

## Samuel Bowdon's last will and Testament

14. 1846

In the name of God - Amen - I Samuel Bowdon of Shelby County Alabama being feeble in health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will in manner and form following that is to say.

Imprimis - my will is that all my Just debts and funeral charges shall by my executors herein after named be paid out of my estate as soon as after my decease as shall by them be found convenient - to effect which payment It is my will that my executors sell my present growing crop and the following two negroes - viz - Sam a negro man and Becca a negro woman aged about sixteen and so much of the stock of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid all or such portion at the discretion of my executors as may be by them deemed expedient - Item - it is my will that all my real estate of every description be the property of all my children to be sold at the discretion of my executors at such time and manner as they shall judge most conducive to the interest of all interested and till sold said lands to remain in the care and management of my executors either to be rented out or cultivated by the negroes belonging to the children herein after named - viz - Elbert William, Nancy, Samuel, Sarah and Mary -

Item - It is also my will that in case the negroes belonging to my children above named be employed on the plantation then my executors to account to each for the value of the services of said negroes for such time as they may be so employed and also account to each of the heirs for their respective shares of the rent or profits of the land -

Item - It is my will that all my negroes (excepting the two herein before named if sold and if not sold then also to be included) be divided amongst my children to be appraised and divided by three commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the Judge of the County Court of Shelby County and in case any difficulty should arise in making such distribution just and equal the

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said distribution to be made as far as practicable and the residue to be sold and the proceeds of such sale to be divided to make the distribution equal

Item - It is my will that before any distribution of my estate there be deducted and set apart the sum of sixteen hundred dollars to be divided equally among his four children Elbert Samuel Sarah and Mary in addition to their distributive shares which sum may be raised out of the sale of my personal property herein before authorized to be sold if the same shall be sufficient after the payment of my debts and if not then out of my other property at the discretion of my executor which sum to be due and payable at the expiration of four years from this date

Item - It is my will that in the distribution of my slaves there be included a negro boy already given by me to my daughter Caroline McKenny that her share be assumed to the value of said negro boy so as to make her share equal with the others

Item - I acknowledge to be indebted to my son Lewis in the sum of four hundred dollars which it is my will be paid by my executor with my other debts

Item For the better education and nurture of my infant children Elbert William Nancy Samuel Sarah and Mary I give and dispose of the tuition and custody of them till my sons attain the age of Twenty one years ~~of age~~ and the daughters attain the age of Eighteen years or marry to my executor and it is my will that they have good education and the sons to have liberal education if they so desire and my executor shall judge best to be paid for out of their respective shares

Item It is my will that my executor have the sole care and custody of the respective shares of my infant children till the boys attain the age of twenty one years and the daughters attain the age of eighteen years or marry and they are hereby authorized to invest the money which may belong them in the purchase of other property if they shall judge

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better than to loan the same

Item It is my will that my household furniture tools farming tools and all other property not before mentioned be sold or retained for the use of the family as my executor shall judge best after so much has been sold as shall be sufficient to pay all my just debts

I nominate and appoint as two sons Franklin W Bowdon and Lewis Bowdon to be the executor of this my last will and testament giving to them <sup>being</sup> full power to execute fully this my last will and testament and full power and authority in case of the sale of any of my real estate to execute titles in fee simple to the same and all other power necessary to effect the object of this my will - And to make distribution to each of my heirs viz my two executors Caroline McKenny Elizabeth Moody and the six infant children herein before named Each to have an equal share excepting the sixteen hundred dollars set apart for the four infant children before named - and this is to be in addition of their equal shares and also excepting the negro boy Manuel given to Caroline McKenny whose share is to be assumed by the value of said boy

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1841  
Samuel Bowdon Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Bowdon as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto - September 12<sup>th</sup> 1841

Robert Bowdon

J H Cunningham  
B McKenny

The State of Alabama } Special Orphans Court  
Shelby County ss } October 11<sup>th</sup> 1841

This day personally appeared in open Court Robert Bowdon and Barnabas McKenny who after

being each sworn in due form of law aforesaid and say they are each subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Samuel Bowdon Decd that they saw the said Samuel Bowdon subscribe the foregoing instrument purporting to be his said last will and testament and that they and each of them and Joseph H. Fummingham subscribed their names to said last will and testament of said Samuel Bowdon in the presence of said Bowdon and in presence of each other that said Bowdon subscribed in presence of Joseph H. Fummingham and that the said last will and testament foregoing was subscribed on the day therein named by the testator and each one of said witnesses in the presence of each other sworn to and Subscribed Robert Bowdon in open court 11<sup>th</sup> October 1821 Henry at 1821

Noel Mason Clerk

C.C.S.C.

Filed for record the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1821 and recorded this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1821 Noel Mason Clerk

Commons - The State of Alabama 2<sup>d</sup> The undersigned Robert  
sums - Shelby County SS B Bowdon Andrew Hastings  
Report - 12, 365 and William H. Moore Com-  
missioners appointed by Charles R. Gibbs Judge  
Estate of the County Court of said County in accordance  
of with the last will and testament of Samuel  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Bowdon Decd late of said County to appraise  
Bowdon and distribute among the heirs of said Samuel Bow-  
don deceased as named in his said last will and  
testament the negroes belonging to the estate of  
said decedent - they leave to submit to the said  
Judge of the County Court for record the following  
Report as embracing their action under said  
appointment

The appraise the negroes belonging to  
the estate of said decedent - to wit London, Lucy,  
Taylor, Maria, Jim Rose Kate Lemmy Bob Jack  
Anthony, Burwell Isham Becca and Robert

and estimate their value at the gross sum of Ten thou-  
- sand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$10850.00) The  
reserve from the division among the said heirs the afore-  
said Isham and Becca for the purpose of making the  
following distribution just and equal by converting  
them into money through the executor of said decedent  
and in accordance with his said last will and testa-  
ment

1<sup>st</sup> The Value Rose and her three youngest children  
to wit Phoebe Charlotte and Margaret at the gross  
sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and assign  
them to Franklin W. Bowdon one of the heirs mentioned  
in said will as of his distributive share

2<sup>d</sup> The Value London Lucy and Millie at the sum  
of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1450.00)  
and assign them to Lewis Bowdon one of the  
heirs named in said will as of his distributive share

3<sup>d</sup> In accordance with the will aforesaid we find  
that the share of one of the heirs to wit Caroline H.  
Henry wife of Thomas D. Henry is to be lessened  
to the value of a negro Boy named Man heretofore  
given by said decedent to said Caroline the value said  
negro of an at seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) The  
further Value Robert at five hundred dollars (\$500.00)  
and assign the said Robert to said Caroline as of her  
distributive share

4<sup>th</sup> The Value Jerry at eight hundred dollars (\$800.00)  
and assign him to Albert another heir as his share  
- to wit to Albert Bowdon

5<sup>th</sup> The Value Barwell and Saylor at one thousand and  
fifty dollars and assign them to William Bowdon as of  
his distributive share

6<sup>th</sup> The Value Henry at the sum of eight hundred dollars  
(\$800.00) and allot him to Nancy Bowdon also one of  
said heirs as of her distributive share

7<sup>th</sup> The Value Jack and Jim at eleven hundred dollars  
(\$1100.00) and allot them to Samuel Bowdon also one  
of said heirs as of his distributive share

8<sup>th</sup> The Value Rob and Kate at eleven hundred and fifty  
dollars (\$1150.00) and allot them to Sarah Bowdon  
one of said heirs as of her distributive share

6<sup>th</sup> The same Anthony and Meriw at nine hundred and fifty dollars and allot them to Mary Bowdon also one of said heirs as of her distributive share 10<sup>th</sup> The same Peter and Hannah at twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1250.00) and allot them to Elizabeth Moody wife of Washington Moody also one of said heirs as of her distributive share

According to our valuation we make one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars worth of negroes their average value and each of the aforesaid heirs from the said estate. In accordance with the will of said Decedent and in pursuance of our Powers and duties under the said will we set apart from this division the aforesaid negroes Becca and Isham to be sold or disposed by the executor of said Samuel Bowdon deceased in such way as to make this distribution just Becca we value at five hundred dollars and Isham at three hundred dollars. The Executors are to make the share of each heir worth one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars & if the negroes allotted to any heir according to our valuation should not be worth that sum the Executors must make up the deficiency in money. If the share allotted to any heir should be worth more than one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars such heir must pay over to the executors aforesaid such overplus.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names in this the sixteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty one

Robert Bowdon  
Andrew Harkins  
William H Moore  
I Jacob Perry

The State of Alabama  
Shelby County SS  
Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing distribution and appraisal was made by the Commissioners whose names are subscribed thereto. That these signatures are genuine and that they acted in the premises under oath legally administered and the date of the same is correct this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1841

Filed for record October 20<sup>th</sup> 1841 and recorded by Jacob Perry J.P. October 21<sup>st</sup> 1841 by Noel Mason Clerk C.C.S.C.

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F. W. & Lewis Bowdon }  
No. 265. Bond as Executor } I know all men by these presents  
of Saml Bowdon Dec } that Mr Franklin W Bowdon and  
Lewis Bowdon as principals and  
Martin M Leroy and Andrew Harkins as securities  
are held and firmly bound unto Charles R Gibbs  
Judge of the County Court of Shelby County State  
of Alabama and his successors in office in the  
penal sum of Fifty thousand dollars for the pay-  
ment of which well and truly to be made we  
and each of us do bind ourselves our heirs &c.  
firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and  
dated the Eleventh day of October AD 1841

Now The Condition of the above is such,  
that Whereas The above bound Franklin W  
Bowdon and Lewis Bowdon have been duly ap-  
pointed Executors of the Last Will and Testament  
of Samuel Bowdon deceased by the said Samuel  
Bowdon the Testator in his said Last Will and  
Testament,

Now if The said Franklin W Bowdon and Lewis  
Bowdon shall well and truly perform all the duties  
which are or may be by Law required of them  
as Executors aforesaid then the above obligation  
to be void else to remain in full force and  
virtue Witness our hands and seals The State  
above Written Franklin W Bowdon  
Lewis Bowdon  
Martin M Leroy  
Andrew Harkins

approved 11<sup>th</sup>  
Oct 1841  
C R Gibbs

Filed for Record 11<sup>th</sup> October 1841 Noel Mason Clerk  
Recorded 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1841 Noel Mason Clerk

265- Approvement of the Estate of Saml Bowdon  
The State of Alabama } To The Honl Charles R Gibbs  
Shelby County } Judge of the orphans court  
of said County we the undersigned  
Robert Bowdon Andrew Harkins and William H  
Moore Commissioners appointed by The said orphans

Count to appraise the Estate of Samuel Bowdon deceased Late of said County have endeavored to perform the task assigned, and the as the result of our efforts in the premises submit the following report.

1<sup>st</sup> We have upon examination ascertained that the said estate embraces Twenty Three Negroes of various ages and of both sexes To wit London, Lucy, Taylor, Maria, Sam. Isiah, Becca, Peter, Hannah, Henry, Jerry, Willis, Robt, Jack, Anthony, Burwell, Robert, Rose, Kate, Charlotte, Philip, Margaret and Morrison and we estimate their aggregate value to be Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$10,850.00). In this estimate we find the above mentioned Negro ~~Morrison~~ Morrison to be wholly valueless from disease.

