

State of Alabama & I Matthew C. Houston Clerk of the County Court of said Morgan County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of the last Will and Testament of Robert J. Lawsans died as appears of Record in this office in Deed Book D folio 93 & 94. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal of office at office in Somersville this 8 day of October 1838 and of them can subscribe as
 (Seal) The 8th day of October 1838
 M. C. Houston Clk.

State of Alabama & I Green P. Rice Judge of the County Court of Morgan County do hereby certify that M. C. Houston whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was on the day of the date thereof Clerk of said Court and that his said Certificate and attestation are in due form of Law Given under my hand this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.
 Green P. Rice.

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 Franklin County & I there the foregoing copy of the Will of Robert J. Lawsans together with the certificate thereon were produced in open Court and the Court being satisfied given said Certificate that the same is a true copy. It is therefore ordered by the Court to be recorded and was recorded in my office in the Will Book in pages 202 & 203. Witness the hand of H. Brazelton Clerk of our said Court at office the 6th day of November AD 1838
 Hiram H. Brazelton Clk.

I Jacob Rich of Franklin County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and free will hereby certify that I have made this Will and dispose of what ever it has pleased the Almighty to bestow on him I reserve this instrument of writing my last Will and Testament. I wish it is my Will that all of my just debts be paid which is not many. I give to my wife Roseann Rich five beds and furniture all of my household furniture all kitchen furniture all of my plantation utensils I give her my Wagon and one yoke of Oxen I give her my land and plantation. I give her two choice horses I give her my stock of cattle Hogs and sheep all of my negroes and their increase except my negro man George which is to be sold and the money arising from his sale to be applied here after directed. It is my wish and I will that my wife shall have a choice negro girl of those negroes except George to wait on her in her old age or during her widowhood or during her life time or remain a widow there as I have by deed conveyed my present wife five sons one daughter with James Rich Pastor

Rich Marshal of Rich Andrew Rich and Louisa who has married
 Ephraim of Derby it is my will all property that shall remain
 after paying some other legacies shall be equally divided
 between my six children that I have named above all by my
 present wife taken in consideration what they may receive
 at any time, my wife may think proper to give it, she is
 at liberty to do so, therefore I have twelve children by a former
 wife. It is my will each of these twelve children or his or
 my should be dead their lawful heirs should receive one hundred
 and twenty five dollars and where as some of the said children
 owe me money by note or account as it may be their
 notes or accounts shall be ruled with interest and taken
 from the hundred and twenty five dollars and the balance of
 any paid to the said Legacies that is the children I had by
 my first wife or their legal heirs. Where as my negro man
 George must be sold at twelve months Credit at public Auction
 and the money arising from his sale must go to pay this
 Legacy if he should not amount to enough I have it with
 my wife to pay out such property as shall be sufficient to pay
 them and what she can most convenient spare from her and
 the children all of the balance of my property shall be divided
 equally between my six children And at any time my wife
 thinks that she can spare any any of the property to any
 of these children she may do so by giving a good bill and
 as to as equal justice can be done all she is fairly under-
 stood that if my wife should die before Andrew Rich
 should come of age in that case it is my will all the
 property lands and other property shall be sold at twelve months
 credit and the money arising from these sales shall be
 divided equally between my six children above named
 taken into consideration every one of them may have received
 and if any of the above named six children should die before
 they come of age or not being married without a lawful
 heir in that case the property shall be equally divided
 among the five equally the balance of my stock of horses
 should be used to help to pay the above Legacies or if my
 wife should think proper or if I should own any valuable
 property in that case I have it with my wife what she
 may do with it provided provided it shall be applied to
 these Legacies which I have named after my death. If my wife
 and Executors should think it would be proper to see the place
 whereon I now live it is my will that they may do so and the
 accounts of money arising from the said sales shall be
 disposed of at my wife's pleasure provided that it should
 be paid either at home to pay the children which I have
 by her left to her choice which she may prefer. Where as
 my son Thomas Rich owes me the hire of a negro instead of his
 need one hundred and twenty five dollars he shall receive

Righteous in full of all fugitives. I have my friend George Shedd
 Wood Anderson and my son Abraham Rich. whenever he comes
 I give my lawful expectations. Divine under my hand and seal this
 4 July 1838
 Witness, Abraham Smith Sec.
 G. M. Drury
 Jacob Rich (Seal)

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George Shedd one of the Executors of the last will and testament of Jacob Rich decd.
 vs
 Joseph Rich & Amos Shorale

George Shedd one of the Executors of the last will and testament of Jacob Rich decd. came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men of said County to wit: 1 Dudley Johnson, 2 Charles Brownson 3 Amos Francis 4 John B. Housner 5 John France 6 James Bowdoin 7 John Anderson 8 Thomas Howard 9 James Keith 10 Daniel Thomas 11 Labor Jones 12 Charles Dornell. They tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their Oaths do say they found the issue in favor of the Hill that is to say: that it is the last will and testament of Jacob Rich decd as to his personal estate but not as to his real estate. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will for the personally decd be recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Franklin County and that the Clerk of this Court certify to the County Court this judgment together with the findings of the jury. And it is further considered by the Court by the Clerk that the plaintiff recover against the Defendant his costs by him allowed and such in this behalf expended for which Execution may issue &c. And on motion of Defendants by their attorneys and for reasons appearing to the satisfaction of the Court it is ordered that the attendance of Adam Raper and Robert H. Conner two of the plaintiff witnesses be not taxed in the bill of costs against the defendant.
 A Copy True
 H. B. Hugmer clk.

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This day again the last will and testament of Jacob Rich decd was produced in open Court the same having been tried in issue in the Circuit Court of Franklin County and established as to the personally mentioned in said will but not as to the land And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the Circuit Court Clerk's certificate that the same was ordered to be certified to this Court for record. Witnesses there are H. Brazleton Clerk of said Court at office the 10th of November 1838
 William H. Brazleton atty