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County aforesaid

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I will to my Daughter Mourtery Bowler. and her Heirs, my Dynah place, consisting of Sale of Land N° 441

442, 878, & 814. in 3d Dist and 2d Section of said State and County. for their own use and to be Traded

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Fourth

I appoint my worthy friend N. A. Perkins as my Executor. In witness whereof I the said James Knox.

This my will, have set my hand & Seal this 15th Day of November 1873. James Knox (LS)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named James Knox. as his Last Will and Testament in

presence of us. who at his request. in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

M. A. Heath

George McCraw

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State of Georgia. Before me came on 15th November 1873. at Chambers. for the purpose of proving the
Cherokee County Last Will and Testament of James Knox. the Witnesses to said Will to wit. George
McCraw. & William S. Kelly & M. A. Heath. and the Will having been before that time Brought before me for
Probate by N. A. Perkins the Executor. who has filed a petition for Probate of the same. the said Witnesses
depose that they saw said James Knox. sign and publish the same as his Last Will. on the Day and year therein
stated. as executed by him: that they witnessed the same at his request. in his presence and in presence of each
other. that the same was voluntarily executed by him. while he was of sound and disposing mind & memory

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 15th Nov 1873 M. A. Heath

W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary George McCraw

William S Kelly

Cherokee County Ordinary

December Term 1873

And now at a regular Term of said Court, the Executor named in the Will of James Knox coming and
praying the admission to record of said Will upon the Probate taken in vacation. Ordered that the said
Will be admitted to record as a James Knoxs Last Will and Testament. and that said Executor have Leave
to qualify on the same, and upon so doing, that Letters Testamentary issue to him W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

Recorded December 19th 1873

W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

Nathan Wheelers Last Will & Testament

State of Georgia. Cherokee County

In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these presents, That I. Nathan Wheeler of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind, and disposing memory, do hereby make constitute and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in words and figures as follows viz

Item 1st

It is my Will and desire that my remains, be buried in a decent and christian like manner

Item 2d

It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter to be named. proceed as soon as practicable after my death to pay off all my just debts, out of any money that may be in their hands belonging to my Estate, or to dispose of any personalty that may by them be considered of least use to my Estate, such sale if made, to be at private sale.

Item 3d

I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sally Mc. Wheeler, for and during her natural life, all my Land consisting of Eight Lots. for her own support, and the support and maintenance of my unmarried children to wit Nancy A. Sarah Ann C., Lucy Jane, Clemens S, James Frances, Manery A, Josiah A. & Nathan W. Wheeler

Item 4th

I will and bequeath to my Wife, Sally Mc. Wheeler all my personal property of every kind and description, for her own use and support, and for the support. maintenance and education of all my unmarried Children as above named

Item 5th

It is my will and desire that at the death of my Wife Sally Mc. Wheeler, all my property then belonging to my Estate, be sold by my Executor, and the proceeds of such sale, be equally divided amongst all my Children, or their representatives, each share and share alike, except that my son Henry Q. Wheeler, shall receive Two Hundred Dollars less than his equal share

Item 6th

It is my desire and wish that my Executors be at Liberty to give off, to each of my Children, above named, when they marry, or go to themselves, at least as much personal property, as has been given to my Daughter Margaret G. Sant, or to give off to all that are married, or may yet marry or become of age, an equal portion of any money belonging to my Estate, and manage my Estate without regular Administration Annual Returns are to be dispensed with

Item 7th

I hereby request and desire my Wife. Sally Mc. Wheeler and my Son in Law Joshua Mc Sant to act as my Executors. in the execution of this my Last Will and Testament this Oct ober 18th 1873

Nathan his + mark Wheeler (SS)

Signed. Sealed declared and published, as the Last Will and Testament of Nathan

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Cherokee Court Ordinary

January Term 1874

The Will of Nathan Wheeler, being produced in open Court for Probate. by the Executors named in said Will, who have filed their petition to prove the same, and the Witnesses to said Will, having subscribed the following affidavit, indorsed on said Will January Term 1874. of Cherokee Court of Ordinary, and being duly sworn, depose that they saw Nathan Wheeler, sign and publish the within. as his Last Will & Testament, while of sound and disposing mind! that they witnessed the same for him at his request. and in his presence. and of each other! and that the same was voluntarily executed by him on the day it purports to have been executed