2<sup>nd</sup> We find the said estate to embrace also eight head of Horses & Mules which we value aggregate at the sum of Five Hundred and fifty Dollars (\$550.00) -

3<sup>rd</sup> We value the Cattle belonging to said estate being about fifty five in number at the sum of Three Hundred and forty eight Dollars (\$348.00)

4<sup>th</sup> We find the value of the sheep being thirty two in number at sixty four Dollars (\$64.00)

5<sup>th</sup> Said estate embraces farming utensils of various descriptions, Two Guns - Two Waggons - Blacksmiths Tools & in Thrasher - Wheat fan and Jersey Wagon which we value at four hundred and twenty one Dollars (\$421.00)

6<sup>th</sup> The Hogs of said estate we value at the aggregate sum of one hundred & sixty eight Dollars there being eighty six in number.

7<sup>th</sup> The said estate includes also about eight hundred and forty acres of Land known and described as follows To wit The North East quarter and the South East quarter - also the East half of the North West quarter of Section Ten. Also the North East quarter of Section fifteen also the West half of the North West quarter of Section fourteen all in Township Twenty Two Range Three East and the West half of the South West quarter and the West half of the North West quarter of Section eleven. To. Twenty Two and Range Three West

Besides about forty acres more or less embracing Shoal Creek and the banks on both sides for some distance, and extending from the head of the mill pond 2<sup>nd</sup> said Creek the mill seat being included & belonging to said Estate of Samuel Bowdon deceased and extending down said Creek about as far as Shoal Creek meeting House - all lying in Shelby County in the District of lands Subject to entry at Los Calosa - which lands with the improvement and appurtenances thereto appertaining we value at the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty four Dollars.

8<sup>th</sup> upon a review we find the personal property of said estate to be worth the sum of Twelve Thousand four hundred and fifty one Dollars (\$12,451.00) We find the real estate to be worth Five Thousand Eight hundred & Twenty four Dollars (\$5,824.00) making the aggregate sum of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and seventy five Dollars (\$18,275.00) The real estate above mentioned is by us appraised and considered in the nature of personal property pursuant to our appointment and in conformity with the Will of said Samuel Bowdon deceased, giving his executors discretionary power to sell said Land in any manner to them may seem proper and account for the proceeds or to retain and cultivate the same

The State of Alabama

Shelby County } This day personally Andrew Haskins  
came before me Jacob Perry an } Wm H. Moore

acting Justice of the peace in and for  
said County said Robert Bowdon

Andrew Haskins and William H. Moore

and made oath that the foregoing  
report is correct to the best of their  
knowledge and belief and subscribed  
their names thereto this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
December A.D. 1841 Jacob Perry J.P.

Filed for Record 5<sup>th</sup> January 1842

Noel Mason Clerk

# Inventory of Paul Bowdon &c

265 The State of Alabama,  
Shelby County ) To The Hon. Supreme Court  
of said County We the undersigned Franklin  
W Bowdon and Lewis Bowdon Executors of the  
Estate of Samuel Bowdon deceased late of said  
County Submit hereby for record in your Hon-  
ourable Court a full inventory so far as has  
come to our knowledge of the Goods and  
Chattels rights of and Debts accruing or due  
said estate and belonging. Hereto

1<sup>st</sup> We ask that this report may be taken and  
considered as supplementary to the above report  
made by Robert Bowdon, Andrew Harkins  
and William W. Moore Appraisers of said  
estate said report bearing date the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
December AD 1841 and which we hereby report  
to and make our own inventory so far as the same  
extends and which we further ask may be consid-  
ered as embraced by the oath and signature below.

2<sup>nd</sup> In addition to the goods and Chattels Lands &c  
referred to in said report of said appraisers we  
show that Twenty five Dollars seventy five cents  
belong to said estate also that the following  
Debts are due said estate or were at the time  
of our appointment as executors that is to say  
green M Leroy is debtor to said estate by  
account in the sum of Ten Dollars  $9\frac{25}{100}$  (10.627)  
due 1<sup>st</sup> of January AD 1842 James Duran owes  
The Estate Ten Dollars (10.00) by account due  
Amos W. Phelan Twelve Dollars (12.00) due  
by account Joshua Stevens by account  
due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1842 Seven Dollars and fifty  
cents (7.50) William G Bowdon by account  
due 1<sup>st</sup> January 1842 Twenty nine Dollars  
and fifty cents (29.50) Joseph Noble due at  
same time by account Eight Dollars (8.00)  
Morris by account also due at the same  
time Six Dollars (6.00) Jefferson West  
by note due 1<sup>st</sup> March AD 1838 Twelve  
Dollars and sixty nine cents John Lucas

by note due December 24<sup>th</sup> 1841 for Twenty nine  
Dollars and sixty nine cents Bradley Lucas being  
Security upon the same Bradley Lucas or estate  
due at the same time four Dollars (4.00) J. W. Garland  
and J. Dickerson or by note due 25<sup>th</sup> of  
December 1834 Three Dollars (3.00) Joseph Noble  
or by note due the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841  
Sixty Two Dollars and thirty eight cts J. D. Watson  
or by two notes one due April the 9<sup>th</sup> 1834 the  
other due December 30<sup>th</sup> 1832 both amounting  
to Sixty four Dollars and fifty cents (64.50)  
Benjamin Sawyers or by note due in January  
for Twenty five Dollars due April 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 (25.00)  
William P. Thomas by note due November 29<sup>th</sup>  
AD 1839 for forty four Dollars (44.00) John  
Mosley or by note due August 6<sup>th</sup> 1833 five Dollars  
62 cts (5.62) Benjamin Wilson or by note  
due 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1841 for Eighty nine 26 cts Dollars  
(89.26) O. B. Davis by note in the sum of Twenty  
nine Dollars due Feb the 9<sup>th</sup> 1832 A. J. Mills or  
by account in the sum of Thirty five Dollars  
due 1<sup>st</sup> January 1842 All of which is respectfully  
submitted this the day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1842  
Subscribed & sworn to before { Franklin W Bowdon  
me by Lewis Bowdon this { Lewis Bowdon  
25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842 { Executors  
John S. Storm Justice of the Peace  
Filed in office 28<sup>th</sup> January 1842 Mel Mason Clerk

No 270 Jane Watson. <sup>3</sup> The State of Alabama Shelby county  
 Last Will { I Jane Watson of The County and State  
 (Aforesaid being weak of body but of sound  
 and disposing memory in the name of God  
 my Creator amen I make ordain and declare  
 this my last Will and Testament.  
 1<sup>st</sup> At my death I desire my body to be entined in  
 a Christian like manner,  
 2<sup>d</sup> Shall my brother John survive me I desire  
 that my Negroes Stock & furniture remain upon  
 my farm under the direction and control of  
 my Execution for his Maintenance and support  
 directing and requesting that my Execution do  
 and perform all things out of my estate  
 for his support and earthly comfort and shall  
 my said Brother John survive me or when  
 he and I are no more I desire that my Stock  
 farming utensils and every thing else that I  
 may have be sold under the directions of the  
 orphans Court of said County and under  
 the directions of my Execution and that my last  
 debts be paid out of the proceeds next I give  
 and devise to my Brother Joseph Watson and  
 to his heirs one dollar next I give and devise to my  
 Brother William Watson one dollar next I give to my  
 Brother Alexander Watson my plantation of Land on  
 which I now live consisting of about Two hundred  
 acres also all my household furniture next  
 after the death of my self & my said Brother John  
 I desire and direct that my Negroes Vig, Mary  
 Cezar, Chany, Kate Sally and her child Alexander  
 with their increase if any under the direction  
 of the orphans Court of said County and under  
 the super attendance of my Execution be appraised  
 by three disinterested men that the said Negroes  
 may be permitted to chose their own purchasers  
 and that as an inducement to those to purchase them  
 whom the Negroes may chose that purpose I  
 direct that the purchasers be permitted to take  
 each for fifty dollar less than their said  
 appraisement as to my girl Kate I desire

and direct my executor in consequence of her  
crippled situation particularly to see that she  
is well treated during life - Then I direct  
that the proceeds of the sale of my negroes be  
divided equally between my said Brother Alexan-  
der and my sister Philadelphia M Gray or  
their heirs or assigns. There to be equally  
heirs in all except the Land and House  
furniture before given to Alexander next  
in consideration of one hundred Dollars which  
I owe Charles Richardson and in consider-  
ation of his kindness to me at the death of myself  
and Brother John I desire that he have two  
hundred Dollars next I desire that an  
obligation this day made by me and bearing  
even date here with, with conditions in it to John  
M. McClanahan if not paid before the death of  
myself and Brother John be paid according to  
its terms next I revoke all former Will, Testament  
and Codicils and hereby do nominate and  
constitute and appoint Charles Richardson  
and John M. McClanahan Executors with equal  
powers of this my Last Will & Testament and  
desire that if necessary they will attend to the  
business of my farm and negroes and take  
such care of Brother John and myself as our  
circumstances and conditions may require un-  
til it is pleased God to take us away in  
testimony whereof Witness my hand and  
Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1841

Signed sealed published and  
declared by the said Testatrix Jane Watson Seal  
as and for her Last Will and  
Testament in presence of us  
who at her request and in her  
presence and in presence of  
one another have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto  
A B Crinn  
Enoch Seal  
Jane Crinn

The State of Alabama Special orphans Court for said  
Shelly County (County 21<sup>st</sup> December 1841)

Personally appeared in open Court  
Abraham Crinn, Enoch Seal & Jane Crinn the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and  
Testament of Jane Watson dec'd and made oath  
in due form of Law that they saw the said Jane  
Watson Seal her and publish the same on the  
day therein named as her Last Will and Testa-  
ment and after having read it read &  
being fully understood the clause it as such  
in presence of them these applicants and that  
they subscribed to the same as witnesses in  
presence of the said Jane Watson and at  
her request and in presence of one another  
wrote and subscribed in  
open Court this the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of December AD 1841  
A B Crinn  
Enoch Seal  
J Crinn

Noted Mason Clerk  
County Court of Shelly County, Ala  
Filed for the record 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1841 Noted Mason  
Clerk

### Executors Bond

McClanahan & Richardson &c } know all men by these presents  
270. Bond of Jane Watson dec'd } that we John M. McClanahan  
Charles Richardson, John M. Crinn  
David & M. McClanahan and Benjamin F. Randall are  
held and firmly bound unto Charles R. Gibbs  
Judge of the County Court of Shelly County State  
of Alabama and his Successor in office in the  
penal sum of seven thousand Dollars to which  
pay we are well and truly to be made we have  
ourselves our heirs &c firmly by these presents  
sealed with our seals and dated the Twenty first  
day of December 1841

Now The Condition of the above obligation  
is such that where as the above bounden John  
M. McClanahan and Charles Richardson  
have been duly appointed Executors of the Last  
Will and Testament of the Estate of Jane  
Watson deceased. Now if said John M.

M. Clavanah and Charles Richardson shall  
will and truly perform all the duties  
which are or may be by Law required of  
them as executor as aforesaid then the  
above obligation to be void else to remain  
in full force and virtue Witness our hands  
and seals the date above written

Charles Richardson  
approved John M. Clavanah  
December 21 1841 John W. Roper  
David M. Clavanah  
C. R. Gibbs Benjn. F. Handall  
J. B.

