

Robert Southern's will

I Robert Southern of the County of Claiborne and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory for the more effectual disposition of my worldly effects do make and publish this my last will and Testament First It is my desire that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property and debts due me that is such of my personal property as my executors hereafter named may think can best be spared from my family and also out of the proceeds of my stock on the farm and these the three eldest negro children or as many as may be necessary to pay my debts -

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Southern the balance of all my personal property household and kitchen furniture farming utensils &c and as much of the grain and produce on hand as shall be necessary for the support of my family one year from my death and also the farm I now live on with its appurtenances to have and to hold the same during her natural life provided she will live upon it and raise and educate our children that is my five by my first wife and the one my said wife Martha may have by me Also I give and bequeath to my said wife Martha my negroes Ben and Bine and her youngest child Monroe and all the increase of the said Biney to have and to hold the same during the time she may live upon the said farm as aforesaid but should my said wife Martha not choose to live on the said farm and raise all the children aforesaid then and in that case all the above named property both real and personal shall be sold by my executors on twelve months credit to the highest bidder and the proceeds equally divided between my said children and my said wife Martha she taking a child's part of all my estate but should my said wife choose to live on the said farm and raise my said children then she is to take as above provided for

Third It is my will that all my other lands besides the place I now live on be sold by my executors so soon as they may think it advisable on one or two years credit and the proceeds thereof kept at interest except such part as may be expended as hereafter provided for and divided out amongst my said children as they arrive at the age of twenty one year - And as the above provision would include my interest in my Father's lands now in possession of my mother for life I do not wish said interest sold until my Mother's death and then to be sold and appropriated as last above directed

Fourth As my oldest son one of the five above mentioned is now about twelve years old and might not be manageable by my said wife Martha therefore it is my will that she be not hardened with his further raising longer than absolutely necessary after my death and that my executors as soon thereafter as they can do so to advantage shall take charge of him and bind him out to learn some good reputable trade until he is twenty one years of age upon such terms as my said executors may think proper And it is also my wish that my said executors

before they proceed to bind out my said son shall provide for his receiving twelve months schooling the necessary expenses of which shall be paid out of the share of my said son in the proceeds of the lands herein directed to be sold by my executors and which payments shall be a credit to them on their settlement - and I hereby constitute and appoint my executors hereafter named guardians of my said son for the purposes aforesaid

Fifth I hereby constitute and appoint William Neil and Absalom Robinson my executors of this my last will and Testament Given under my hand and seal This fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1849

Signed Sealed and published

in presence of
J. P. Evans
Abraham

Robert Southern Seal
Neil Southern

Inventory of the personal Estate of Robt Southern Dec.

Inventory of the portion of the personal estate of Robert Southern Dec. as set out in his Last will &c (viz)

5 yearlings and two cows and about 300 bushels of corn
Three negro slave children aged about from 4 to 8 or nine years

1 Note of hand on Thomas Cooper due the 25th Dec 1846 for \$100 with a credit dated 12th May 1848 off \$26 Bt. Good

1 Note on C. Hock Moor due 26th Jan 1848 Good \$50 31 bearing interest from date

1 Note on Augustus Spangler due 1st March 1849 Bt. Good \$20 00

1 Note on Wm White due 26th Dec 1844 Bt. Good \$3 00
a proven account as Jas Hunter paid proven 15th July 1848 for \$1400 proven acct as said Hunter by J. Chick 12th Jan 1848 for (as to Southern) \$2 75

Balance on an execution by C. D. Murphy Doubtful \$4 05

Balance on do as Pleasant Murphy Doubtful \$1 59

Which is all the personal estate of said Southern that has come to our hands or the hands of any person for us to our knowledge that is not reserved to said Southern widow by his last will &c

Wm Neil &

A. Robinson

Executors

Balance of the Inventory of the personal Estate Robert Southern Dec taken on the 6th of June 1850 viz one mare 1 yearling oxen 4 goats 1 saddle morgan and 2 charrs 4 beams and two calves 15 head of black hogs 30 sheep 3 plows 4 hoes 1 pair Geese & 2 pair hares 2 sheep pens 1 drawing sheep

