next ensuing, and to render a just and true account, calculation and reckoning thereof, when thereunto required. Witness our hands being one of the Justices of said Court.

In Testimony whereof, I have officially, at my hand and seal, this 1st day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty seven and one of American Independence and

Edw. L. Johnson, Clerk

Georgia. I, William Johnson Clerk of said County of the Court of Ordinary in and for said County do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of the last will and Testament of John Phillips late of said County deceased that is now of file & under my Office, together with a copy of the latter Testamentary in said estate it is a true extract of said record Given under my hand and seal of Office this 2nd day of April 1843. being attested before me.

Wm. Johnson, Clerk

The State of Georgia. William B. Foy being of said County of the Superior Court of said County do hereby certify that Wm. Johnson when named as such in the foregoing Certificate as Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for said County is the present acting Clerk of said Court of Ordinary, that he is duly qualified as in the form of Law and that the said will and credits ought to be given to his attestation as such. Given under my hand & official signature this 2nd day of April 1843.

Wm. B. Foy, Clerk

Recorded. Spiegel 1st 1843

Thomas S. State

The State of Alabama, in the name of God Amen
 Russell County of John Vance being of legal age

Do hereby certify that I have last will and testament
 of my late wife Mary Vance to the good use and behoof of my
 children as follows

1. I do hereby certify that all my lands to wit and after paying
 off of my last debts and the debts of said deceased
 George M. Vance that the balance of the proceeds
 of the sale thereof be paid over by Executors to my
 eldest son John Vance to be held during his
 natural life and at his death that it be equally
 divided between three of my children to wit John Vance
 William M. Vance and Mary J. Vance

2. I do hereby certify that all of my stock consisting of horses
 cattle and hogs remain the property of my wife
 Mary during her life time, and at her death the
 same to be divided equally between three of my
 children and at her death to be equally divided among all
 of my children and in the event that it should be
 sold, then the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be
 divided in the same manner as above mentioned

3. I do hereby certify and appoint my wife
 Mary (Vance) my son William M. Vance and
 William D. Pugh Executors to this my last
 will and testament

Signed and sealed

On the 3rd day of August A.D. 1841

in presence of

William D. Hargrove

W. M. Vance

Thomas Pugh

John Vance

The State of Alabama, formally appeared in
 Russell County of John Vance being of legal age

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 W. M. Vance
 Thomas Pugh

The State of Georgia I Shew to be one of the County
 Muscogee County & State aforesaid being fully
 sensible of the importance of
 life and being of sound Mind & of disposing Memory, do
 Make and Ordain this my last will & Testament

I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna & Coheir
 at my death, certain Negroes such as she may think proper
 to select out of those which I have at my Place & Slave
 in the County Muscogee together with five thousand Dollars
 in Cash or as soon as it can be collected to be paid
 of as she may think proper

I Also give unto her for and during her Natural
 life the entire Settlement of Land to which I at present
 reside in the County of Muscogee with the improvement
 thereof & together with the Household and Kitchen
 Furniture the implements of Husbandry the Stock
 of Hides, and the provisions in Store, also my carriage
 & of Horses & Wagon & Cart and at her death I wish
 that portion of same property which I give unto her during
 her lifetime, to be equally divided between my three Children
 John & Coheir Eliza & Coheir Caroline & their Heirs

I Give unto my son James to be Coheir in fee simple
 the entire Settlement of Land which I hold and possess
 in Russell County State of Alabama in Tract
 & State Creek adjoining the lower of Hall & Baldwin
 & others containing twelve hundred & eighty seven
 Acres or less also all of the Negroes belonging to or
 that may be Slaves on the said place or plantation
 at the time of my death together with all of my
 Share of any Slave that may be on said premises
 with the crop on hand and the provisions and
 Farming utensils & I also give unto him my

my negro Man Anthony, a Carpenter and for them and
 Kelley in Cash or as soon as it can be collected

I Give unto my daughter Eliza & Coheir the half
 portion or Settlement of Land that I have in Russell
 County Alabama, which I purchased of Reed & Jones
 as Part of Land with all of the Negroes that belong
 on said place, or that may be there at death at the
 time of my death also the Stock Crops & provisions on
 said Place, I Also Give unto her as a separate &
 distinct Estate to be held in Trust & Managed by
 William H. Mitchell & James C. Coheir. My son James
 & Coheir constitute & appoint Trustees and Sec-
 etaries jointly & severally for that purpose to manage
 for her as her sole & separate property during her
 Natural life and to be entirely exempted from the
 debts & liabilities of the Husband & Estate or
 Family at present living or at any future time or
 the death of any future Husband, the Women
 now and at present Coheir to the said Son &
 and my daughter Eliza, containing about two
 acres of Land, More or less also the following
 Negroes to wit, Mary, Washington, Silvia, Lavinia
 & Mariah and all of six children and their
 increase I Also give unto her Five thousand
 Dollars in Cash, as soon as it can be collected
 which sum I wish the Trustees appointed for
 her to put unto good chances at interest & the
 interest to go to the use & benefit to Mr. Jones
 and Eliza, It is my wish and desire that
 at the death of my daughter Eliza & Coheir
 that this separate Estate as specified above
 go to and be equally divided between my son

James to look after his children and the children of Josephine Lewis

4. I Give unto my daughter Caroline Lewis & her children
Twenty Nigra which I cannot name but to be selected
I rather out of the balance of my Nigra by J. Smith
as nearly as can be after my wife makes her selection
My will and desire is that when the selection of the
Nigra are made that William St. Mitchell and
James to look after them I do hereby appoint as trustee
for that purpose, to collect & hold the full amount
of one half the number of the said twenty Nigra
to be divided as equally as can be to be distributed
between & their future in cases, & also Give unto
my children five thousand dollar in cash
as soon as can be collected, to be put at interest
for the benefit of Caroline Lewis and her children
by the trustee, this wish to be a separate estate have
the money & Nigra, and not to be subject in any
event to the debt or liabilities of their Husband
Mr Lewis or any other Husband, on a second Marriage
I also wish my executors to return within the term of
Two thousand dollar in their hands for the
purpose of Building a House for Caroline and
her children at such time, & place as they may
agree upon, they Contracting & paying for said
said Building, with said sum
5. I Give unto my friend William St. Mitchell
my very Dear son a Leasehold, also One thousand
dollar in cash, which I wish him to consider
as full compensation on his part for all time
in conveying this my will in to effect - and
the Management of my estate

Item 6. The residue of my Estate that him in their joint
I wish equally divided between my three children as
soon as named

Item 7. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Ann
& best my son James to look, and my friend
William St. Mitchell as my executors, to this my
last will and Testament, Revoking all others
by me made, In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the
15th day of December 1842

Done at the town of - James to look & End
of Thomas Perry
Jas M. Chambers
W. A. Reed
Wiley & Sons

George Muscogee County Court of Ordinary of said County
November Term 1844

Personally appeared in Open
Court Thomas Perry James M. Chambers and Wiley
& Sons who being duly sworn depose & say that
they are subscribing witnesses to the above foregoing
will, and that the deceased James to look did
sign & publish said will on the 15th day of December
1842 and that said deceased was of sound mind
Memory and Assent at the signing & publica-
tion of said will in the presence of them the
deponents & in the presence of William St
Mitchell, whose name is attached to said will
as a subscribing witness and that said deponents
together with William St. Mitchell and other
his witnesses said will in the presence of

I have deceased died in possession of each other as
 Subscribing witnesses
 Given to in Open Court
 Nov 8th 1844
 Thos M. Chambers
 Thomas Berry
 Wiley E. Long

The State of Alabama
 Russell County
 Special Term of Probate Court
 Held on 8th 1845

Present, appeared Thomas Berry, John M. Chambers,
 William A. Reed, and Wiley E. Long, who being
 duly sworn depose and testify that they were
 severally present on the 19th day of October 1844, when
 George, signed a certain published his last will
 and testament, that they saw each other sign
 the same as subscribing witnesses, and that
 they severally attested the said will in the
 presence of testator and deponent further
 depose that the testator was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory at the time of
 executing the said will, Thos M. Chambers
 sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court
 Held on 8th 1845
 Wiley E. Long
 Thomas Berry