Filed for Record 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1841

Nacl Mason Clerk

Appraisement Personal property Jane Watson dec.  
An appraisement of part of the personal estate of  
Jane Watson dec. 4 Black mare appraised to \$30.00

|                              |   |     |       |
|------------------------------|---|-----|-------|
| 1 bay horse                  | " | "   | 60 00 |
| 1 young black horse          | " | "   | 60 00 |
| 1 young horse colt           | " | "   | 25 00 |
| 15 head of cattle            | " | all | 70 00 |
| 65 head of hogs more or less | " | "   | 80 00 |
| 1 Waggon & gear              | " | "   | 25 00 |

1 set of farming tools consisting of  
3 axes & ploughs 5 hoes 2 mattocks

by the & blade & cutting bar 10.62<sup>1/2</sup>

The State of Alabama & Amount \$386.62<sup>1/2</sup>

Shelby County, I before me John M. Clavanah  
and others an acting Justice of the peace  
in and for said County came Peter Cozier  
Hampton Busby and Abraham Cozier  
and made oath in due form of Law  
that the foregoing is a correct appraisement  
of the stock and farming utensils belonging  
to the estate of Jane Watson dec. to the best  
of their judgment & belief

mon to & subscribed before me 9<sup>th</sup> March 1842  
J. M. Clavanah  
Justice of the peace  
Peter Cozier  
Hampton Busby  
Ab. Cozier

To The Hon C. R. Gibbs Judge of the  
The Report of J. M. Clavanah as one of the  
Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Jane  
Watson Dec. which is intended as well for Charles  
Richardson his Co. Executor as for himself  
represents to your honor that the foregoing  
Inventory marked A contains a full and  
complete Inventory of all the stock & farming  
utensils belonging to the estate of Testatrix  
that has come to his knowledge that the Executors  
think the negroes named in the will should not  
be appraised until the determination of  
the life time estate in the same that they  
consider the land and house hold & other  
furniture a specific bequest to Alexander Watson  
named in the will that they at present are  
unable to report what amount of the last  
year crop can be applied to the payment of Tes-  
tatrix's debts & that Inventory marked A with  
this report contains all the goods and effects  
of Testatrix which as yet has come to the  
knowledge of this Executor except some  
Poltry 9 March 1842 J. M. Clavanah  
one of the Executors

appeared in open Court John M. Clavanah  
and made oath in due form of Law that the  
foregoing inventory and report is correct & true to  
the best of his knowledge and belief  
sworn to & subscribed  
before me in open Court J. M. Clavanah  
12<sup>th</sup> March 1842

Nacl Mason Clerk

Filed for Record 12<sup>th</sup> March 1842

Nacl Mason Clerk

Resignation Charles R. Gibbs Judge of the County Court of Shelby County  
Sir, Being desirous of winding up my worldly affairs, so  
as to leave my Executors and children unincumbered as far as  
possible I do hereby resign the Executorship of the Last  
Will and Testament of Jane Watson Dec. July 5 1842  
Test J. R. Wilson Charles Richardson  
Filed for Record 29<sup>th</sup> August 1842 Nacl Mason Clerk

No 248 Wm Kidd } In The Name of God amen I William  
 Last Will & Kidd of The County of Shelby and State  
 (of Alabama being Sick and Weak in  
 body but of sound mind, memory, & understanding  
 praised be God for it, and considering the  
 certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the  
 time thereof, and to the end I may be the  
 better prepared to leave this world whenever it  
 shall please God to call me hence do therefore  
 make, and <sup>and</sup> have this my last Will and Testa-  
 ment First I commend my soul into the hands  
 of Almighty God, my Creator, hoping for free  
 pardon and trusting that I shall enjoy ever  
 lasting happiness in the heavenly Kingdom  
 through Jesus Christ my Saviour -  
 Next I will that all my just debts, as shall be  
 by me owing at my death together with my funeral  
 expenses, and all charges touching the proving  
 of, or otherwise concerning this my Will shall out  
 of my personal estate be paid and fully satisfied  
 and from and after payment thereof, I will all  
 my buildings and plantation and all the land  
 I own except what is herein after otherwise disposed  
 of all the negroes I possess, with the exception of  
 human and King who are also hereinafter disposed  
 of, all my horses and my Wagon - Cows & pigs & all my  
 stock of whatever kind or description, my present  
 year crop - household & kitchen furniture, and all  
 my other goods & chattels whatever they are or may be to  
 my loving wife, Mary Kidd, so long as it shall be pleased  
 -ing to God that she remain in this world and after  
 her death the estate shall be divided and disposed of  
 in the following manner - Those of the children who  
 have heretofore had ~~the~~ property given off to them  
 are first to have enough to make their share equal  
 with them who have had more and when this equality  
 between them all is effected with exceptions herein after  
 made the balance is to be equally divided, one with  
 another, share and share alike -  
 The amount that each has severally received with  
 the price annexed for which they will be account

accountable to the estate at the occasion is as follows (viz)  
 I hereby W Kidd to the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To 1 sorrel horse (named Ball, with saddle & bridle \$90 00  
 " 1 Sorrell Colt 50 00  
 " 1 Cow & calf & sow & pigs 14 00  
 " 1 feather bed & furniture & small oven 26 50  
 John Singleton Sarah his wife \$780.50  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To 1 negro girl Name Rizzie given in 1822 (now dead) \$250 00  
 " 1 Frank 4 00  
 " 1 Bed and furniture 25 00  
 James to Lewis & Elizabeth his wife \$279.00  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To 1 negro girl Name Nancy \$250 00  
 " 1 half quarter land \$116. I do not fifty dollars  
 for his cart of Wagon & fur which I bought (leaves) 66 00  
 " 1 Bed and furniture 25 \$ Snow pig 1 \$ 1 Side saddle 18 \$ 47 00  
 James to Kidd \$363.00  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To half quarter land \$100.00  
 " 1 Brown mare & saddle 90 00  
 " 1 Cow and calf 10 00  
 " 1 Bed & furniture (some what deficient) 23 00  
 " 1 Sow & pigs 4 00  
 Joseph W Kidd \$227.00  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To 1 sorrel horse & saddle \$82 00  
 " 1 Negro boy Webster 500. 00  
 " 1 Bed & furniture 25 00  
 William W Kidd \$707.00  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To one mare & saddle 89.00  
 " 1 Negro boy Handy 500 00  
 " 1 Bed & furniture 25 00  
 " 1 Cow & calf 12 \$ 1 Sow & pigs 4 \$ 16 00  
 John M Kidd \$630.00  
 To the estate of William Kidd Dr  
 To 1 mare and saddle \$89.00  
 John Hookill & Emily his wife To the estate of William Kidd  
 Dr To 1 Negro girl Huldah \$375.00  
 " 1 Bed & furniture 25 00  
 \$400.00

To my son Thomas, I give at my death my negro man  
Newman; and owing to Thomas misfortune, <sup>in</sup> not walking  
well &c, and my affection towards him, I charge him  
only four hundred dollars; for which sum he is to be  
accountable to the estate in the same manner as those  
who are enumerated in the foregoing charges; and also  
give him the horse he has had & the little rifle gun  
we got of J. Lewis as an extra allowance without  
charging him as debtor to the estate any thing whatever.

To my son John I give at my death, my negro boy  
Fring for whom he is to be indebted to the estate, and  
accountable in the sum of five hundred dollars and  
I also give him my ~~shot~~ shot gun as a special gift  
being that much above an equal allowance with  
the rest; and to Thomas and John, together, at my  
death I give the following parcels of Land, viz. The  
NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 Section No 26 Township No 19 R 2 East  
The NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section No 26 Township No 19 R 2  
East The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section No 26 Township No 19  
R 2 East The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section No 28 Township No 19 R 2  
East to have between them, and divide as they themselves  
think proper; and for which land I charge each of them  
one hundred & twelve dollars; And revoking all  
former Wills, and bequest whatever, made by me here-  
tofore, I do hereby make and appoint my sons William  
& John to be my executors to this my Last Will and  
Testament to execute the same according to the provi-  
sion herein contained, In Testimony Whereof I have  
hereunto affixed my hand and seal the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
September in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and forty—

signed sealed and delivered   
in the presence of  
Abner A Hughes  
William Gordon  
Everett B Moore

The State of Alabama, This day came personally  
Shelby County into Court William Gordon  
& Abner A Hughes Two of the Subscribing Witnesses  
to the foregoing Will & Testament of William  
Fidd Late of said County, Dec Who after

being duly sworn said that They saw the said William  
Fidd sign and seal the same and that They signed  
in the presence of the said William Fidd and in  
presence of each other Abner A Hughes  
sworn to & Subscribed in open William Gordon  
Court this 7<sup>th</sup> of December  
1840 Paul Mason Clerk  
By Daniel V. M. Glanahan Sept  
Filed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1840 N. Mason Clerk By D. M. Glanahan Sept

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Bond Wm Fidd & John M Fidd

know all men by these presents  
That we William W Fidd, John  
M Fidd, Abner A Hughes and  
William Gordon are held and firm bound  
unto James Woodruff Judge of the County Court of  
Shelby County State of Alabama and his Successors  
in office in the penal sum of fifteen thousand  
dollars to which ~~payment~~, will and truly to be  
made we and each of us do bind ourselves our heirs  
to firmly by these presents sealed with our seals  
and dated the 7 day of December 1840

Now the Condition of the above obligation  
is such that where as the above bound William  
W Fidd and John M Fidd has been duly  
appointed Executors of the estate of William Fidd  
deceased, Now if the said William W Fidd &  
John M Fidd shall well and truly perform  
all the duties which are or may be by Law requi-  
red of them as executors then the above  
obligation to be void else to remain in full  
force and Virtue, Witness our hands and  
seals the date above written

William W Fidd  
John M Fidd  
Abner A Hughes  
William Gordon

Filed for Record 7<sup>th</sup> December 1840 N. Mason Clerk  
By D. M. Glanahan Sept

No Apprais Bill of the  
(248, Estate of Wm Fidd Dec 1840) A List of the appraisement  
of the real and personal

Property of the estate of Wm Kidd Dec<sup>d</sup>  
appraised Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1841 by Wm Gordon, A. A. Hughes  
and W B Kidd

|                                                          | \$             | Cts |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| 385 = Acres of Land at \$6.00 pr acre                    | 3310           | 00  |
| 1 Negro man named Lewis                                  | 800            | 00  |
| 1 Do Do named Wiley                                      | 800            | 00  |
| " Maria & her two children                               | 900            | 00  |
| " Sally & her child Louisa Ann                           | 450            | 00  |
| 2 Small girls Elizabeth & Nancy                          | 550            | 00  |
| 1 Wagon & gear                                           | 50             | 00  |
| 1 Set Hogs                                               | 60             | 00  |
| 4 head of horses                                         | 240            | 00  |
| 10 Do cattle at 5 <sup>th</sup> pr head                  | 80             | 00  |
| 80 Barrels Corn at 2 <sup>th</sup> pr Bbl                | 160            | 00  |
| 1 Set fodder &c                                          | 40             | 00  |
| 1 Rifle gun                                              | 30             | 00  |
| 1 Shot Do                                                | 10             | 00  |
| 1 Clock                                                  | 15             | 00  |
| Farming Tools                                            | 25             | 00  |
| 1 Saddle & pr Saddle bags                                | 15             | 00  |
| 2 Tables at 6 <sup>th</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>            | 12             | 00  |
| Cupboard Chest Bed & side board &c                       | 20             | 00  |
| Five Hogs Hovel & Tongue                                 | 5              | 00  |
| 1 Set Chains                                             | 2              | 00  |
| Library of Books & 1 Glap                                | 36             | 00  |
| 3 beds & furniture as up                                 | 60             | 00  |
| 1 Trunk B Box & rat trap                                 | 8              | 50  |
| Supp five baker bellows & crockery ware &c               | 5              | 45  |
| 1 Loom & 2 spinning wheels                               | 10             | 00  |
| 1 pr Studyards                                           | 1              | 50  |
| 1 Lot Castings                                           | 10             | 00  |
| 1 Chem Water Vessels &c                                  | 11             | 00  |
| 2000 lbs pork at 4 <sup>th</sup> pr lbs                  | 80             | 00  |
| smorn and subscription amt                               | \$6784         | 75  |
| to before me this 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup> 1841 | William Gordon |     |
| John Singleton                                           | A. A. Hughes   |     |
|                                                          | W B Kidd       |     |