5 Bears, Quarters and formations 124 hares black & leithen
 43 Rabbits 1 Deer and 1 Turk 1 Chiles cock 1 Wheat and eight
 Chairs 1 Ladies saddle 14 Books of Different Vines 2 sets plates
 and 1 set cups and saucers 1 set Venian & forks 40 1 Big spin
 ing wheel & 1 floor do 1 1 Loam and its apparatus 1 Pair
 Ladies Saddle Bags 1 Large Kettle and 1 set 2 axes & shillies 1 Pair
 Andirons & 1 fire shovel 2 set locks & coffee mill negro man
 Ben aged a hunt 60 years & Chitae aged a hunt 20 mo a lot
 of oats wheat very and probably some corn and bacon
 The above is a true and perfect inventory of all the goods &
 Chattels etc and credits of the said Robert Sothern Dec
 which have come to my hands possession or knowledge
 or the hands of any other person for me to the best of
 my knowledge and belief this 31st day of June 1850
 William Phil. Esquire of the mill
 said Sothern Dec

Goods of the personal estate of Robert
Sothern Declassed value upon the 12th day
of February 1850
To Abundiah Wiley 5 yearlings

Thos Henderson		15 31
Learton, horse and 1 reddish bay	8 31	
Joseph, white horse 1 white Buckle Heffer	6 18 1/2	
Warner, horse of 1/2 1 white mare	4 60	
Abraham Robinson 1 white saddle	14 00	
Michael Paines 30 bushels of corn 38 cts	11 40	
Isaac Gair 30 " " " " 38 1/2 cts	11 50	
Charles W. Lewis 30 " " " " 38 1/2	11 50	
Wm. Dunsford 30 " " " " 39	11 70	
Do " 30 " " " " 39 1/2	11 80	
Thos. Frison 3 " " " " 40	12 00	
Wm. Evans 3 " " " " 38 1/2	12 17	
Wm. Marcom 300 lbs of bacon 6 1/2	18 31	
Rebecca Thurston 1 negro Girl slave	466 00	
Abel Thurston 1 do Boy do	551 00	
do do 1 do do do	250 00	
Wm. Phil. Esq. of the mill	81970 11	

An inventory of the Estate of Thos. Mays Dec
 Returned By Wm. M. Burch the 3 Administrators of
 the above Estate appointed in room of P. S. M. Daniel

In Inventory of the Estate of Thos. Mays Dec as come
 to my hands since my appointment as Administrator to wit

1. Note on Wm. & Wm. L. Ince Due the 13 th of November 1838 for 100.00	
do on 1847 25.50 & 1/2 of Sept 1842. do 7 th of June 1847 20.00 do 24 Dec 1847 2.50 do 20 th of June 1846 30.50 Balance of Principal Due	190
1. Note on Allen Hurst and Thomas Mayson due the 31 st of July 1847 for 837	
1. Note on Isaac vanbellen and Emily B. Johnson Due 31 st of July 1847 for 844 1/2	
1. Note on R. H. Wampe and Hanson Luff and Wm. P. Horne Due 31 st July 1847 for 305	
1. Note on Wm. H. Mays & Wm. M. Barton & Wm. Burch Due 1 st day of August 1847 for 1530	
1. Note on George W. Rose Due 1 st day 1841 for 6500 do Sept 12 th 1842. 25.50 do Sept 14 th 1847 24.50 do 1 st Jan 4 th 1847 30.00 Balance Due	1749 1/2
1. Note on John Freeman Mathew Collins & Stephen Drumans Due 1 st of August 1847 for 750	
1. Note on Andrew Fletcher John Renaldi & Wm. Burch Due 31 st of July 1847 for 460	
do do 31 st of July 1847 337 1/2 Balance Due	123 1/2
1. Note on John name and Wm. Burch Due the 31 st of July 1847 for 442 1/2	
do do 31 st of July 1847 150 Balance Due	275
1. Note on J. Freeman & others Due 31 st of July 1847 for 885	
1. Note on Vacat Graves Due April 30 th 1830 for 600 do do 20 th 1830 600	0 00
1. Note on Benjamin Arnal Wm. H. Mays & Wm. Dykes Due 31 st July 1847 for 437 1/2	
do do 1847 20 th the 4 th of August 1847 Balance	250
1. Note on Wm. M. Barton Due the 1 st of Sept 1846 for 875 1/2 do do 23 rd Sept 1845 do 5 th March 4 th 1847 Due	295
1. Note on Mathew Collins Levi Gains & Timothy Daniel Due the 31 st of July 1847 for 823 1/2	
1. Note on Wm. Dunsford Wm. Sill & Wm. H. Mays Due the 31 st of July 1847 for 671	
1. Note on Wm. Dykes Mathew Collins & Levi Gains Due the 31 st of July 1847 for 300	
1. Note on Paul Ince J. M. Ince & Wm. H. Mays Due the 31 st of July 1847 for 79.00 do 31 st July 31 1847 do 5 th June 1847 Balance Due	