S. J. Houston

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in Open Court
January Term 1874
W. R. D. Moss Ordinary

John N. Simpson

S. Crowley

Cherokee Court Ordinary

January Term 1874

Ordered that the Will be admitted to record, as satisfactorily proven in Common form, and that the Executors have leave to qualify, and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to them

W. R. D. Moss Ordinary

Recorded January 6th 1874

W. R. D. Moss Ordinary

Ivy Duncan's
Last Will & Testament

State of Georgia Cherokee County

In the name of God. Amen. I. Ivy Duncan of said State and County. being advanced somewhat in years, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must before a very long time depart this life. deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself. that I should make a disposition of property with which a kind providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling, all others by me heretofore made

First

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances in life, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Second

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors

hereinafter named and appointed

Thirdly

I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife, Martha Matilda, during Her natural Life. all that Tract or Parcel of Land Lying and being in the Third District of the Second Section of said County, known as follows, Eleven Hundred & Seventy One, Thirty Acres off of the West side of Lot Eleven Hundred & Thirty Four, and Thirty Acres off the West side of One Thousand and Ninety Nine- making in the aggregate- One Hundred Acres more or Less. I also give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife in the same manner all my farming and other tools such as she may desire to Keep & all my Stock of Hogs Cows & Sheep. also all the Household & Kitchen Furniture. that she may desire to Keep with the privilege of selling or otherwise disposing of such as she may desire. except the Land before mentioned

Fourthly

I desire and direct that before or after the decease of my Beloved Wife. that my younger children shall receive as much as the older have received, then after her estate therein is over, the Balance to be sold or otherwise disposed of so that each of my children or their legal representatives, shall receive an equal portion of my estate that remains

Fifthly

I Hereby Constitute and appoint my friend. William Wilson Executor of this my Last Will and Testament this June 15th 1872. Sny X Duncan his mark

Signed Sealed declared and published. By. Sny Duncan, as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who. subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. at. his special instance and request this June 15th 1872. S. W. Fleming

Wm W. W. Fleming

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Cherokee Court Ordinary

March. Term 1874

The Will of Sny. Duncan being produced in open Court for. Probate, by the. Executor who has filed his petition to prove the same. and two of the witnesses to said Will. Wm W. W. Fleming & Sephia Harbin. having subscribed the following affi. davit, indorsed on said Will. March Term 1874. of Cherokee Court Ordinary! Came into open. Court at this regular term of the Court. Wm W. W. Fleming & Sephia Harbin, and being duly sworn. depose that they saw Sny Duncan. sign and publish the within as his Last Will and Testament, while of sound and disposing mind! that they witnessed the same for him, at his request and the said Fleming signed said Will in presence of S. W. Fleming one of the Witnesses to said Will,, and the said Sephia Harbin signed said Will in presence of R R Greir another Witness to said Will, all of said Witnesses signing said Will in presence of Testator at his request. and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed

Wm W. W Fleming

Sworn to & Subscribed before me in Open Court March 3d 1874

Sephia Harbin

W. R. D. Moss Ordinary

Ordered that the Will be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in Common form, and that the Executor. William Wilson have Leave to qualify, and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to him. W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary.

Recorded. March 4th 1874
W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

John Qunn's
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God. Amen. I. John Qunn in the County of Cherokee, in the State of Georgia by occupation a Pitcher and Day Laborer, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be the name of God). do this the Sixth day of April. in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four, make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in the manner following

First

I desire to be decently and privately buried. in the Church Yard at Viela. Chapel without any funeral pomp. and with as little expense as possible

Second

I desire to give and bequeath $50.00 (Fifty Dollars) to St Peters Roman Catholic Church. situate in the City of Montgomery, Montgomery County State of Alabama, And Lastly as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal Estate. Goods & Chattels of what kind and nature soever, I do give and bequeath to my first friends James Reuben McKinney. and his Mother Malinda D. McKinney. both of the County of Cherokee and State of Georgia

I. do. hereby, constitute and appoint the aforementioned James Reuben McKinney of County of Cherokee, State of Georgia, sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. this the Sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four

John Qunn (L.S.)