Filed for the Court Feb<sup>y</sup> Term 1841  
Amel Mason clk

1824<sup>y</sup> Elizabeth Kelly & The State of Alabama Shelby county  
Guardian { Know all men by these presents  
(Bond) { That We Elizabeth Kelly, Henry Wideman  
and Dickson Kelly are held and bound  
unto James Woodruff Judge of the County Court of  
said County and State and his successors in office  
in the penal sum of one thousand dollars for the  
payment well and truly to be made We bind  
ourselves our heirs Executors Administrators &c  
This 7<sup>th</sup> of December AD 1840

The condition of the above bound obligation  
is such that Where as Elizabeth Pledger is appointed  
Tutor Guardian of & for John Lane Pledger, Hugh  
L White Pledger and James Randolph Pledger  
minors heirs of James R Pledger Dec<sup>d</sup>, and also  
minors heirs of Sarah Pledger their Mother Dec<sup>d</sup>.  
Now if The said Elizabeth Pledger shall well  
and truly perform the duties which are by Law  
required of her as such Guardian then the  
above bond or obligation to be void otherwise  
to remain in full force & Virtue Elizabeth Kelly Dec<sup>d</sup>  
Test Edward Bailey Henry Wideman  
Dickson

1841 Filed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840 A. A. Mason Clerk  
Report An account for keeping the three minor children Jack S  
Pledger, H L W Pledger and James R & Sarah Pledger Dec<sup>d</sup>  
24<sup>y</sup> To Clothing making washing for Jack L Pledger \$15.00  
for Boarding him = 25.00  
To Clothing making & washing for H L W Pledger who  
having his high books in the term \$20.00  
To Boarding him 30.00  
" James R Pledger taking care 35.00  
To Boarding him 25.00.  
Elizabeth Kelly as guardian of the above children reports  
that the above a/c for boarding clothing &c as furnished  
the said wards for 1841 is due her & which she prays  
may be allowed her out of the estate of her wards by  
The Hon Judge of Shelby County Court 7<sup>th</sup> February  
1842 Elz Kelly guardian  
Filed in office 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1842 Amel Mason clk  
Continued on Page 26.

Mrs Sarah Pledger dec'd } The State of Alabama Kelly County  
 Edw<sup>d</sup> Bailey Adm<sup>r</sup> } Know all men by these Presents  
 Bound { That we Edward Bailey and John  
 Kelly & Elizabeth Kelly are held and firmly  
 bound unto James Woodruff Judge of the County  
 Court of said County and his successors in office  
 in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars the  
 true payment of which we and truly to be  
 made we bind ourselves and each of our heirs  
 Executors and Administrators County and laws  
 fully by these Presents given under our hands  
 and seals the 18<sup>th</sup> of August A.D. 1840

The Condition of the above obligation is  
 such that whenever the above bound Edward  
 Bailey hath been duly appointed administrator  
 of the Estate of Sarah Pledger dec'd, now if the  
 above bound Edward Bailey shall will and truly  
 perform all the duties which are or may be  
 by Law required of him then the above obliga-  
 tion to be void otherwise to remain in full  
 force and effect given under our hands and  
 seals the day and year above written

Test  
 Thomas Lee      Edward Bailey (Sgd)  
                                  John Kelly (Sgd)  
                                  Elizabeth Kelly (Sgd)

Filed in office Sept Term 1840. M<sup>r</sup> Mason Clerk  
 Apprais Bill S Pledger dec'd

250 Apprais Bill of the Estate of Sarah Pledger dec'd  
 To 80 acres of Land \$150.00  
 " 5 hiepers at fourteen Dollars 14 00  
 " 1 Cow at Ten Dollars 10 00  
 " 1 Cow & Calf 10 00  
 " 1 Wood Clock at 10 00  
 " 2 Trunks at 2 00  
 " 1 Lot of Books at 3 00  
 " 1 Table at 1 00  
 " 1 Hat Carthen ware & Bottles 3 00  
 " 1 Lot of Lugs & Lard and Lard 4 00  
 " 1 Lot of Casing 11 00  
 " 1 Lot of Casing at five Dollars 5 00

2 Smoothing Irons at 1.00  
 1 Saw \$150 & 3 Choice at \$100 2 00  
 1 pot 1 oven 1 Coffee mill 4 50  
 2 Beds Bedstead and furniture 30 00  
 1 Razor & Strop 1 Lot of Medicines at 2.75  
 1 Lot of Tools of Various kind 18.12  
 1 Lot of Ten Wave & Water pails (Bottle) 1.62  
 1 Wheel and bands at 4 00  
 1 Rifle gun at 12.00  
 1 Stand of gun 2 00  
 1 Churn at 62  
 State of Alabama } \$28.12

Kelly County (Personally came before me  
 Edward Bailey Justice of the Peace. I Kelly, W<sup>m</sup> Johnson  
 & J Overton and each on oath that the within  
 Bill of appraisement contains a true state-  
 ment of the value of all the property to them  
 shown according to their Judgment known  
 and I subscribed to before me the 21<sup>st</sup> of August  
 1840

Edward Bailey J.P.      John Kelly  
                                  W<sup>m</sup> Johnson  
                                  J Overton

Filed 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1840 M<sup>r</sup> Mason Clerk  
 Sail Bill S Pledger dec'd

An Inventory of the Estate of Sarah Pledger dec'd  
 Saw Decr the 25<sup>th</sup> 1841 our order on Frederick H. Bailey for \$28.12  
 1 Do on Johnston for 18.00  
 1 Do on Davidson M. Guire for 9.37  
 1 Do on John A Pledger for 17.68  
 1 Do on Thomas S Pledger for 8.00  
 1 Do on Dickson Kelly for 9.98  
 1 Do on Elizabeth Kelly for 11.26  
 1 Do on B H Harris for 10.00  
 1 Do on Albert Armstrong for 5.12  
 1 Do on Robert Bailey for 13.00  
 1 Do on A Bruce for 12.00  
 1 Do on Coupland on Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1840 11.00  
 1 Do on John Kelly Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1839 for 11.00  
 1 Do on Charles Goddard Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1840 for 3.00  
 on the administrators for 27.62  
 account on Robert Bailey Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1839 10.00  
 262 " 72

The State of Alabama?

Shelby County I personally came before me John M. McClanahan Justice of The peace and took an oath that the above is a true inventory of the personal estate of the above named Decd so far as it has come to his knowledge sworn to and subscribed before me the 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1840

John M. McClanahan Justice of the peace Edward Bailey admin  
Filed 7 Decr 1840 A. Mason Clerk

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Inventory of The minor heirs

An Inventory of the Estate of James R. & John S. Pledger & H. W. Pledger to Regaly acres of Land valued at \$  
Rented last year for 20 00  
Rented this year for 18 00  
Cash five hundred ninety nine  
Dollars and 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents \$549.18 $\frac{3}{4}$   
State of Alabama \$493.18 $\frac{3}{4}$

Shelby County I personally came before me Edward Bailey an acting Justice of the peace Elizabeth Kelly and Certified that the above is a true report and subscribed to the same February the 1<sup>st</sup> 1842

Edward Bailey J. Peace Elizabeth Kelly  
Filed for Record 7<sup>th</sup> February 1842

A. Mason Clerk

No 251 Dated by Othard Petition 3 To The Honorable the Judge of Shelby as Adminr of C. Mabry Decd's orphans Court The Petition of James for Sale of the Real Estate of a third represents that on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1839 as by the records of your Honorable Court may appear by the then Judge he was appointed Administrator of the Estate of one Charity Mabry Decd The personal Estate of his said Intestate sold for forty seven Dollars that the claims pursuant & proven as property chargeable & allowable against the Estate of his said intestate amounting to \$457.87 including the expenses of administration that your petitioner then reported and declared the Estate of his said intestate insolvent and prayed the sale of the real Estate of said Intestate that the then Court appointed Commissioners (Say R. C. Shackelford J. S. Kelly & Isaac Estlin) to sell said Real Estate that said Commissioners reported to the then Court that they had sold the Real Estate of said Intestate for one hundred and Ten Dollars but did not give the name of the purchaser nor the number quantity & description of the land all of which your Petitioner states to be of record in your Honorable Court which said record your petitioner prays may be referred to & made a part of this his petition your petitioner further represents that a very large amount of the said \$457.87 as proven against the Estate of your petitioners Intestate was & is \$450.00 due and coming to your petitioner your petitioner further represents the facts in regard to the sale of the Land to be these The said Land was by the Commissioners appointed as aforesaid offered at public sale and bid off by one Bartholomew Mabry Say on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1830 for the sum of one hundred and Ten Dollars that said Mabry failed to pay over said purchase money and the said Commissioners by and under authority of your Honorable predecessor failed & refused to execute titles to said Mabry to said Land your petitioner therefore views said sale null and void your petitioner therefore and

herely return his application for a sale of the real estate of said intestate to wit The W<sup>1/2</sup> & NW<sup>1/4</sup> Section No 2 Township 24 Range 14 & lying & being in said County of Shelby for the foregoing reasons and prays that the same may be done under & by virtue of the statute in such cases made & provided and as in duty he

David Gotthard Adams

by his atty J M M Glanahan before me the undersigned aacting Justice of the peace in and for said County, came David Gotthard Adams made oath that the foregoing statements are true in substance

Worm Worn to Subscribed

before me 26<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840

David Gotthard Adams

J M M Glanahan Justice

that he is the sole and only heir of Charity Mabry dec<sup>d</sup> in right of his wife

Filed in office 26<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1840. Recd. Mason Clerk

Compton Sale of C Mabry dec<sup>d</sup> to D Gotthard To The Hon Judge of Shelby County Court The undersigned who were appointed by this Hon Court to sell the real estate of Charity Mabry dec<sup>d</sup> to wit To The highest bidder for Cash say The W<sup>1/2</sup> & NW<sup>1/4</sup> Section No 2 Township 24 Range 14 & Respectfully report that They advertised said sale agreeable to the order of this Hon Court and sold the same agreeable to said order and advertisement to David Gotthard for the sum of one hundred and two Dollars that being the highest and best bid for the same 8<sup>th</sup> March 1841