True and Recorded 10th March 1845

Thomas S. Tate clerk

E. W. Jones Will

The State of Alabama
 Russell County

Being of sound mind and
 memory but in feeble health, I Mary Jones
 make this my will and testament hereby look-
 ing all former wills and testaments heretofore
 made by me

I do give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza
 all I owned the following negroes and their
 increase to wit, Susan, Selia, Lucy, and
 her children, viz, Alia, Caroline, Charlotte,
 Bostin, Frank, and Edy, and their children
 viz, Ann, Frank, Emily, and Morsey, brother
 and Margaret, and their children, Mahilda,
 Reuben, Jay, Susan, Sam, David, and
 Eliza and their children, Peter and Jane
 Fortune, Lewis, Daniel, Sandy, Rebecca
 Ellen and her child Harriette, Lilla and
 her child Agnes, I hold the same in trust
 for my grand daughter Mary Dugas, and
 it is my will and desire that my daughter
 shall take charge of the said negroes and
 have the sole management, and control of
 the same until my said Grand daughter
 shall arrive to the age of twenty or married
 and then to deliver up said negroes and their
 increase to the said Mary Dugas subject
 to her sole and separate use, management
 and control, and not subject to be sold
 or in any manner disposed of by her her
 heirs, and it is my will and desire that
 if my said Grand daughter shall die

leaving no child or children, that in that event
the said Negro are to vest in and become the
property of my said daughter free and discharge
from the trust above mentioned by bequeathing
the above Negro, to my daughter in trust for
my grand daughter, as a above mentioned it is
not my intention or desire, that my said daughter
should be liable, for their use or hire, but that
my daughter, until one of the courts takes
place above specified, and for such time and attention
she have all the benefits and profits of any arrival
from these uses.

All the remainder of my Estate Real, personal
and mixed, I desire give and bequeath (subject to
the payment of my Just. debts,) to my daughter
Elizabeth, to have the full and entire control of
the same, and to make such disposition thereof
by sale gift or will, as she may think proper,
the laws of the State.

In testimony whereof I have the 1st day
of May 1845. affixed my hand and seal in
presence of the witnesses who have also affixed
their names.

The above written portion of this my last
will and testament having been read in
my presence, I hereby satisfy and approve
with the exception of the form last, since
at the second page, which have been struck
out. at my request, in consequence
of my said the approval

Mary D. Barry

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence
and subscribed by us witnesses in presence of
the testatrix and in the presence of each other
this 1st day of May 1845.

Wm. D. Stewart
Geo. S. Stewart
Henry D. Meigs

The State of Alabama, County Court sitting
Russell County 2nd J. P. Ephraim C. C. C. J.
July 2nd 1845.

Personally appeared in open Court, Charles
D. Stewart, Joseph S. Stewart and Henry
D. Meigs, who being sworn, depose that each one of them subscribed his name
and signature to the within last will of
Mary D. Barry, and that they all signed the
same in the presence of each other, that at the
same time, the said Mary D. Barry signed
sealed and published the said will as her
last will and testament in the presence of all
the witnesses, and that the said will was
executed, on the day and date it purports to
have been done, and the said witnesses depose
and swear that the said testatrix was at the
time of the execution of the said will, in sound
and disposing mind and memory,

Sworn to and subscribed in
open Court July 2nd 1845
Wm. D. Stewart
Geo. S. Stewart
Henry D. Meigs

Geo. S. Stewart
Wm. D. Stewart
Henry D. Meigs

D. F. Richards Will

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State of Alabama }
Russell County } In the name of God, Amen,

For and in consideration of the good will and affection which I bear my beloved Sister Laura Richards who is now a resident of the State of New York I will and bequeath to her for her own proper use and benefit the tract of land on which I now reside situated in the County and State above written known as the South East quarter and South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Ten, in Township No. Sixteen & Range No. Twenty-nine, containing two hundred and twenty five hundred acres, and for executing more fully my wills I constitute and appoint my beloved Brother Augustus Richards my executor to dispose of said land to the best advantage and turn over to her the proceeds of the same.

Being of sound mind and disposing memory I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one,

D. F. Richards

In presence of
Augustus J. Bottom
John McLean
James W. Hunter

The State of Alabama }
Russell County }

Personally appeared in open Court the within named Augustus J. Bottom, Hugh McLean and James W. Hunter the subscribing witnesses to the within will who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw the said D. F. Richards whose name is subscribed therein sign, seal, publish and declare this writing to be and contain his last will and testament and that these deponents subscribed their names thereto as

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Witness in the presence of the said D. F. Richards and that they signed the same in presence of each other and that the said D. F. Richards was of sound mind and disposing memory and that he executed the same without Compulsion so far as they know or believe.

Subscribed before
me this 3rd Nov 1845
W. Lewis J. C. C. C.

Augustus J. Bottom
James W. Hunter
Hugh McLean

I John Council Senr of the County of Russell and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory blessed be God, Do this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills first "I wish all my just debts to be paid and among them is some claims which were placed in my hands due some Emigrating Indians say about one thousand Dollars, the Indians having emigrated before I had an opportunity to pay them. The papers will be found in my chest I hereby emancipate and set free from slavery the following Negro (boy) "Eloa" born and bred in this Parish a mulatto boy about sixteen years old, John my house servant, and his wife Ann and his three children together with all future increase, also Lou and her wife Sally, also my Smith Ryals I then give my Brother Henry Councils Widow

partly land of land to include his present Residence
on Section twenty two of Section of Range thirty, also
my Carriage and horse. I give to Ariadna Cromwell
Convent of William Alexander all my house hold
furniture. I give to my sister Peggy Neatow, a negro
girl named Caroline, for & during her lifetime, then to
go to her Children. I give to Samuel C. Benton a
mulatto named Henry, and to each of his Sisters
Peggy Bryant, Caroline Bellamy, Mary Jane Grant,
& H. Abstem Benton two thousand Dollars each to be
paid to them in property at a fair valuation. I
give to John Cromwell half the debt he owes me the
other half to be divided among, Tabitha Cromwell,
Florida Cromwell, and Emma Cromwell Convent of James
Whitlock. I then give the balance of my Estate
to my Brother Henry Cromwell Children except
John, who is provided for by discharging him
from the payment of one half the debt he
ows which will be upwared four thousand
Dollars; now should John Cromwell, not be able
to pay one half the debt as specified in this
Will to his younger Sister then I give them each
a thousand Dollars before the Estate is divided,
which is to be over and above their share in
other part of the Estate. Should any one of
them die without issue their part of the Estate
to go to the other Children, I mean if one of
my Brother Henry Cromwell Children die for
their part to be divided among his Children. So
with my Wives & Nephews of James Benton to
their Brothers & Sisters.

I hereby, Legitimate, Constitute.

and Appoint, John R. Dawson of Columbus
and Dr. John C. Bacon, my Executors

J. Wyman

Benj. F. Noble

J. J. Vickers

John Cromwell

Witness. It is my wish and desire that my
Executors will furnish means to send the same
in let per negro to a free State.

John Cromwell

John R. Dawson

John C. Bacon

John Cromwell

The State of Alabama
Russell County 83. Before me Myles
Lewis Judge of the Superior Court of said
County personally appeared Benj. F. Noble who
being sworn and Examined deposeth and says
that he is a subscribing witness to the instrument
now shown him & which purports to be the
last Will and Testament of John Cromwell
of said County deceased, that he signed
the same and witness in the presence of said
John Cromwell deceased, and in the presence of the
other subscribing Witnesses specified and
witnesses & said Testator sign the same in his
presence, and in the presence of each other
and that said Cromwell for his last Will and
deceased the same to be his last Will and

Testament and that he said Crowell when
publishing and declaring the same, was of sound
mind and disposing memory
Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this August Benj. F. Noble
12th 1846
Allyson Lewis J.C.C.

