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William Cannon all of my chattle property and crop now growing together with the grain now on hand, to use, divide or dispose of as they may deem proper by consent of parties.

Fourthly, I have given and do hereby bequeath to my daughter Matilda Byrnes all of the household and stock which she has in possession with the exception of one Black Heifer as her portion. fifthly, I have given and do hereby bequeath to my son George Cannon, one Bay mare, and other stock all of which he has in possession as his portion.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint George Cannon, my Executor, in witness whereof, I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1852. John Cannon (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names herto in the presence of the Testator. this 30th day of July 1852.

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I Samuel Maxwell being of sound mind but in a frail and critical condition of body do make and constitute this my last will and testament.

First I Command my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust whence it came. And my will is that all my just debts be paid and to make a fund to assist in doing this my Negroes are to be hired out as hereafter divided but ultimately to be freed. After payment of my debts as aforesaid, my will is that my beloved daughter Rebecca C. A. Kinnick shall have one third of all my estate real and personal and my will is that Wm. Henry Maxwell my son shall have the remaining two thirds of all my estate real and personal and mine. One third as trustee and in trust for the purposes herein after mentioned and one third in his own right. The said trust is for the following purposes that is to say whereas my beloved son Samuel C. Maxwell is married and has a family of my beloved Grand Children to rear and Educate. To do which he has not the means, and whereas it is my design that one third of my Estate shall be an end to that end. Now therefore the said Wm. Henry Maxwell shall take and hold the said one third above mentioned as in and to the following raising and Educating of my Grand Children

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and for this purpose he shall permit the said Samuel Maxwell to use and use the said one third either in specie or the proceeds thereof whenever either or both shall deem it advisable to convert same.

My will is that my Negroes be emancipated upon the following terms and Conditions; that is to say, Clarice is to be hired out by my Executor to some humane Master until she pays to said Executor the sum of two Hundred Dollars. Ferdinand her son is to be hired out in the like manner until he earns the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, and Lastly, to be hired out in like manner until he earns the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, which several sums of money is to be appropriated to pay my debts and the residue of my to be divided among my said three Children Rebecca, William, and William having two thirds but one in kind as aforesaid. And my will is that my faithful Slave Sophia or Sofy is to be freed unconditionally, and for the freedom of all said Slaves. My Executor shall petition the proper legal forum at the proper time.

I further give and bequeath to my beloved grandchildren Albert, Maria, Grayson, and Catharine Allen Children of Samuel the stock of Hogs, being about Sixteen and some Pigs and one Cow and Calf and two Calves to be used by their Father with their increase for their support.

My desire is that each of my Servants be emancipated as aforesaid help and assist each other as fast as each earns his money yet they shall pay no interest.

I May Matigine is excluded from a division as I think in one way or another since her marriage she has received her portion, and by beloved grandson Samuel Allen because he does not need it as my other Children.

Lastly I constitute my son William my Executor to carry out the promises of this will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of September 1852. Samuel Maxwell

In presence of
Wm. R. Davis
John Kinnick