Samuel Brasher

E J Lawley

Wm Barker

Comp

Filed in office 8<sup>th</sup> March 1841

Recd Mason Clerk

1841  
E C & M Wilson } To The Honorable James Woodruff  
Petition { Judge of Shelby County Court  
for Dower { The Petition of Elisha C Wilson and  
M A Edwards { Mariah his wife respectfully shew  
= To your Honor that your said Petitioner Mariah was the widow & eldest of one Malice A Edwards late of said County dec<sup>d</sup> that said Edwards died seized and possessed of the following discribed land lying and being in said County known and designated as follows to wit The South East fourth Section Twelve Township Twenty one Range one East The E<sup>1/2</sup> & NW<sup>1/4</sup> same Section Town ship and Range NW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section Thirteen same Township & Range The W<sup>1/2</sup> & NW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section Seven Township Twenty one Range Two East also The West half & NW<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 7 Township 21 Range Two East. that one Gashariah Edwards is the Administrator of said Edwards dec<sup>d</sup> that your Petitioners have intermarried together and are husband and wife that in right of said Mariah they pray that their dower may be assigned them in and to the foregoing land and as in duty bound will ever pray & Elisha C Wilson Mariah Wilson

By Their atty J M M Glanahan  
I acknowledge served this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1841

G A Edwards Adm<sup>r</sup>

Filed and ordered of Record at Mason Clerk

Writ of Dower The State of Alabama  
Shelby County } To any Sheriff of Shelby County  
Greeting, Whereas at the February Term 1841 of the orphans Court for Shelby County and order was made on the Petition of Elisha C Wilson & Mariah Wilson wife of the said Wilson and Widow of Malice A Edwards dec<sup>d</sup> have their dower allotted, We command you to summons five dis crete free holders (as commissioners constituted with the parties neither by consanguinity or affinity and entirely uninterested) and them duly sworn and charged to

allotted and set off by metes and bounds to the said E. C. Wilson & Manah Wilson one third part according to quality and quantity of the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being in Shelby County Viz, The South East fourth Section Twelve Township Twenty one Range one East The East half of South West fourth same Section Township & Range South West fourth South West fourth same Section Township & Range North West fourth of Section Thirteen same Township and Range The West half of South West fourth of Section Seven Township Twenty one Range Two East also the East half of NW 1/4 & SW 1/4 Section Twelve Township Twenty one Range 12 so as to include the dwelling house of the said E. C. & M. Wilson and where her Dec<sup>d</sup> Husband was living at & before his death also we Command you to put the said E. C. Wilson and Manah Wilson in possession of their said dower as by law allotted and make due return of your proceedings according to Law Witness my hand & seal of our said Court at Office this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1841 Noel Mason Clerk

Shelby Co. Ent<sup>d</sup> in Sh<sup>ff</sup> office May 31<sup>st</sup> 1841 Summons seven & charged, Thomas Noble, Allen Brasell, John Waldroup, Abraham R. Gooch & James M. Ed-  
=law as a jury to assign the Within dower Where report is here with returned I have also put the Complainants in possession of the said dower assigned this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1841 B. F. Randall Sh<sup>ff</sup>  
By J. W. Roper Sh<sup>ff</sup>  
The State of Alabama, the undersigned a Jury  
Shelby County of ~~four~~ Holders Summons seven and charged by the Sheriff of said County to allot and set off by metes and bounds to Dr. Eliza C. Wilson and Mary M. Wilson his wife in right of the said Mary M. dower in and to the following land to wit The North West Quarter of Section

N<sup>o</sup> Thirteen South West fourth of South West fourth East half of South West fourth & South East fourth and West half of North East fourth and South East fourth of North West fourth of Section Twelve all in Township Twenty one Range one East also the West half of South West fourth of Section Seven Township Twenty one Range Two East do hereby certify and report that we have assigned the said land as signated the said dower to consist of the North West quarter of Section Thirteen the South West fourth of the South West fourth and the West half of the East half of South West fourth of Section Twelve all in Township Twenty one Range one East, one share each & day of August 1841 A. R. Gooch (Seal)  
Thos. Noble (Seal)  
James M. Collum (Seal)  
Allen Brasell (Seal)  
John Waldroup (Seal)  
Filed for Record 9<sup>th</sup> of August AD 1841 Noel Mason clk

N<sup>o</sup> 253 Lucy Hester dec<sup>d</sup> } The State of Alabama Shelby County  
Last Will } Know all persons by these presents that  
Will } I Lucy Hester of the State and County aforesaid knowing the certainty of death and yet the uncertainty of the time I may be called by it to my long wish for Honor and being of sound mind and of my own free will and accord, do make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following Viz.  
In the first place I wish my body to be buried in the most plain and decent manner, and the funeral expenses paid by my executor, Secondly, I want my Negro Woman Mahala and her two children Fanny and Felix to be exposed to public sale and sold to the highest bidder, and when sold and the money received which they may sell for, I wish it (The money) to be divided equally between my two brothers John Hester and William Hester. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my Brother John Hester my stock of cattle. Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my niece Katherine Hester daughter of my Brother John Hester, my feather bed. And Lastly If

if after paying my just debts there should be any thing left which is not named in this will. I give and bequeath it unto my two brothers John Hester and William Hester, to be divided equally between them, and to carry this my last will and Testament in execution I do appoint Richard Woods my executor Witness my hand and seal this the tenth day of November AD 1840 and of American Independence the sixty fifth year  
 Lucy Hester  
 mark

Andrew B Stevens  
 M D Stevens  
 Richard Wood

Probate the State of Alabama } orphans Court Invocation  
 of will Helley County 17<sup>th</sup> December AD 1840

This day personally appeared in open Court Andrew B Stevens who after being sworn in due form of Law Deposeeth and says he is a subscribing Witness to the last will and Testament of Lucy Hester deceased that he saw the said Lucy Hester subscribe the foregoing Instrument purporting to be her said last will and Testament by making her mark there to as if potent that he and M D Stevens & Richard Wood subscribed their names to said last will and Testament of said Lucy Hester in the presence of said Hester and in presence of each other that said Hester subscribed in presence of each subscribing Witness and that the said last will and Testament foregoing was subscribed on the day there in named by the Testatrix and each one of said Witnesses in presence of each other sworn to in open Court

17<sup>th</sup> December 1840 } Andrew B Stevens  
 Joel Mason clk

Filed for Record 17<sup>th</sup> December 1840  
 Joel Mason Clerk

Bond or Know all men by these presents that Mr Richard Wood of John Hester and Green M Leary are duly and jointly bound unto Andrew B Stevens Judge of the County Court of Helley County State of Alabama, and his successors in office in the penal sum of Two Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we and each of us bind our selves our heirs &c jointly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the first day of February one Thousand Eight hundred and forty one -

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that Where as the above bound Richard Wood has been duly appointed executor of the Estate of Lucy Hester deceased Now if said Richard Wood shall well and truly perform all the duties which are or may be required by Law of him as executor Then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue - Witness our hands and seals the date above written

Richard Wood (Seal)  
 approved This February John Hester (Seal)  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1841 } of M Leary (Seal)  
 A B Stevens Judge C.C.S.C.

Filed for the Court 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1841 Joel Mason clk

Appraise An appraisement of the Personal Property of Lucy Hester  
 Will deceased Mahaly a negro woman appraised to \$50.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Francis a negro girl | \$200. |
| Felix a negro boy -  | \$100. |
| an unwarmed saddle - | \$6.00 |

The State of Alabama } Before me Saml E Watrous a Justice  
 Helley County of } of the peace for said County person  
 ally appeared James Ware and made oath in due form of Law that above is a true list and appraisement of all the effect of Lucy Hester deceased to us for appraisement Feb 13 1841

sworn to & subscribed before John Frentier  
 me Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1841 Jonathan Ware  
 D E Watrous J. P. James M Nabors

Personally appeared before me  
 J M Nabors and makes oath in due form the as one of the appraisers of the above named Property Feb the 15<sup>th</sup> 1841  
 Jefferson West J Peare

Inventy An Inventory of The Estate of Lucy Hester Deceased Viz.  
 Hester's " " One Negro Woman, Mahala and Two Children  
 No 253 " " Hanny and Folei, one Woman Saddle -  
 The State of Alabama, Personally appeared before  
 Shelly County } me John S. Storms an acting  
 Justice of the Peace in and for Shelly County  
 Richard Wood Executor of The Last Will and  
 Testament of Lucy Hester Deceased, who being duly  
 sworn Depose and saith That the above is a  
 true and correct inventory of the Estate of  
 Lucy Hester Deceased  
 sworn to and subscribed before Richard Wood  
 on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1841  
 John S. Storms J. P.

Filed for Record 5<sup>th</sup> May 1841 Noel Mason Clerk  
 Additional Inventory of The Estate Lucy Hester Deceased  
 inventory Cash on Hand at her Dec<sup>d</sup> \$91.00  
 Note on Myself for sixty Dollars 60.00  
 Which I hold a receipt for thirty one 31.31  
 Dollars and 31 cents. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1841 \$99.09  
 Sworn to & subscribed before

me 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1841. Noel Mason clk Richard Wood  
 Filed for Record 17<sup>th</sup> July 1841 Noel Mason Clerk Execution  
 Sale Bill Sale Bill of The Estate of Lucy Hester Deceased  
 Hester's Viz, as reported by The Executor & sold 20 March 1841  
 One Negro Woman & Mahala and Two Children  
 Hanny and Folei sold on a credit of Twelve Months for \$75.00  
 one Woman Saddle 2.00

Total Amount of Sale \$77.00  
 The State of Alabama, Personally appeared before me  
 Shelly County } me John S. Storms an acting Justice  
 of the Peace in and for Shelly County Richard  
 Wood executor of The Last Will and Testament  
 of Lucy Hester Deceased who being duly sworn  
 Depose and saith That the above is a true  
 and correct bill of sale of The Estate of Lucy  
 Hester Deceased  
 Sworn to and subscribed Richard Wood  
 before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
 of May AD 1841 John S. Storms J. P.

D. H. Lindsey } The State of Alabama Shelly County  
 Bond Bond as guardian } Know all men by these presents  
 Wm. Elijah Lindsey } That we David H. Lindsey, Joel Croff  
 and John W. Marsh are held and firmly  
 bound unto Andrew B. Stevens Judge of The County  
 Court of Shelly County, State of Alabama and his suc-  
 ceptor in office in the penal sum of Twenty Three  
 Hundred Dollars to which payment will and truly  
 to be made We and each of us do bind ourselves  
 our heirs &c firmly by these presents sealed with our  
 seals, and dated first day of February 1841 -  
 Now The Condition of The above obligation is such  
 That Whereas the above bound David H. Lindsey  
 hath been duly appointed guardian of Elijah  
 Lindsey infant Child of Elijah Lindsey Deceased  
 Now if The said David H. Lindsey shall well  
 and truly perform all the duties which are  
 or may be by Law required of him as guardian  
 Then the above obligation is to be void Else to remain  
 in full force and virtue Witness our hands  
 and seals the date above written D. H. Lindsey Joel Croff  
 approved this 1<sup>st</sup> February 1841 A. B. Stevens Judge Sec John W. Marsh Clerk  
 Filed for Record 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1841 Noel Mason clk

Inventory Inventory of The Estate of Elijah Lindsey minor heir of  
 of E. Lindsey Elijah Lindsey Deceased Cash accounted of by  
 member former Guardian in the first day of February 1841  
 Interest up to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1842 \$187.27  
 Sworn to & subscribed in }  
 open Court this 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1842 D. H. Lindsey  
 Noel Mason Clerk

Filed for Record 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1842 Noel Mason Clerk  
 Additional The State of Alabama, Additional Inventory of The Estate of Elijah  
 inventory Shelly County } Lindsey minor heir of Elijah Lindsey De-  
 of E. Lindsey Cash account of R. B. Cantelberry former Guardian  
 member of said heir on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1842 \$50.22c  
 Interest 1 month & 3 days 25  
 Sworn to & subscribed in open }  
 Court this 11<sup>th</sup> April 1842 D. H. Lindsey  
 Noel Mason Clerk C. C. S. C.