The State of Alabama
Russell County Before me Allyson
Lewis, Judge of the Orphans Court of said
County, personally appeared J. Wyman and
J. F. Nickers, who being sworn and examined
depose and say that they are subscribing
witnesses to the instrument now shew'd them
and which purports to be the last will and
Testament of John Crowell late of said loc-
ality deceased. That they signed the same
as a witness in the presence of said Crowell
deceased, and in the presence of the other
subscribing witness specified, and when said
instrument appeared. That they said wit-
ness and said Testator sign the same, in his pre-
sence & in the presence of each other, and that
said Crowell, published and declared the same
to be his last will and Testament, and that
when publishing and declaring the same was
of sound mind and disposing memory
Sworn & Subscribed
this 15th August 1846 J. Wyman
Allyson Lewis D. F. Nickers
Judge C.C.C.

The State of Alabama
Russell County Before me Allyson
Lewis Judge of the Orphans Court of said loc-
ality, personally appeared Mr. Fountain Jnr. R.
Dawson & John E. Bacon who being sworn
and examined, depose and say that we are
subscribing witnesses to the Codicil now shew'd
them, and which purports to be the last codicil
of John Crowell late of said County dec'd.
That they signed the same as witnesses in the
presence of said Crowell deceased, and in the
presence of each other. That they saw said
witnesses, and said Testator sign the same in
his presence, and in the presence of each other,
and that said Crowell, published and declared
the same to be his last Codicil and
that the said Crowell when publishing &
declaring the same was of sound mind &
memory
August the 15th 1846 Jnr. Fountain
Allyson Lewis Judge C.C.C. Jnr. R. Dawson
John E. Bacon

Recorded the 17th August 1846
Simon O'Neal C.C.C.

The State of Alabama

Russell County

I, Michael Thomas of the County and State aforesaid, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory do make and create this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit:

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the duty whome it or involves, to be buried in a decent Christian burial.

Secondly After paying all my just debts I give and bequeath unto my two sons, John B. Thomas & Archibald B. Thomas three hundred and twenty acres of land, being the north half of Section Thirty-three, Township Eighteen, Range Twenty-eight, lying and being in said County of Russell, to be divided equally between them.

Thirdly I leave unto my wife Sarah Thomas during her natural life all the balance of my Estate both real and personal to be applied to the support and Education of my Children, and as either of my Children becomes of age or marries, my said wife, to furnish them with a horse, saddle & Bridle and bed & furniture out of my Estate left her as above.

Fourthly At the death of my wife, my will and desire is that all of my estate both real and personal shall be sold, and if any of my Children are not fully raised, then my Executors shall keep the money arising from the sale of my property and apply the interest arising from the money thus kept in hand to the raising and Education of such of my Children until they are fully raised and Educated, and if the interest arising from the amount for which said Estate sold, is not sufficient, then so much of the principal of my estate to be used for that purpose as may be actually necessary, but

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in the event that all my Children should be raised at the death of my said wife then the money arising from the sale of my Estate as above to be equally divided among all my Children.

Lastly I appoint Reuben Dawkins & Theophilus White my Executors to this my last Will and Testament giving them full power to execute the same fully, and further to take charge of crops that may be made after my decease to sell and dispose of them in the best manner they are able and the proceeds applied to the support of my family and the balance if any to hand over to my wife to be used by her for the benefit of my family.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of September 1868

Signed Sealed and delivered
Michael Thomas (S)
in the presence of
James M. Hunter
William H. Robinson
Henry L. Thomas

The State of Alabama

Russell County

Before me Moses Lewis Judge of the Orphans Court of said County personally appeared James M. Hunter, Wm. H. Robinson & Henry L. Thomas, who being sworn and examined depose & Sayeth that they are Subscribing Witnesses to the instrument now shown them and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Michael Thomas late of said County deceased that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Thomas deceased, and in the presence of

each other specified, and whose names there appear, that
we saw each other, and said Testator sign the same, and
that said Thomas published and declared the same to be
his last Will and Testament, and that the said Thomas
when publishing and declaring the same was of sound mind
and disposing memory

Sworn to and subscribed
James M. Hunter
William H. Robinson
Henry L. Thomas
before me this 5th Octy 1846
Ulysses Lewis Judge C. C.

Recorded 11th October 1846
Simons O'Real CLK

The State of Alabama
Pleasants County In the name of God Amen
I, Martha Rogers of the State aforesaid and the
County of Pleasants being of sound Mind and
disposing memory but afflicted in body and
mindful of the great uncertainty of life do in
order for the better arrangement and settlement of
my affairs in case of death. Make declare and
publish this my last will and Testament
In the first place It is my will and desire
that my grandson Suble Wiggins to have my negro
boy Harry at my death and if the said Suble Wiggins
die without any bodily heirs then the said ne-
gro Harry to be sold and equally divided between
the rest of my Grand Children

Martha Rogers Will

Item First It is my will and desire that
William Wiggins have my boy Sherman at
the death of my daughter Rebecca Wiggins
his Mother
Item Third It is my will and desire that my
grandson Suble Wiggins have my negro boy
Harry at my death and if the said Suble Wiggins
die without any bodily heirs then the said ne-
gro Harry to be sold and equally divided between
the rest of my Grand Children
Item Fourth It is my will and desire that my
grandson James Wiggins to have my negro
boy Isaac at the death of my daughter
Rebecca Wiggins his Mother
Item Fifth It is my will and desire that my daughter
Rebecca Wiggins to have my negro boy
Sally and my negro woman Cherry & my negro boy
John and my negro girl Henry, Francis & the
Martha together with the bedsheets & kitchen
furniture
Item Sixth It is my will and desire that Owen
Wiggins my son-in-law have five dollars
Item Seventh It is my will and desire at the death
of my daughter Rebecca Wiggins that all the property
that I have bequeathed to her be sold and
equally divided between my Grand Children
& Elsie, I do not and appoint Executor of this
my last Will and Testament
The dictation whereof I
have subscribed at my hand and seal this 5th
day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & forty six
Signed acknowledging delivered & put

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Gilley Abney Will

The State of Alabama know all persons by
 Newell Abney. I then present that I Gilley
 Abney of that County and State above named being
 old & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
 do make this my last Will and Testament
 Thus I give to the heirs of my son Jeremiah
 Trotter one hundred Dollars. Thus I give
 to my daughter Elizabeth Adams one dollar in ad-
 dition to the one hundred Dollars she has already
 received. Thus I give to my son in law John Ken-
 tucky one dollar in addition to one hundred dollars
 which he has already received. Thus I give
 to my son in law Henry Crossinger one dollar in addition
 to one hundred Dollars which she has already received
 Thus I give to my son Henry Trotter one hundred
 Dollars. Thus I give to my son Joseph Trotter one
 dollar in addition to one hundred Dollars which he has
 already received. Thus I give to my son in law
 George Crossinger one dollar. Thus I give to
 my grand daughter Mahala Ford one hundred Dollars
 Thus I give to my son in law Jacob Westcott
 one dollar. Thus I give to my son Henry Trotter
 one dollar. Thus I give to my son William
 Trotter one dollar. Thus I give to my son Jacob Westcott
 one hundred Dollars and in case that he dies without
 issue the above amount is to belong to my son
 The amounts given to the foregoing persons of this
 Will are to be raised out of the proceeds of a Negro boy
 named Elliot and my stock of Cattle and Horses for
 value and if any thing remains after paying
 all expenses to be equally divided between all my

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Children

Let me the 18 I appoint my son Mrs Foster my
Executor to transact and do all my business after my
death

Given under my hand and sealed the 24th
of December 1846
Jas. Foster Edwards, Gilly & Abney, El
Young Edwards
At Miles

The State of Alabama Special Juror Joseph
Russell County 27th April 27th 1847

Personally appeared in open
Court Jas. Edwards, Young Edwards and Abney
Miles who being sworn each deposited and said that
they were present when Gilly Abney signed sealed
and published the aforesaid will as his last will
& testament that they subscribed their names to the
same as attesting witnesses. All in the presence of
each other & in the presence of the Testator & that the
said Gilly Abney was of sound and disposing mind
& memory at the time of signing sealing & publishing
the same & that the same was executed on the twenty
fourth day of December 1846
At Miles I take