No 25870<sup>th</sup> Bevell, } In the Name of God Amen This 28<sup>th</sup> day in  
 Last Will } the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and forty I William Bevell of Shelby County  
 and State of Alabama being through blessing of  
 God being in a sound State of Mind and memory  
 but falling to mind the frail Tenor of this life and  
 that it is appointed to all Men once to die I do make  
 and order this to my Last Will and Testament that  
 it is to say - first of all I do commend my soul to  
 almighty God who gave it me and the disposal of my  
 Body to the entire discretion of my friends that with  
 respect to my Worldly Estate I give and bequeath and  
 dispose of in the following to it I give unto my son  
 William The Tract of Land where an I now live contain-  
 ing one hundred and fifty acres also one house  
 I call Bob one Feather Bed and furniture one  
 Cow and Calf and a sufficient quantity of the  
 present crop to answer his purposes for another year  
 also pork hogs sufficient to make his meat for another  
 year a few stock hogs My Daughter Martha to have  
 a Bed and furniture one Cow and Calf Choice of  
 the Stock The Balance of my property to be sold and  
 after paying my Debts then the proceeds to be equally  
 divided between all my Daughters I do hereby nominate  
 and appoint Myatt Bevell My Executor of this my  
 Last Will and Testament, in Witness Whereof I have  
 unto set my hand and seal the day and date above  
 written in the Presence of us  
 attest, E. Burckful William Bevell (Seal)  
 J. Brinker

The State of Alabama, this day personally came into open  
 Shelby County Court Elijah Burckful one of the  
 subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will & Testament of  
 William Bevell Late of said County deceased who after being  
 duly sworn saith that he saw the said William Bevell sign  
 and seal the same and that he saw J. Brinker with him  
 self sign his name as Witness to the foregoing the Presence  
 of the said William Bevell and in the Presence of each other  
 sworn to & subscribed in open Court  
 This 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1840 E. Burckful

Noel, Mason Clerk by D. N. M. Clanchan Deft.  
 Filed Proven & ordered by Record Noel, Mason Clerk by D. N. M. Clanchan

Daniel, McQuinnis dec<sup>d</sup> } know all men by these presents, that  
 Bond no. 1840 258 } We Thomas, McQuinnis, Everett Bellome  
 No. 1840 258 } and James W. McQuinn are held and  
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firmly bound unto Charles R. Gibbs Judge  
 of the County Court of Shelby County State of Alabama  
 and his Successor in office in the penal sum of  
 three thousand dollars to which payment will  
 and truly to be made and each of us do bound our-  
 selves our heirs &c. firmly by these presents sealed  
 with our seals and dated May 20<sup>th</sup> 1841

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such  
 that whereas the above bounden Thomas, McQuinnis  
 has been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate  
 of Daniel, McQuinnis deceased, now if said  
 Thomas, McQuinnis shall well and truly perform  
 all the duties which are or may be by Law requir-  
 ed of him as Administrator then the above  
 obligation to be void else to remain in full force  
 and Virtue. Witness our hands and seals the date  
 above written Thomas, McQuinnis (Seal)  
 Last Exec. Mason (Seal) E. B. Moore (Seal)  
 approved June 7<sup>th</sup> 1841 J. W. McQuinn (Seal)

C. R. Gibbs Jd. &c.

Filed for Record 7<sup>th</sup> June 1841 Noel, Mason Clerk  
 Appraiser & List of the appraisement of the property of Daniel  
 McQuinnis dec<sup>d</sup> This 26<sup>th</sup> June 1841 Lot Cattle \$100.00

|   |   |   |                               |       |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| " | " | " | 1 Lot Hogs                    | 30 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 gray mare                   | 25 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Bay mare                    | 20 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Bay mare                    | 45 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Lot Tools                   | 40 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Lot Iron                    | 25 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Wood Work Wagon             | 20 00 |
| " | " | " | 2 Sets of plow gear           | 4 00  |
| " | " | " | 1 Lot plow & chains           | 5 50  |
| " | " | " | 1 Two horse Wagon             | 25 00 |
| " | " | " | 1 Lot of axes                 | 6 50  |
| " | " | " | 1 Lot Tools maddock shaver &c | 1 75  |
| " | " | " | Two Bee gums                  | 4 00  |
| " | " | " | 1 gravel stone                | 5 00  |
| " | " | " | 1 Loom                        | 8 00  |
| " | " | " | 1 Chisel & Wheels             | 7 00  |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 pr Steeljacks                 | 1 00      |
| 1 Lot Tools augers hand saws &c | 11 37 1/2 |
| 1 " Lot Ware                    | 10 00     |
| 1 Lot Tab Ware & Coffee Pot     | 2 00      |
| 2 Shovels Lot Hacks &c          | 3 00      |
| 2 Blunt Bridle & Locks          | 1. 25     |
| 2 Barrels & half Bushels        | 75        |
| 1 yellow Mare                   | 35 00     |
| 1 Saddle & Bridle               | 4 00      |
| 1 Churn and 3 Jars              | 2 00      |
| 1 Lot Crockery                  | 1 00      |
| 1 " Pottery Basin               | 1 00      |
| 3 Barrels                       | 62 1/2    |
| 1 Lot Crockery Bottles &c       | 4 00      |
| 3 Shot Guns                     | 24.00     |
| 1 Crop Cut Saw                  | 11.00     |
| 1 Lot Books                     | 9.50      |
| 2 Jugs                          | 1.25      |
| 1 Chest                         | 1.50      |
| 1 Table                         | .75       |
| 1 Lot Chains                    | 3.00      |
| 1 Trunk                         | 2.00      |
| 1 Clock                         | 5 00      |
| 1 Lot Beds & 2 Steay            | 65 00     |
| 1 Lot Bed Cloths                | 20 00     |
| 1 Syth & Cradle                 | 5 00      |
| 1 Notes                         | 360.38    |
| Cash                            | 20 68     |
| Amount of acct <sup>s</sup>     | 102.98    |

sworn to before me this

28<sup>th</sup> June 1841

W. Crawford

John Singleton William Williamson

J. P. Jno Singleton

sworn to and subscribed

before me 5<sup>th</sup> July 1841

Nail Mason Clerk

Thos<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Guinness  
mark Adm

Filed for the cords 5<sup>th</sup> July 1841

Nail Mason Clerk

Sail Bill. A List of the Sale of D. McGuinnis Dec<sup>r</sup> August 7<sup>th</sup> 1841

|                                                                        |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs H. McGuinnis Books & Razor                                         | \$6.00              |
| 1 Lot Crockery \$5.00 & Beds & furniture \$40.00                       | \$45.00             |
| 1 Chest \$100. 2 fine Bedsteads \$100                                  | 2 00                |
| 1 Wheel & Lath \$200 pr dog chains \$300 1 Bed & furniture \$25 1/4 25 |                     |
| 1 Hot Gun \$187 1/2 1 Lot Tools \$150 1 Grand Stone \$200              | 5.37 1/2            |
| 1 Syth & Cradle \$200 2 Bee Gums \$3.00 4 Barrels \$100                | 9.00                |
| 1 Lot pots \$600 Lot Jugs \$200 2 pews \$200 2 sets grain \$200        | 10 00               |
| Lot farming Tools \$300 1 Wagon & Iron \$3000                          | 33 00               |
| 1 Lot Blacksmith Tools                                                 | 41 00               |
| 1 Lot Hogs \$25.00 1 Bay mare 10 00                                    | 35 00               |
| 1 Black Cow & calf \$6.62 1 Cow & calf \$5.00                          | 11 62 1/2           |
| 1 Heifer 6.00 1 Black Steer \$3.50                                     | 9 50                |
| 1 Faded heifer                                                         | 5 00                |
| Thomas McGuinnis 1 Trunk                                               | <del>\$22.75</del>  |
| " " 1 Wagon                                                            | 22.12 1/2           |
| " " 1 heifer                                                           | 7.12 1/2            |
| Elizabeth McGuinnis 1 Table                                            | <del>\$30.25</del>  |
| " " 1 Loom                                                             | <del>4.50</del>     |
| Mrs Chambers 1 Wheel                                                   | <del>1.00</del>     |
| Edward McGuinnis 1 Shot gun                                            | <del>11 00</del>    |
| " " 1 Churn \$50.00 1 Red heifer \$600                                 | <del>6.50</del>     |
| John McGuinnis 1 Filly                                                 | <del>12.50</del>    |
| " " 1 Saddle & Bridle                                                  | <del>4.50</del>     |
| Rufus McGuinnis 1 Bay filly                                            | <del>40.00</del>    |
| J. V. McKee 1 Clock                                                    | <del>3.87 1/2</del> |
| J. Singleton 1 Crop cut Saw                                            | 11 00               |
| W. Raysdale 1 Shot gun                                                 | 3 00                |
| J. H. Davis 1 grey mare                                                | 17.12 1/2           |
| Jeremiah Lewis 2 Steers                                                | 10 00               |
| William Henderson 1 Cow & calf                                         | <del>44.75</del>    |
| Amount Sale                                                            | \$396.25            |

The above Property sold on six months credit  
sworn & subscribed

in open Court

C. R. Gibb

Thos<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Guinness  
mark Adm

Filed for the cords 6<sup>th</sup> September 1841

Nail Mason Clerk

17261 H H Wilson Dec<sup>t</sup> E Know all men by These Presents  
 John W Roper & E Trust Me John W Roper Benjamin  
 B F Randall J F Randall, Samuel Brasher, John  
 Bond as Admin<sup>r</sup> (B Wilson and John M M Clanchan  
 are held and firmly bound unto Charles  
 R Gibbs Judge of The County Court of Shelby County  
 State of Alabama and his Successors in office in  
 the penal sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars to which  
 payment I will and truly to be made, We and each  
 of us do bind ourselves our heirs &c firmly by These  
 Presents sealed with our seals and dated the seventh  
 day of September 1841

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that  
 whereas the above bound John W Roper and Benjamin  
 F Randall has been duly appointed Administrators  
 of the Estate of Henry H Wilson deceased, Now  
 if said Roper and Randall shall well and truly  
 perform all the duties which are or may be by Law  
 required of them as Administrators Then the above  
 obligation to be void else to remain in full force  
 and Virtue, Witness our hands and seals this date  
 above Written

John W Roper (C)  
 Benj F Randall (C)  
 Approved Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1841 Saml Brasher (C)  
 C R Gibbs J B Wilson (C)  
 J S C C John M M Clanchan (C)

Prin Bill Apprais Bill of The Estate of H H Wilson

|            |                                   |          |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| H H Wilson | 1 Negro Boy Spencer               | \$600 00 |
|            | 2 No Boys Bob & March             | 400 00   |
|            | 1 Woman Harriet & 2 girl Children | 800 00   |
|            | 1 Sorrel Horse                    | 100 00   |
|            | 1 Measure Carriage                | 175 00   |
|            | 1 Bedstead and furniture          | 35 00    |
|            | 1 Table                           | 6 00     |
|            | 1 Lot of Books & Looking glass    | 8 00     |
|            | 2 Trunks                          | 2 50     |
|            | 1 Safe                            | 5 00     |
|            | 1 Chair and furniture             | 10 00    |
|            | 1 Bedstead                        | 7 00     |
|            | 1 Saddle Bridle & Saddle Bags     | 30 00    |
|            | 1 Pine Bedstead                   | 2 00     |

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Shovel and Tongs           | 3 00      |
| 1 Set of Pot Ware            | 5 00      |
| 1 plow chains & trace Chains | 4 00      |
| 1 an                         | 1 00      |
| 3 head of Cattle             | 12 00     |
| 1 Lot of Hogs 8 or Ten head  | 20 00     |
| 1 Claw Hammer                | 30        |
| 6 Chain                      | 9 50      |
| 1 fine sword split 16        | 15 00     |
| 1 small Bedstead             | 2 00      |
| Negro boy March              | 300 00    |
| the Master of Alabama        | \$2545.75 |

Shelby County appeared in person J H Brasher, Esq Lawyer  
 Joseph Roper and made oath that the  
 foregoing is a just & correct appraisement of the personal  
 Estate of H H Wilson Dec<sup>d</sup> which has been shown thereby  
 B F Randall Admin<sup>r</sup> to the best of our Judgment

sworn to 27 Oct 1841

Thos H Brasher

J M M Clanchan

E G Lawyer

Iustice of the peace

Joseph Roper

A Statement of the amount of Cash & notes as we find in our  
 possession as belonging to H H Wilson deceased To cash = \$436.75

|                                                           |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 Note George M Wilson due 25 <sup>th</sup> December 1840 | 448 00 |
| 1 John Lawler Note due 26 <sup>th</sup> January 1840      | 50 00  |
| Benjamin Wilson Jr due 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1840          | 10 00  |
| Do do Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> 1839                           | 7 23   |
| Do do Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> 1841                           | 135 00 |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 2 notes W H Brittain, each for<br>37 1/2 Dollars due 14 August 1841                                                                                                                                                                   | 75 00    |
| 1 Note on A B Holcomb 14 January 1841                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 32 50    |
| 1 Note on G M Wilson for \$300.00 due the 6 <sup>th</sup> day July<br>1839 With 3 credits one for \$147.50 paid 1 April 1840<br>one for \$200.00 paid 29 December 1840 / for \$50.00 paid<br>4 <sup>th</sup> April 1841 - Balance due | \$410 50 |
| 1 Note Pitts & Nottingham \$230 due 22 April 1840                                                                                                                                                                                     | 22 80    |
| 1 do Japer Wilson for \$10.00 due 17 <sup>th</sup> July 1838                                                                                                                                                                          | 10 00    |
| 1 do Thomas Nicholas due 11 <sup>th</sup> July 1841 for                                                                                                                                                                               | 6 47     |
| 1 do Claborn M Gauthy due 25 December 1837 for 34.87<br>With a credit of \$25.00 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1838 Balance due                                                                                                                | 9 87     |
| Note on J B Hall \$1060 due 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1836 With a credit<br>of \$650 paid 7 <sup>th</sup> July 1841 Balance                                                                                                                | \$4 10   |

|                                                                        |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Note on J. W. Mason due 7 Jan'y 1846                                   | \$ 50              |
| Note on Benj. Hardy due 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 1839                   | 6 00               |
| Note 43 Wilson Signior due 11 April 1838 with a \$ 30.92 <sup>23</sup> |                    |
| Credit of \$20.00 24 September 1834 Bal due                            | \$ 10 92           |
| Note on E. West due 12 April 1834 for                                  | 11 87 <sup>1</sup> |
| Note on D. Quinn due 3 June 1838 for                                   | 1 00               |
| Note on L. M. Martij due 24 Jan'y 1840                                 | 5 41               |
| E. Rowe & Hannah Frost due 19 <sup>th</sup> July 1834 for              | 5 25               |
| undivided interest in the firm of Roper & Wilson                       |                    |
| Supposed to be worth                                                   | \$4000.00          |

Came into open Court Benjamin F. Randall  
& John W. Roper administrators of the estate of  
Henry H. Wilson deceased & being duly sworn say  
on oath the foregoing appraisement bill and  
Statement comprises a full & correct inventory so  
far as they know or believe of the personal  
estate aforesaid deceased

Sworn to & subscribed Benj. F. Randall  
Nov 20 1841 John W. Roper

Noel Mason Clerk C.C.S.C.

Filed for Record in office 27<sup>th</sup> October 1841

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1842

Noel Mason Clerk

Oath This day came into open Court John McElenahan  
McElenahan and Noel Mason and stated upon oath that during  
the last sickness of Henry H. Wilson deceased and on the  
night before his death they were called into his sick  
room as witnesses to his declarations in reference to the  
disposition of his property and his child that he was  
apparently in his right mind and sensible of what he was  
doing and capable of devising his property or the custody  
of his child that he called the said John and Noel  
to his bedside and said to them that John W. Roper  
and Benjamin F. Randall know more about  
his matters than any body else and he  
wished them to settle up his business and  
raise and educate his child other things were  
said in reference to and amounting to  
the same things J. McElenahan  
Sworn to & subscribed Noel Mason  
in open Court

C. R. Gibbs J. C.

266 B F Randale & The State of Alabama

Bond as Guardian of Shelly County Know all men by these presents, that We Benjamin F. Randale Daniel E. Watrous and Abner J. Wells of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Charles R. Gibbs Judge of the County Court of said County and his Successor in office in the penal sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for which payment We and Truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our heirs, Executors, and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1841

The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bounden Benjamin F. Randale has been appointed Guardian of the Estate of Martha Wilson - Now if the said Benjamin F. Randale shall Will and Truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as such Guardian, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Witness approved and ordered to be recorded Benjamin F. Randale (P.S.)  
Daniel E. Watrous (P.S.)  
Charles R. Gibbs Judge Abner J. Wells (P.S.)

Filed for Record 30<sup>th</sup> October 1841 Mel Mason Clk

1226270<sup>th</sup> Miller Dec<sup>3</sup> Know all men by these presents that Bond as Adm<sup>r</sup> of Wm Morning Miller, James Moore and M. Miller Adm<sup>r</sup> of William Mullens are held and firmly bound unto Charles R. Gibbs Judge of this County Court of Shelly County State of Alabama and his Successor in office in the penal sum of five hundred Dollars to which payment Will and Truly to be made We and each of us do bind ourselves our heirs &c firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1841

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas the above bounden Mourning Miller has been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of William Miller deceased - Now if said Mourning Miller shall Will and Truly perform all the duties which are or may be by Law required of him as administrator then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue Witness our hands and seals the date above written approved 30<sup>th</sup> September Mourning Miller (P.S.)  
1841 C R Gibbs Jc James Moore (P.S.)  
William Mullens (P.S.)

Filed in office 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1841 Joel Aaron clerk

Inventory of A List of The Property of William Miller Dec<sup>d</sup>

100- Miller's 2 Chests \$1 trunk \$4.00 2 Headsteds \$2.00, 1 Slat 3 00 Box and Lock 600  
1 Wrat 150 1 Looking Glass 1.00 1 Shot gun 200 1 Bed saddle 600  
1 Churn and Gaer. 50 1 Bath and cradle 300 1 Large Table 200  
3 Lams 8 1/4 1 Coffee Mill (and Coffee pot 100) 1 Lot of knives and forks and 2 knife Box 100 1 Lot of Sug Ware 175 1 pane of Stewards 50 1 Lot of pot Ware and pot Hooks Two half  
Smoothing irons and pot rack 300 1 loom and gun 5.00  
1 pane Candle molds 37 1/2 3 Barrels 75 1 Tub and 1 Table 25  
1 Patching Knife and Box 200 2 Cap and 1 Can 50 1 half Bushel and Tray and Basket 25 3 Chains 200 1 Lot of old irons 100  
1 Lot of Leather 300 1 Wrenn hide 50 2 Blue guns 150 1 grain Stone 200 1 Wrennle hoop 1 Larch screw and saw Stone 50  
1 Lot of Crochery Ware 25 1/2 1 Shovel blow 75 1 Lot of Iron 150 1 Wring 12 1 Small Wagon and Harness 20 00  
2 pane of plow gun 300 6.00 lbs of fodder 6.00 1 pot 1 pane of Hooks and 2 Lugs 125 1500 lbs of seed Cotton more or less 15.00 four hundred lbs 1 Head of Sheep 10.50

1 Cow and calf and two yearolds Sheffer 24.00 / maltac  
 75-1 potato patch 5.00 / blind mare and colt 25.00  
 The State of Alabama  
 Shelby County (Wm John Goodgaine John R Price  
 and Jacob Miles being called upon to appraise  
 the property of William Miller deceased as duty  
 that the above is a true statement of all the  
 property that came in to our presence -  
 sworn to and subscribed this John Goodgaine  
 The 16 Oct 1841 John R Price  
 W F Callaway J F Jacob Miles

Sale Bill The State of Alabama Sale Bill of the personal estate  
 of William Miller deceased of Shelby County (of William Miller dec<sup>d</sup> which was  
 sold on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1841  
 Morning Miller Dr to one coffee mill 100 1 Stone Potatoes 37  
 " " " Coffee Pot 25 Sugar dish Tea pot 50  
 " " " 1 Plates 25 2 dishes 50 / Wm Box 50 1.25  
 " " " Antlers 25 1 Lot pot Ware 50 75  
 " " " 1 Lot pot Ware 100 1 Lot Stone Ware 100 2.00  
 " " " 3 Barrels 2 2 barrels 6 1 Roller & spaw 56  
 " " " Table and dish 100 1 Loom 100 / Wheel 25 2.25  
 " " " 1 Lot of Churn 50 1 Chest & Trunk 50 1.00  
 " " " 1 Table and Slab 50 1 Box 6 1 Box 10 68  
 " " " 1 Saddle Saddle 100 1 Box 6 1 Lot of Leather 56  
 " " " Raw hide 112 1 grain Stone 50 1.37  
 " " " 2 Bee gums 6 1 Tray & Lifter 6 12 Lubers 37  
 " " " 1 Lot 4 1/2 Bushel 6 1/2 1/2 1/2 175 1.81  
 " " " pr of gun 2.00 Looking glass 12 2.12  
 " " " 600 lbs 87 1/2 pr hand saw for fodder 5.25  
 " " " 1 Lot of Potatoes 100 1 Wagon 20.25 21.25  
 " " " 1 Colt 100 50 6 head of Cattle 30.00 31.00  
 Jonathan Grogg 1 Gun 12 1/2 Cutting Knife 3.00 34.00  
 Robert Miller 1 Shot gun 3.12  
 Sidney Bates 1 Lot of iron 2.25 1 Barrel of iron 25 2.50  
 " " " 1 Bedstead 6 1/2 1 maltac 13 1/2 1.37 3.87  
 J J Honeycutt 1 Raw hide 1.12  
 James Moore 1 Lot of iron 11.37 11.62  
 George Robertson 1 Old axe 62  
 William Mullins Cotton at 2 Dollars pr hundred 453 1/2 11.62  
 J R Page 6 Head of Sheep 15.37  
 Total Amount \$121.62

State of Alabama Before me Michael Mason Clerk of the  
 Shelby County (County Court of said County came Morning  
 Miller who being sworn says the foregoing is a true and  
 complete account sales of the personal estate of  
 William Miller deceased sold under an order of  
 the orphan's Court of said County in a Credit of  
 Twelve Months  
 sworn to and subscribed before me Morning Miller  
 This 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1841 Michael Mason  
 Filed in office 7<sup>th</sup> December 1841 Michael Mason Clerk