Jas. Edwards

Young Edwards

At Miles

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In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Dickson in my proper mind
do acknowledge this to be my last will and testam-
ent - I give my sole to God from whence it came
and my body to the dust

I Joseph Dickson do give and bequeath unto
my loving wife Fannie Dickson this tract of land
whereon now live and all of my Estate both real
and personal after paying my just debts and
after the death of my beloved wife, I give unto my
sons John Dickson and William Dickson this
tract or piece of land above mentioned and also
of the property both real and personal that may
be left after the death of my wife

State of Alabama Russell County January 26th 1848
Signed and sealed in presence in presence of

Henry Williams

Miles Codwin

Joseph Tucker

Joseph H. Dickson

The State of Alabama This day came in open Court
Russell County of the County Court of said
County of Russell while sitting as an orphan
Court Henry Williams, Miles Codwin, and Joseph
Tucker, who are subscribing to the within and an
oath do say that they saw the within named Joseph
Dickson of his own free will and accord sign
and seal the same as his last will and testam-
ent of him that said Joseph Dickson, and that
they and each of them signed their names to the
same as witnesses thereto, and that the said Testator
was at the time of sound and disposing mind

Summons to in Open Court this 6th day of March 1848
 Henry Williams
 Noble Graham
 Joseph Tucker

Recorded the 12th June 1848
 J. Chead Clerk

The State of Alabama
 Russell County
 I William Morton calling to mind, that it is now appointed to me as such, executor and constituted with my last will and testament;
 Item 1st It is my will and desire that after the payment of all my just debts, my wife Margaret Morton shall have the possession, control and management of all my Estate both real and personal until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years of age

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that after my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, that the whole of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among my lawful heirs share and share alike

Item 3rd I do hereby nominate & appoint John Morton, Benjamin Morton, and Samuel Corwell my Executors to this my last will and testament

Witness under my hand and seal this fourth day of November in the year of

Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty five
 Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
 Myself William Morton
 Myself Lewis C. C. C.
 Clement Walker
 S. J. Johnson
 E. J. Ingram

The State of Alabama
 Russell County
 Orphans Court
 June Term 1848

Personally Came in Open Court this within named Clement Walker, S. J. Johnson, and E. J. Ingram, who being duly sworn on oath as to that they said the within named William Morton whose name appears to the within will sign and seal the same as his own Voluntary act & will on the day and year therein named, that the said Morton, at the time of signing the same of sound mind, and that he signed & sealed the same in the presence of these deponents, & further that these deponents signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Morton & in the presence of each other as therein set forth

Witnessed and subscribed in Open Court this 5th day June in the year of Our Lord 1848.
 S. J. Johnson
 Clement Walker
 E. J. Ingram
 Myself Lewis
 Recorded the 12th of June 1848
 J. Chead Clerk

In the name of God amen.

I William Hurt of Russell County Alabama being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made signed or executed in any manner.

Item 1st

I give, bequeath, and devise unto my four children Rebecca, Benjamin B., William B., and Louisa, all of my estate real and personal and of every other description, but I direct that no division shall take place immediately after my death; but my estate of lands and negroes shall be kept together without sale or division, in the hands of my Executors until either of my sons reach the age of Twenty one, or either of my daughters marry; when such one is reaching Twenty one, or marrying, shall be apportioned his or her share of my estate herein as above given.

Item 2nd

The estate hereby and herein given bequeathed and devised unto my daughters Rebecca and Louisa, I do give bequeath and devise to their sole and separate use, benefit and behoof, as their separate estate respectively, and not be subject to the debts or liabilities of any husband, either

of them may marry; and I hereby direct my Executors upon the marriage of either of my said daughters to have such articles or deeds of settlement made and executed as will fully carry out the intention herein expressed by me.

Item 3rd

I do further direct that all the money of my estate, which shall be on hand at the time of my death together with all such sums as shall be collected out of debts due to me, and all monies arising from the profits of the crops, and other proceeds of the farm; and all other monies whatever in any-wise belonging to my estate shall be annually divided among my said four children in the hands of their guardians, and the share of each kept and accounted for separately and separate accounts kept for the expenditures for each, so that the shares of each and annually may pay his or her own expenses.

Item 4th

I do hereby nominate and appoint my nephews Joel E. Hurt, George T. Hurt and John Hurt, and my friend Solomon Haydenfeldt to be Executors of this my last will and testament, the said Joel E. George, and John, to have charge of, and manage and control all of my real and personal property, and the

read this 28th August 1848

Wm. Hunt *(initials)*

signed in our presence
who witness the same
and signed and named
in the presence of the
testator, and in the
presence of each other
Nimrod W. Long
Clement Walker
Hartwell D. Green
Samuel Rayson

The State of Alabama

Popple County

I Simon Ochal Clerk
of the County Court of said County do certify
that the within will was filed this day in
open Court and admitted to probate
Witness my hand this 28th day of
September 1848

Simon Ochal Clerk

The State of Alabama

Popple County

I Solomon Hydenfeldt
do solemnly swear that the writing which has
been admitted to record as the last will of
William Hunt deceased contains the true last
will of said William Hunt deceased as far as
I know and believe, and that I will well
and truly execute said will according to
said and the directions thereof as far as
the papers charge in action, debt and

claims of the said William Hunt
deceased will extend, and that I will
return a true inventory of all said papers
charges in action, debt, and claims as far
as they may come to my knowledge as
true account, and my administration as
required by law
Sworn to and subscribed } J. Hydenfeldt
before me the 28th September
1848. W. Lewis L.C.C.

In the name of God Amen

I Reuben Aldridge at present
of the State of Alabama Russell County being in
sound mind and disposing memory and knowing
that God has appointed for all men to die do
make Ordain and Constitute this my last will
and Testament revoking all others heretofore made
First

I recommend my soul to the favor of God
who first created my existence. Then touching
my temporal or worldly estate, it is my will
that all my just debts be paid. Then I give
to my beloved Wife Sarah all the lands I am
now possessed of on Section Ten Township
nineteen and Range Twenty eight and all the
land I own on the east half of the north east
quarter of Section nine in Township nineteen
and Range Twenty eight lying east and south

tract of the branch running through the north
end of said tract crossing the Road near the house
where Jordan lives. Also the crop that
is on the plantation, or as much things as may
be sufficient for her support together with my Cart
and oxen and buggy, with the following Negroes
three in number viz Moses and Mariah his wife
and Clarissa a girl, also two work horses or mules
with all the plantation tools, also as much of
the Stock Cattle, Hogs & Sheep as he and my
Executors may think sufficient for her support
and all the house hold and kitchen furniture
all of said property to belong to my wife during
her life time or widowhood. And as I have here-
before given all my children a portion of my
property viz my daughter Lancy Brown a boy
worth when given four hundred dollars & the
following tract of Land viz the South west
quarter of Section Sixteen Township nineteen and
Range twenty eight Containing one hundred
and sixty Acres valued at six hundred dollars
the amount in Cash I actually paid for said
land. To my son James Camby a girl worth
three hundred dollars when given. To my son
Lewis, Willard a boy worth when given
four hundred dollars. To my daughter
Sarah a girl Sarah worth when given three
hundred dollars. To my son Nathan a
girl Lizzy worth when given two hundred
dollars. To my son Clark, Charles a boy
worth when given four hundred dollars. To
my son Nathan, David a boy worth when

given four hundred dollars. And it is
further my will that the balance of my
estate both real and personal be sold (except
my Negroes, and it is my will that they be
appraised and allotted off if it can be done
by persons appointed for that purpose so as
to make each and part equal as the above
named Negroes were not of equal value at
the time given, except my sons James &
Nathan. It is my will and desire that their
proportionable part go to the lawful heirs of
their natural fathers to be kept together until
their youngest heir becomes of age, left with
my Executors to appoint some proper person
to attend and keep said property together
till their youngest heir becomes of age.