1841 Andrew Richey Dec<sup>d</sup> Know all men by these presents that  
 John W Richey Adm<sup>r</sup> of the Estate of John W Richey William Thweatt  
 Bond and Thomas M Guinness are held  
 and firmly bound unto Charles R Gibbs Judge of  
 the County Court of Shelby County State of Alabama  
 and his Successor in office in the penal sum of one  
 thousand dollars to which payment will and truly to  
 be made we and each of us do bind ourselves our  
 heirs &c firmly by these presents sealed with our  
 seals and dated The 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1841  
 Now the Condition of the above obligation is such  
 that whereas the above bound John W Richey has  
 been duly appointed Administrator of the estate  
 of Andrew Richey deceased. Now if said  
 John W Richey shall well and truly perform  
 all the duties which are or may be by law require  
 ed of him as Administrator then the above  
 obligation to be void else to remain in full  
 force and virtue - Witness our hands and seals  
 the date above written J W Richey (CB)  
 William Thweatt (CB)  
 Thomas M Guinness (CB)

Filed for Record 11<sup>th</sup> October 1841 Michael Mason Clerk  
 apprais Account of the appraisement of the estate of Andrew Richey Dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Bill + One Lot of Molding planes 30.00  
 inventory One Lot of Planes 6.00 1 Broad at 150 7.50  
 1 hand saw 2.00 1 Lot of Chisels 2.00 4.00  
 1 Airrow Knife 1.00 1 Unant saw 1.50 2.50  
 1 Box of Tools 4.00 1 Loom 2.00 6.00  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wagon iron and Timber 30.00

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 frame Stone 400 1 Hammer 75-       | 4.75-  |
| one lot of Corn at 50 cts pr Bushel  |        |
| one Cow and calf 10.00 1 Reeper 5.00 | 15.00  |
| 2 Sides of Sole Leather              | 4.00   |
| 1 Cross cut Saw 3.00                 | 3.00   |
| one note of hand on J W Richey       | 300.00 |
| one note of hand on William Richey   | 100.00 |
| one note of hand on Henry Robertson  | 28.00  |

Given under our hands and seals this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 1841

Appraisers { Daniel Thweath { Seal  
                  { William Martin { Seal  
sworn to and subscribed { Willie Pruitt { Seal  
before me this 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 1841

William Thweath Justice of the peace

State of Alabama, orphan's Court Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1841

Shelby County (Came in open Court John W Richey  
Administrator of the estate of Andrew Richey deceased  
and being sworn say the foregoing is a just full and  
complete inventory of the said estate.

sworn to & subscribed in John W Richey  
open Court this 6<sup>th</sup>

December 1841. Joel Mason Clerk

Filed for Record 6<sup>th</sup> December 1841. Joel Mason Clerk

Sale Bill A Count of the Sale of the Estate of Andrew Richey deceased  
this November 20<sup>th</sup> 1841

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| John B Backhouse 1 lot Machplains     | \$ 50    |
| Sterlin C Beaven 2 molding plains 25- | " 25-    |
| John B Backhouse 2 do do do           | " 18 3/4 |
| John B Backhouse 2 Oak plains         | " 37-    |
| Sterlin C Beaven 1 lot Plains         | " 25-    |
| John Middleton 4 molding plains       | " 50     |
| John Middleton 1 lot of plains        | 1 00     |
| William Richey 1 Iron Square          | " 37-    |
| Allen Love 2 Squares                  | " 18 3/4 |
| Sterlin C Beaven 1 lot Stone          | 1 12 1/2 |
| Bennett Elliott 1 do paid             | " 12 1/2 |
| Hiram Howard 1 Oakesaw & spoke shape  | " 62-    |
| Henry Robertson 1 Drawing Knife       | 1 12 1/2 |
| Henry Robertson 1 Hand Saw            | 1 75-    |
| Henry Robertson 2 Augers              | 25-      |
| John Middleton 1 lot plains           | 18 3/4   |

|                                                    |               |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| William Richey 1 Sugar                             | " 50          |
| Allen Love 2 Chissels                              | " 31 1/4      |
| Thadus Duck 2 Chissels                             | " 18 3/4      |
| William Richey 1 Chisel & Gauge                    | " 25-         |
| William Davis 1 Smoothing Plain                    | " 50          |
| William Davis 1 Jack Plain                         | 1 00          |
| William Davis 1 Fore plain                         | 1 18 3/4      |
| James H Davis 1 Foot add                           | " 50 1/2      |
| John Middleton 1 Box of Tools                      | " 50          |
| John W Richey 1 Smoothing iron                     | 1 00          |
| John W Richey 1 Cross cut Saw                      | 3 12 1/2      |
| John Middleton 1 Broad ax                          | 1 25-         |
| Bennett Davis " Wagginsirons & Lumber              | 113 50        |
| Henry Robertson 1 Grind Stone                      | 4 00          |
| Henry Shackelford 25 Bu Corn at 40 cents pr        | 10 00         |
| John Middleton 20 do at 40 do "                    | 8 00          |
| Henry Shackelford 20 do at 40 do "                 | 8 00          |
| Henry Shackelford 7 1/2 do do do do                | 3 00          |
| Henry Shackelford 33 Bu of refused Corn 18 3/4 cts | 4 31 1/4      |
| S J Middleton 1 lot Shucks                         | \$ 97 3/4     |
| Henry Robertson 1 Side Sole Leather                | 3 00          |
| S J Middleton 1 do do                              | 4 00          |
| Sterlin C Beaven 1 Cow & calf                      | 9 25-         |
| A. M Davis 1 Reeper yastin                         | 5 00          |
| Elizabeth Richey 1 Jar & potrack                   | 2 00          |
| A. M Davis 1 ax                                    | 25-           |
| John W Richey 1 Iron Wadge                         | 50            |
| William Richey 1 Hammer                            | 75-           |
| Martha Robertson 1 Bell                            | 25-           |
| Estate of Alabama                                  | \$ 125 18 3/4 |

Shelby County orphan's Court Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Came into open Court John W

Richey Administrator of the estate of Andrew  
Richey deceased who being sworn says the foregoing  
is a correct account of sale of the personal  
estate of said deceased

sworn to & subscribed in open John W Richey  
Court this 6<sup>th</sup> December 1841

Joel Mason Clerk

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Joel Mason Clerk

R. C. Canterbury The State of Alabama Shelby County  
 As 1832 Guardian Bond Know all men by these presents  
 for Elijah Lindsay that we Randolph C. Canterbury  
 Children (David Meredith & James S. Hill  
 men are held & firmly bound unto  
 James Woodruff Judge of the County Court of said  
 County and his successors in office in the penal sum  
 of Fifteen thousand Dollars for the payment well  
 and truly to be made we bind ourselves our  
 heirs Executors Administrators &c this the third  
 day of September AD 1838

The Condition of the above obligation is  
 such that whereas the above bound Randolph C.  
 Canterbury has been duly appointed Guardian  
 of the Person, Estate, and Children of & Lyda Lint  
 now deceased. Now if the said Randolph C. Can-  
 tembery shall well & truly perform all the duties  
 which are or may be by Law required of him  
 as Guardian aforesaid the above bond or obli-  
 gation to be void otherwise to remain in full  
 force. In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto  
 set our hands & seals the day & date above written

Randolph C. Canterbury Seal

(David Meredith Seal)

James S. Hillman Seal

1837  
 1<sup>st</sup> Report  
 1837/38  
 Eleanor Lindsay The State of Alabama Shelby County,  
 Orphans Court 7<sup>th</sup> January 1839  
 R. C. Canterbury Guardian for Eleanor  
 Lindsay minor heir of Elijah Lindsay Dec<sup>d</sup> Reports to  
 this Court that he has now in his hands belonging  
 to his said Ward the sum of One thousand  
 one hundred and fifty Dollars and 50 cents  
 and that he has expended for his said Ward  
 the sum of one hundred and forty two Dollars  
 for boarding clothing and tuition which  
 amount being deducted will leave in the hands  
 of said Guardian the sum of one thousand  
 & Eight Dollars & 30 Cts  
 shown in open Court and R. C. Canterbury  
 subscribed 7<sup>th</sup> January 1839 Guar

Eleanor Lindsay To R. C. Canterbury Dr for 1837  
 Feb 15 Cash paid to O. B. Davis Clerk for 46 Aug 10 1 pr Stockings 50  
 " to Cash paid O. B. Davis Clerk for " (Band) 75  
 sitting report Monday, Jan'y 1 00 Sept 2 1 pr shoes 2 00  
 " 1 pr gloves 50 Oct 18 1 bonnet & Dressing 6 37  
 " 1 yd Calico 35 " 8 yds Calico 2 00  
 " 1 Luck Cotton 37 " 1 pr Combs 1 87  
 March 1 pr Stockings 75 " 6 pr yds Laces 1 82  
 " 12 yd Ribbon 3 1/4 Nov 20 6 pr yds muslin 8 12  
 " 7 yd muslin 4 8 1/4 " 1 Fancy Shawl 1 50  
 " 8 yds Calico 4 00 " 1 pr Stockings 75  
 " 1 pr shoes 1 00 " 2 yds Ribbon 25  
 May 11 1 Salk 56 1/4 " 1 yd lace 12  
 13 1 pr shoes 1 62 1/2 35 to lace 68  
 24 7 yds Calico 2 62 1/2 1 yd Calico & paper 56  
 " 1 yd muslin 1 00 Dec 2 To Clerk for to pay Mason 35  
 June 8 Cash paid for writing school 2 00 " 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Dec 1837 35  
 July 11 5 yds muslin 2 13 1/4 " take paid on money on trust 48  
 " 1 pr pernell 1 25 " 1 Luck Cotton 25  
 " 1 Dett Cotton 12 1/2 30 3/4 months Board \$450 15 75  
 Aug 5 1 pr gloves 75 " Cash paid for tuition 41 1/2  
 10 1 small umbrella 5 00 Aunt \$79 1/2  
 1837 Eleanor Lindsay To Mary Lindsay Dr for the year 1837  
 1 pr pernell 1 25 1838 muslin Dress 3 75  
 1 Calico Dress 1 50 1 pr Stockings 50  
 1 Do Do 1 50 August 1 band 87  
 1 Bonnet \$3.00 1 pr shoes 1 87  
 1 Calico Dress 2 62 1/2 9 yds Calico 3 30  
 Cash paid for 12 months tuition 2 50 1 pr gloves & Laces 25 50  
 8 months Board to School \$40 00 1 fancy Shawl 2 50  
 1838 Eleanor Lindsay To Mary Lindsay 30 63 1/2 1 pr shoes 1 25  
 Dr for the year 1838 4 1/2 yds maver 20 11 25  
 1 maverine Shawl 1 25 1 Comb 2 1 Card Sheet 3 00  
 1 pr shoes 1 50 2 yds Cal Bamboc 50  
 1 pr Do 1 50 8 yds Calico 2 00  
 7 yds Calico SL 3 62 1/2 8 yds Do 1 68  
 1 Fancy Shawl 37 1 pr pernell 1 50  
 1 pr Stockings 50 1 Cape 50  
 1 muslin Dress 5 00 This is up to the last \$142 00  
 1 Vaile 2 75 May of Dec 1838 \$142 00  
 1 Salk Bonnet 6 00