It is also my wish that my Executors here-
inafter named should at a distance of 100
miles take their mother and if it meets her appro-
bation to sell the land milles to her and pur-
chase a place more convenient as it is my
wish that they keep her near them as long as
she lives and at her death it is my will that
the property left to her be divided equally as
the foregoing property.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint
my sons Nathan and Clark my lawful
Executors to carry this my last will and Testa-
ment into effect according to the true intent
and meaning thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the first of October

Ad. 1847 A.D. Eighteen hundred and Forty-seven
and the Seventy third year of the Independence
of the United States of America
Signed in the presence of Reuben Aldridge
William Davis
Jas. J. Swift
Sterling H. Pitt

The State of Alabama
Russell County Before me Ulysses Lewis
Judge of Orphans Court of said County personally
William Davis, William J. Swift and Sterling H.
Pitts who being sworn and examining aforesaid and
and saith that they are subscribing witnesses to the
Instrument now shown them and which purports
to be the last will and Testament of Reuben
Aldridge late of said County deceased, that they
sign the same as witnesses and in the presence
of the said Reuben Aldridge deceased and in
the presence of each other specified and whose
names thereto appeared that we saw each other
and the said Testator sign the same, and that
the said Reuben Aldridge published and decl-
ared the same to be his last will and Testament
and that the said Reuben Aldridge when pub-
lishing and declaring the same was of sound
mind and disposing memory
Saw me to in Open Court Wm Davis
this 2nd Nov. 1847 Jas J. Swift
Ulysses Lewis Judge &c. Sterling H. Pitt

State of Georgia
Columbia County In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Bowden of the
County of Columbia and State aforesaid, being
in full health but of sound mind and disposing
memory and desiring to make such disposition
of the property which God has blessed me with
in this life while I have time and opportunity
of doing so, do make and declare this my last
will and Testament in manner and form
following, to wit:—

First— I desire my Executors herein after
named to pay all my Just debts and funeral
expenses as soon as the same can conveniently be
done after my death

Secondly— I give and bequeath unto my
second wife Ephatha Bowdry all of my hold-
ing and Hitchen Furniture, plantation tools im-
plements of husbandry, Stock of all kind, and
every manner of perishable property that I
may die possessed of together with following
negro Slaves to wit, Bony, Anderson, Anthony, Ab-
raham, John, Rane, Gustus, Isaac, Henry, Hann-
Chany, Chat, Nelly, Polly, Adeline, Lincy and
her six children, and Eliza and Caroline with
them and increase of the female Slaves, together
with the plantation building and improvements
whereon I now live and also an equal interest
with my son Benjamin B. Bowdry in the
tract of land and plantation which I own
on Little River in the County of Wilkes (say
son Thomas B. Bowden to have apporportion

off to him of said tract of Land Eight hundred acres) to be worked by the afore said Slaves under the care and direction of my son Benjamin for the use support and benefit of my said wife during her natural life.

I further give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Fifty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company, the dividends to be apportioned and applied to her use and benefit during her natural life.

Fourthly - I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin A. Boudry in common with my wife after eight hundred acres shall have been divided off to my son Thomas E. Boudry the whole of the balance of my tract of Land and plantations on Little River in the County of Wilk and on the death of my wife the life estate to rest in for life in my son Benjamin together with all the stock of every kind, crop in hand or growing plantation tools implements of every description that may be remaining on said plantation - I further give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Twenty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company and the following negro Slaves which he already has in possession namely Daniel, Miles, Harry, Peter Bob Nash, Lucy, and her two children, Rosette and her two children, Martha and her three children, and Fanny and Rebecca, and on the death of my wife I give and bequeath

unto my said son Benjamin and share of the negro Slaves and their increase which I have given to my wife during her natural life; Also one third of Fifty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company's Stock;

Fifthly - I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas E. Boudry Eight hundred acres of Land to be divided off from the tract of Land and plantation on Little River in the County of Wilk (the balance of which tract of Land I have divided to my son Benjamin and my wife during life) together with the following negro Slaves which he already has in his possession, namely, Coleman, Wati Harry, Jerry Hinch, Jerry, Larina and her three children Julia and her child and servants, Sophia, and Malinda Emily with the incomes of the farms.

I also give to my said son Thomas after the death of my wife one third of the negro Slaves and their increase which I have devised to my wife during her life.

Sixthly - I give and bequeath unto my son Albert J. Boudry in Trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Sarah J. Grimes wife of Sterling J. Grimes and the heirs of her body now in life or that may hereafter be born of her body, free and saved from the Contracts debts and liabilities now existing or that may hereafter Contracting.

by her present or any future husband: The one half of my plantation situated in the County of Russell and State of Alabama, and one half of the following negro Slaves now on said plantation, to wit, Peter, Aaron, Windsor, Frank & Amos; Abram, Judimus, Dick, Ralph, Annie, Bill, Cesar, Charles, Milley and her three Children, Hannah and her four Children, Asmielle, Cato and her two Children, Celiza and her four Children, Rella and her two Children, Fanny and her three Children and Louisa with the use and increase of the female Slaves: and at the death of my wife I devise and bequeath in Trust as aforesaid the yellow girl Chat named in the bequest to my wife, said girl Chat to be selected from the lot before the remainder or dividing as herein after set forth. I further give unto my said Son and for the use and purposes above mentioned Twenty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company and at the termination of this life Estate of my wife I further devise in Trust as aforesaid one third of Fifty Shares of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company to the use of my said Daughters Sarah Jane and the heirs of her body forever.

Sixthly

I give and bequeath unto my Son Albert J. R. Bondry the one half of my plantation situated in Russell County in the State of Alabama and one half of the negro Slaves now on said plantation, to wit, Peter, Aaron, Windsor, Frank

Amos, Abram, Judimus, Dick, Ralph, Samp, Bill, Cesar, Charles, Milley and her three Children, Hannah and her four Children, Asmielle, Cato and her two Children, Celiza and her four Children, Rella and her two Children, Fanny and her three Children and Louisa with the future issue and increase of the female Slaves. I also give and bequeath unto my said Son Albert Twenty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company and at the death of my wife I bequeath to my said Son the third of Fifty Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company, and one third of the negro Slaves and their increase bequeathed to my wife during her life.

Seventhly

I give and bequeath unto James J. Hamilton and my two grand Children Thomas Hamilton and Martha Emily Hamilton two Shares of the Capital Stock of the Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company, which with the advances I have heretofore made to Mr. Hamilton I consider in full of a distributive share of my Estate.

Eighthly

Should my Wife desire to remove from our present residence I fully authorize and empower to sell and dispose of the same at such times and upon such terms as he may deem advisable, or he may retain

The same for his own use and benefit after
the death of my wife

Nextly

I have heretofore issued a note for my son
Thomas C. Bowden, payable to Thomas A. Hamilton
or order for Two Thousand dollars which note
requires to be satisfied and discharged out of the
proceeds of the Bank Stock which I have bequeathed
to my sons Benjamin F. and Albert J. C. Bowden
and my daughter Sarah J. Grimes, or otherwise
satisfied before my Executors transfer to them said
Bank Stock.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate Constable and appoint my
son Benjamin A. Bowden the sole Executor of this
my last Will and Testament with full power to
carry the same into effect

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this first
day of August Eighteen hundred and Forty-eight
Signed Sealed, published
and declared by the Testator
as his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us
John C. Smith
Gabriel Jones

Thomas Bowden

Georgia
Columbia County John C. Smith and Thomas
Wynne Jr. two of the Subscribing witnesses to the
within and foregoing instrument, after being

Sworn upon the holy Evangelist before me and
faith that they were personally present and saw
the Testator Thomas Bowden in life, sign said
instrument and declare the same to be his last
Will and Testament that the Testator was of
sound mind and disposing memory at the
doing thereof, and that they together with
said Jones signed the same as witnesses, all
done in the presence and at the request of
the Testator and in the presence of each other
Sworn to in Open Court this 15th September
1848

A. W. Massengale, John C. Smith
Notary Public

Georgia
Columbia County I Gabriel Jones Clerk
of the Court of Ordinary in and for the
County aforesaid, do certify that this set
and foregoing pages of writing contain
a true and correct copy of the last will and
Testament of Thomas Bowden according with
the probate of said Will as the same appears
of record

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the Seal of said
Court this 7th day of September 1848.
Ed. Jones Clerk

The State of Alabama
 Russell County I Ephraim Hampton
 of said State and County being of sound mind
 but of sound and disposing memory do make this
 my last Will and Testament

1st I resign my body to its mother dust and
 my spirit to God who gave it - And my Estate
 disposed of as follows

1st I desire all my Just debts paid
 2nd I will and wish the half section of land

I now live on divided as follows, say all of said
 lands that lying and being on the north side of
 the Hallawatha Creek which runs through said half
 section I give unto my beloved wife Nancy Mel
 -vina Hampton during her natural life and then
 to become and my youngest son Infant
 Oliver Rowan and to her heirs and assigns forever
 and the balance of said half section being that
 part which lies south of said Creek I give and
 bequeath unto my son who now lives with me
 James Hampton and his mother and William
 Parrell my son in law to them their heirs and
 assigns equally

3rd I give and bequeath unto my said
 wife Nancy Melvina for and during her natural
 life the following negro laws, to wit: Annied a
 woman and Traveler her daughter, William, mine
 and her son Wade and after the death of my
 said wife then and in that case said Negro
 Slaves above mentioned being now four in number
 together with their issue to become and belong
 to my above naming daughter Oliver Rowan

my youngest daughter forever to her heirs

4th I give and bequeath unto my affectionate son
 James Hampton and his Mother the following named
 owing the following named Negroes Slaves, to wit:
 Bob a boy eight or nine years of age and Aram
 his brother about five or six years old

5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
 the following named Negro woman a
 Slave to wit Sampy

6th The balance of my Estate both personal and
 perishable if any there be left after all my Just
 debts being paid to be equally divided among
 the balance of my heirs not herein or above named
 together with the said James Hampton and his
 Mother Oliver Rowan, my present wife Nancy
 Melvina Hampton and my youngest daughter
 Oliver Rowan Hampton and William Parrell
 and his wife my daughter Mary Parrell

7th I wish and will that of the above and fore
 going so far as relates to what I therein have given
 and bequeathed unto my wife for and during her
 natural life said negroes is not to be removed from
 the County and State first aforesaid and that said
 daughter Oliver Rowan is to be supported in com
 out of said land and negroes so bequeathed in
 common with her mother and also is to be
 conveyed out of the same

I and laster I appoint my son James Hampton
together with my wife, ^{James} William Hampton Executor to
this my last will and Testament and do not
wish them to be compelled to give security if it
should be lawfull for them to act as such without
Signs, Seals and acknowledged in presence

Test
A. B. Driffin
James Dringler
Isa. Britt

Ep. hampton
Mark

The State of Alabama
Russell County I Simon O'Neal Clerk of
the County Court in for said County do hereby
Certify that the within will was duly proven in
open Court and admitted to probate by order of
the Court on the first Monday in September 1848

Witness my hand this 20th day
of September 1848

Simon O'Neal Clerk

State of Georgia
Muscogee County
To all whom it may concern.

Clerks Office of the Court of
Ordinary of said County.

Know ye that I John
Johnson Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County having
inspected the records of my said Office do find that on the
Nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and forty eight, the last Will and Testament
of Samuel Boykin late of said State and County deceased
was proven before Joseph Echols and Samuel R. Andrews
then Justices of the Inferior Court of said County in manner
and form following to-wit.

Georgia Muscogee
County

Before us Joseph Echols and Samuel
R. Andrews two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said
County in vacation personally came Francis Boykin Executor
and Marks A. Cooper and Francis Boykin Executors of the
last Will and Testament of Samuel Boykin deceased and
produced before us the last Will and Testament of said
Samuel Boykin deceased, and three of the witnesses to said
Will to-wit Frank A. Nibbet, LeRoy Holt, and John E. Bacon
which witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they
saw Samuel Boykin deceased declare and publish the
instrument, read presented and herein written as his last
Will and Testament and acknowledged the signature &
words thereto to be his signature and words, freely voluntarily
and of his own accord, and without any compulsion or influ-
ence whatever that at the time of the execution, of said Will
said testator was of sound and disposing mind and
memory that deponents, signed said Will as witnesses in the
presence of the Testator, and at his special instance & request

And in the presence of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed
before us this the twentieth day
of May 1848.

Josephus Echols J.S. G.
S. B. Andrews J.S. G.

Witness

LeRoy Holt

Frank A. Nisbet

John E. Bacon

And afterwards to-wit on the twenty second day of May in the year aforesaid at an adjourned meeting of the May Term 1848 of said Court, of Ordinary at which meeting the honorable Samuel B. Andrews, Josephus Echols, and Nicholas S. Howard Justices of said Court, then present and presiding further proceedings were had in manner and form following to-wit

Georgia

Court of Ordinary

Muscogee County

May Adjourned Term 1848.

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Boykin late of said County deceased having been heretofore to-wit on the 26th day of May instant in Voluntariness before Josephus Echols, and Samuel B. Andrews two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County upon the Oaths of LeRoy Holt, Frank A. Nisbet and John E. Bacon, subscribing Witnesses to said Will. It is ordered by the Court, that the same be admitted to record And it is further ordered that letters Testamentary issue to Mark A. Cooper, and Narcissa Boykin, one of the Executors and the Co-executors in said Will named and appointed they and each of them having taken the oath prescribed by law in open Court the said last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Boykin deceased as provided, established and recorded, is in the letters, Words, figures, and Characters following to-wit,

In the Name of God. Amen: I Samuel Boykin being of

sound mind and desirous of disposing of all the property that I may be entitled to at my death constitute this my last Will and Testament.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Narcissa my Carriage and Horse, Plate and household furniture absolutely.
2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Narcissa, for her special use and benefit during her life the following property to-wit my residence in the City of Columbus with the four lots immediately joining it, and the four other lots lying near it on the opposite side of the street in which my residence stands, and the following household servants to-wit, Charlotte & her two children and Bird Grace, Keller & her two children Mary Ann, & Oafra, Lizzy and old Sall, and at her death I wish said property to go in equal shares to each of my children as shall survive her and the children of such as may be dead at her decease,

3rd I give and bequeath all the balance of my property in equal shares to my wife (in case she declines same) & my children the child's part assigned to my wife by this item. I give and bequeath to her during her natural life, at her death to be distributed in the same way I have directed the property assigned for her use in the second item of my Will. I further will and bequeath to each of my Daughters her share for her special use & benefit not to be sold or in any way disposed of by her husbands, in case she marries and at her death in case she marries, and at her death in case she marries and dies without issue leaving a husband one half of the property to her husband and the other half to each of my children as may survive her. I further will and bequeath, to each of my sons his share, and in case he should marry & die without issue, one half of said share to his surviving wife, and the other half to each of my children as may survive

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him, I further will and desire my Executors hereinafter appointed
to give to each of my sons Francis, Samuel, Thomas and Lekey
as a portion of that part of my estate falling to his share one
fourth part of my Plantation lying on the Chattahoochee in Russell
County, if each one of them has become of age should be willing
to take said fourth part of said plantation as a portion of his
distributive share, and if it should be deemed possible by my
Executors, as to assign my said plantation to my sons, in four
equal parts and at such time as my Executors shall deem it
proper and expedient for the interest of all the legates.
I will and desire my Executors to sell and dispose of all my
real estate not mentioned in any of the foregoing items at such
time & in such manner as they may deem to be for the interest of
my estate.

4th
I have appointed and constituted my wife Narcissa Boykin, Mark
A. Boykin, and my two sons Francis & Samuel Boykin my
Executors under this my last Will and testament.

5th
In Witness whereof I have signed, sealed and published
these presents this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

In the presence of

Lekey Holt

Frank A. Nichol

Samuel N. Owens

John C. Bacon

Witnessed
Signed
J. Boykin

State of Georgia
Muscogee County
I John Johnson Clerk of the Court of
Ordinary for said County in said State do hereby certify
that the foregoing five pages contain a true copy of the last
Will and testament of Samuel Boykin deceased, and of the

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proceedings had in proving the same, and granting letters
testamentary thereon as appears of records in my Office
Given under my hands and seal of Office at
Columbus in said County and State this 19th
day of February A.D. 1849.
John Johnson Clerk C.C.

Georgia
Muscogee County
I Adam B. Foster as Justice of the Superior
Court of said County hereby certify that John Johnson whose
name appears to the foregoing Certificate is now and was
at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
of said County duly commissioned and sworn and that said
Certificate is in due form of law.
Given under my hands and Official Signature
at Columbus in said County this 2nd day
of March A.D. 1849.
Adam B. Foster J. S. C.

granting letters
my Office
of Office at
State this 19th

Clerk C. C.

two of the Superior
John M. W. W.
and Mrs
Court of Ordinary
and that said

Official Signature
is made by

Hoater J. S. G.

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In the name of God, Amen.
I John S. Callum of the County of Russell
in the State of Alabama do hereby make and
Constitute this my last Will and Testament, here
by revoking all former Wills by me heretofore
made

Section 1. I give bequeath and devise unto my
beloved wife Hannah Emma all my property
both real and personal & chose in action claim
and demand and all rights both in law and
equity hereby intending, not only what I now
have but all that I may acquire and
possessed of or entitled to, to be and held
and enjoyed by her during her natural life
while she remains a widow

Section 2. I hereby make constitute and ap-
point my said wife to be my sole execu-
trix of this my last Will, and direct expressly
that she shall not be required to give any
security for the faithful execution of my Will
or the Administration of my Estate

Section 3. As soon as my wife marries if she
should do so then I direct and require that my
Estate shall be divided into as many equal parts
as I have Children at the time of my death
and two more parts added to the number, that
is to say if I have five Children my Estate
shall be divided into seven equal parts, or if
I have six Children then into eight equal parts
and so on, and my said wife shall take and
receive two of said parts or portions of my Estate
in fee simple and my Children shall take and

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and receive each one of the shares so
divided

Section 4. If my said wife shall remain
a widow she may during her life as an Chil-
dren grow of age or marry give them or either of
them any portion of my Estate she sees prop-
-er or thinks best for their advantage; and
at her death I will and direct that my
said Estate be equally divided between all
my Children, Wives and Shares alike, and
upon such division if any or either of them
shall have received any portion in money
or property by way of advancement from
me or from my wife the said advance-
ment shall be brought into hotch pot

In Witness of the due execution of this
my last Will and Testament I the said John
S. Callum have hereunto set my hand
and seal on the seventh day of February
AD 1848

Signed, sealed
in presence
of us, who

sign our names in
the presence of the said
John S. Callum as
Witnesses hereto

Henry Moffett
Thos White
Lorela Edwards

John S. Callum

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The State of Alabama

Russell County

Personally appeared
in Open Court theophilus
White & Lola Edwards, late of the subscribing
Witnesses to the within Will who after being
duly sworn depose & testify that they saw
the within named John S. Hallman whose
name is subscribed thereto sign seal publish
and declare the within instrument to be his
last Will and Testament, that three depo-
nents subscribed their names to the same
as Witnesses in the presence of the said John
S. Hallman and that they saw Henry Moffitt
the other subscribing Witness sign the said in-
the presence of the said Notator and in the pre-
sence of these deponents on the day and year then
in mentioned, and deponents further say that
at the time of signing the within Will the said
John S. Hallman was of sound mind and dis-
posing memory.

Given to Subscribed

in Open Court this the

8th day of May A.D. 1869

Alfred P. Reed
J. C. C. C.

Thos White
Lola Edwards

Recorded May 16th 1869

Amos O. Neal Clerk

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Russell County

I, Charles A. Hardwick of the
State of Alabama } County of Russell and the State
of Alabama do make & publish this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking & making void all
wills by me heretofore made at any time. As to
such estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me
with, I dispose of the same as follows.

First, I direct that all my debts & funeral expenses
be paid by my executors as soon as possible
out of the moneys that I may die possessed
of, or out of the proceeds of my crop; or out of
such moneys as are now due me by Joseph
McClumel of Mississippi, or out of the sales
of any or all of my personal and real estate
not otherwise specially donated (should it
be found necessary to the payment of my debts).
Also I direct that a fair valuation or appraise-
ment be made by three judicious & uninterested
persons of all my personal estate consisting of
mules, horses, cows (one cow named Silver Top
excepted) hogs, corn, fodder, oats, peas, pota-
toes, meat, waggon, buggy, harness, farm uten-
sils &c; also all my furniture, bed & bed clothing
(excepting such as are otherwise donated) and
cooking utensils; to be sold to the highest bidder
on twelve months time with approved security
having given at least forty days notice pre-
vious to the day of sale; also publishing it in
four of the most public places within thirteen
(13) miles of my residence. Now the Executors think it best to all
such articles as the Executors think it best to all
privately they are authorized to do so, but the

cotton must be sold for cash. I also direct my
 executors to sell all the interest I have in the un-
 divided land estate of my Mother (now deceased)
 both in the States of Alabama & Georgia; also I
 want the eighty (80) acres of land on which I
 resided and my plantation to be sold by my
 executors; to sell all the interest I have in the
 lands of my mother's estate (deceased) and my
 own lands upon such terms as they see fit upon such
 time as they may deem most advisable - by either
 immediate sale or after one or two years past pro-
 ceeds; the deranged state of European Comin-
 ments being such as may justify such a delay;
 Now the proceeds of the sales of all my personal
 & real estate I wish to be used first in the pay-
 ment of debts & whatever money may remain
 after the payment of my debts I wish equally
 divided between my wife Jane Harwich & my
 nephew Thomas Harwich son of my brother
 George Harwich to be and remain their absolute property. I have
 left a memorandum or schedule of some debts due
 my one directed by me to my wife Jane Harwich
 my executors &c. all of which debts their payment
 I particularly enjoin if not done before my death.
 There is a town lot in Eufrata through mistake
 divided to me by either John or Duncan McCall - now
 the said lot is the property of what was once the
 firm of Waldron, Thomas McCall or Thomas Waldron
 McCall to them or their legal agents my executors
 are requested to convey said lot. Luke Wood born
 now of Columbus Georgia was one of the parties
 of said firm. Also direct my wife to take of

the furniture & one fine cedar bedstead, one feather
 bed & mattress, four blankets, three pair of sheets,
 three pair pillow slips, two pillows, one bolster, one
 counterpane, one wash stand, one iron trunk, one
 spread & valances, one stand of curtains, one wash
 bowl & ewer, one looking glass, one set of castors,
 & stand, two decanters, all of my china ware,
 all my silver spoons with the exception of those
 received from my mother's estate which I give
 to my nephew (Thomas Harwich) also I
 wish her to retain the gold watch given her by me
 and to take one fourth of my books provided she
 thinks she will ever read or want them. Now
 all of the above donated property to my wife Jane
 Harwich I wish to be & remain her absolute
 property. I also direct that all of my negroes
 be sold at the close of the year, after having
 given legal notice at six public places within
 the County & near my present residence to be
 sold at some public place at public outcry to
 the highest bidder on two years time bearing
 interest from date said interest on negroes to
 be paid annually. Now the negro man John
 his wife Fanny I would wish excepted from
 the above rule provided Thomas W. Miller or
 my sister Virginia will purchase them at what
 three disinterested persons will appraise them
 at, otherwise to be sold as the balance. Now
 the proceeds of the sales of said negroes I
 wish to be equally divided between my wife
 Jane Harwich one one part and my
 nephew Thomas Harwich (son of George W.

(Hardinck) on the other part, to be and remain the absolute property of my wife Jane Hardinck and my nephew Thomas Hardinck. Now I constitute, appoint & make as legal heir Jane Hardinck my wife to one half of all my estate not otherwise donated & of which I may die possessed. Also I constitute, appoint & make as legal heir my nephew Thomas Hardinck to one half of all and any property I may die possessed of and not otherwise donated. Now I also direct that my Executors pay over to George W. Hardinck my brother all the moneys they may collect as due to Thomas Hardinck my nephew & as one of my legal heirs. I also direct my brother George W. Hardinck to invest the moneys received of my Executors for my nephew Thomas Hardinck in the purchase of negro boys & girls from twelve to fifteen years old to be the absolute property of him and his heirs. Also I direct and wish that my books such as my wife may not have taken be given to nephew Thomas Hardinck: also that my gun be given to him, to be & remain his absolute property. Also I wish the old Family Bible to be given to brother George - and a certain gold ring given such by Wilson H. Crimes to be given to Sister Julia Miller of Augusta Georgia. Now should my nephew Thomas Hardinck die without issue I then wish the next son of my bro. George W. Hardinck born to him in wedlock to be sole heir & so on throughout the male line of his children, his male children it is desired should only inherit my property,

unless they are of non compos mentis or they should all die without issue. Then I wish his daughters to become the heirs & the property divided equally among them as they arrive of age or get married. Now should all of Brother George W. Hardinck's children die and there be no more born to him in wedlock, he is to become sole heir of this property until his death when the children or heirs of Sister Martha Dawson's children (born of their body will then become heirs of this property now left by me in this my last will, and should none of them be living I wish this property to go to the next of kin of my mother and father's family. Now there is one thing I particularly request of my Executors & heirs, that none of my property ever be allowed to become in any wise or way attached to or put into the hands or possession of my brother's wife or wives or their connection as I wish my property kept entirely in the Hardinck family. I also direct and wish my brother George to receive in charge & manage until of age the property donated to him & as my nephew Thomas Hardinck & he is requested not to spend or dispose of the proceeds of property of this property in no wise than as one provided; unless it becomes necessary to his support & education she is likewise appointed by me Guardian & administrator of my nephew. Now should Bro George die during my nephew's minority I wish him to appoint some suitable persons as Guardian

I Administrator of this estate left by me to my nephew, and who seems may be his wife at the time of his death she is by this last will of mine entirely excluded from exercising any and all control over it. Also I wish to state my reasons for making such a will as I have in relation to my wife. First, because my wife will be heir to a good deal of property on the division of the property of her father's estate after or before his death and as he is now rich. Secondly, Brother George is the only brother I have and to his children I look for the continuance of our family name, & which I wish to be always in circumstances of comfort & respect. Now that this at last will may be properly executed I hereby request, make & ordain Ed. Watkins Smith, Wmna Lucy & Jane Harward my Executors & Executrix of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I Charles Harward the Testator have to this my last will written on three and part of four sheets of paper and joined together with red wafers to which I have set my hand & seal this the 26th day of March 1849

Original sealed & delivered in
presence of
William Lucy
William M. Russell

Charles A. Henderson

The State of Alabama } Personally came in upon
Russell County } Court while sitting as an
Ex Officio Court for the County and State of Ala-
said William Greaves and William M. Russell

who on oath depose say, that they saw Charles A Haranick whose name appears to the foregoing will sign seal and execute the same as his last will and testament on the day and in the presence of the witnesses herein named and further that the said Charles A Haranick was at the time of executing the same of sound and discreet mind and executed the same of his own free will and deed, and further deponents say, that they and each of them signed their names to the same as subscribing witnesses there to in the presence of the said Haranick and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to and Subscribed in and about
the 4th day of June A.D. 1849
William Evey Alfred P. Rice
William M. Rousea J. C. R. C.

William Lucy

William M. Russa

Alfred P. Rice

Sept 18. 1866

Recorded 8th December 1849
Simon Westcott

Simon A. West

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In the name of God. I, Ph. Jordan of the State of Alabama and County of Russell, being in sound mind and memory and knowing that God has appointed me to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, first, It is my will that all my just debts be paid and then on account of the love and affection I have for the brothers and sisters of my dear deceased wife for their kindness to me before and since her decease, it is my will that I leave a boy and ^{and my deceased wife's three saddle} ~~three~~ ^{the} ~~equally~~ divided among them. Secondly, it is my will that my mother in law Elizabeth Gray have the ~~bedstead~~ ^{bedstead} and furniture that formerly belonged to my deceased wife, and thirdly, it is my will (that after the burial expenses of my deceased wife and myself are paid) that my beloved sister Mary M. Hightower have all the remainder of my property, including my land horse and small stock of cattle and hogs household and kitchen furniture and every thing else that I may own or possess at the time of my death. I hereby nominate and appoint my uncle Clark Aldridge my lawful Executor to carry this my last will and testament into execution according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of September A.D. 1801

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thousand eight hundred and forty nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the twenty fourth Intubance in our place before signed

In the presence of
W. W. T. Junt
Nathan Aldridge
Sarah L. Goodwin

The State of Alabama
Russell County } Before me Alfred
P. Reed Judge of the Orphan Court of said County, personally appeared my wife
Nathan Aldridge and Sarah L. Goodwin who being sworn and examined as aforesaid and with that they are subscribing witnesses to the instrument now shown them and which purports to be the last will and testament of S. M. Goodwin late of said County deceased, that they signed the same as witnesses and in the presence of the said S. M. Goodwin deceased and in the presence of each other specific and whose names appear thereto, that we saw each other and the said Testator sign the same and that the said S. M. Goodwin published and declared the same to be his last will and testament and that the said S. M. Goodwin when publishing and declaring the same

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was of sound mind and disposing
memory Sept 1st A.D. 1849

Shorn and subscribed
before me

Alfred P. Reed Judge
Clerk.

Wm. W. Bart
Nathaniel Kidder
Sally & Goodwin

Recorded 8 Aug 1849

Simon C. Neal Clerk

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I, William Smith of Russell County and
State of Alabama, being of sound mind
and being aware of the uncertainty of life for the
better protection of my wife and children do make
and ordain this my last will and testament.

I will that all my just debts be paid by using
for that purpose all notes and accounts due me; and
for the settlement of whatever may remain unpaid,
I will that two negroes, Anderson and Harry, my
house and lot near Uchi Post Office known as the
Nesome Sago and my plantation and land
one half section in the State and County aforesaid
near B. Ingram's mill be sold and the proceeds
thereof be appropriated to that purpose. Should
any of my debts remain unpaid after the sale
of the above mentioned property it is my will
that such other property be sold to pay the said
debts as in the opinion of my executors can
be best spent by my wife and children.

It is my will that B. Ingram's mill which
I used by a lease be given up unless said lease
can be disposed of for more than four hun-
dred dollars annually.

I do further will that when all my just debts
are paid, the balance of my property be kept
together for the benefit and comfort of my
family jointly and when my sons become of age
and my daughter marry that each one at that
time receive his or her proportionable part of my
estate. I do further will that when all my just
debts are paid my wife have the management
and control of my children during their min-

only and of my estate during her widowhood
that in case she should marry again I do her
child's part of said estate.

To carry into effect this my last will and
testament as herein and above contained I do hereby
appoint my beloved wife Rebecca Smith my
executors and John S. Johnson Esq and Alonzo
Davis my executors willing further express
the said Executors be not required to give
bond and security for the performance of the
duties by enjoined upon them.

This September twenty fifth in year of our
independence eight hundred and forty

Signed and sealed in

presence of

John M. White

Andrew S. Smith

Richard Hanson

William Smith Esq

Recorded 19th December 1849

Wm. A. Neal Clerk

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The State of Alabama in the name of God
Russell County J. Aaron J. Moore Tra-
veller of said State and County being of full
age and knowing that I must shortly depart
this life deem it right and proper both as respects
my family and myself that I should make a
disposition of the property with which a kind
providence has blessed me do therefore make this
my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me.

I do desire and direct that my body be buried in
a decent and Christianlike manner suitable to
my circumstances and condition in life. My soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
by my executors herein after appointed.

I desire and direct that all of my property both
real and personal be kept together as it now is for
the benefit and use of my beloved wife and chil-
dren during their minority.

I desire and direct that when my eldest son
comes of age the sum of five hundred dollars
be paid to him by my executors as part of his legacy
and that a like sum of five hundred dollars
be paid to each of my other sons as they severally
come of age as parts of their legacies.

I desire and direct that a like sum of five hun-
dred dollars be paid to each of my daughters
as they severally come of age or marry as
parts of their respective legacies.

I desire and direct that the residue of my
property of every description be kept