The above Instrument consisting of One sheet now here subscribed by John Qunn the Testator in presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

William Anderson Wiley
Lawrence Jefferson Gregory
Marcus Harvey Viela

Cherokee Court Ordinary
May Term 1874

Before me came on the 4th day of May 1874. for the purpose of proving the Last Will and Testament of John Qunn, one of the Witnesses to said Will. viz: W. A. Wiley and the Will having been before that time brought before me for Probate, by the Executor

A. R. McWinney. who has filed a petition for Probate of the same, he the said Witness deposeth. That he saw said John Quarles sign and publish the same as his Last Will, on the day and Year then stated, as Executed by him: That he witnessed the same at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of the other two Witnesses to said Will. That the same was voluntarily executed by him. while he was of sound and disposing mind and memory

W. R. Wiley

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this 4th day of May 1874
W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

Cherokee Court Ordinary
May Term 1874

And now at a regular Term of said Court, the Executor named in the Will of John Quarles coming, and praying the admission to record of said Quarles Will; Ordered that said Will be admitted to record, as John Quarles Last Will and Testament, and that said Executor have Leave to qualify on the same; and upon so doing; that Letters Testamentary issue to him

W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

Recorded May 6th 1874
W. R. Q. Moss Ordinary

John Quarles
Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen.
I John Quarles of the County of Cherokee and State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength to do so, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made. And First of all I Commit my Soul to God who gave it, and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows: I bequeath to my beloved Wife, Rebecca Quarles, all my real and personal Estate so long as she shall live. And at her death, I desire that it may be equally divided among my lawful heirs. And I hereby appoint my wife, Rebecca C. Quarles, Executrix of this my Will. In witness whereof, I John Quarles, to this my Will, have set my hand and Seal this 18th day of January 1874. John his mark Quarles (seal)

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named John Quarles as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request in presence of each other, have subscribed

own names as witnesses hereto.

C. W[illegible]mark Wilson of the County of Cherokee

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Cherokee Court Ordinary

August Term 1874

The will of John Quarles being produced in open Court for probate by Rebecca C. Quarles, Executrix, who has filed her petition to prove the same, and two of the witnesses to said will, J. W. Wilson and Joseph Barron having subscribed the following affidavit indorsed on said Will

August Term, Cherokee Court Ordinary 1874

Came into open Court at this regular Term of the Court, J. W. Wilson and Joseph Barron, and being duly sworn, depose, that they saw John Quarles sign and publish the within as his last Will and Testament, while of sound and disposing mind; that they witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court August 3rd 1874
C. M. McClure Ordinary

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Joseph Barron

Ordered that the will be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in common form, and that the Executrix, Rebecca C. Quarles, have leave to qualify, and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to her.

C. M. McClure Ordinary

Recorded August 4th 1874
C M McClure Ordinary

John Howell's Last Will & Testament

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Cherokee County } I, John Howell of the State and County aforesaid, do make this my last will and Testament thereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me.

1st Item, I will all my just debts to be paid by my Executors out of any money or funds they may have on hand after my death.

2nd Item, I give and bequath unto my beloved wife, Belinda Howell, during her natural life or widowhood, lots of land № 291, to a Conditional line made between Sarah Hoskins and Jesse Taylor, and the north half of lot № 318, and 21½ acres of 319. And in case of her selling my minor heirs off with such property as near as can be arrived at, as the rest has had, also the north half of lot № 321, all in the fourth District and Second Section of Cherokee County.

3rd Item, I also give and bequath unto my beloved Wife, Belinda Howell, all ready money, notes and accounts, and horse, Stock, Cattle, hogs, and sheep, and farming tools, house hold and Kitchen furniture, and other articles too tedious to mention, what is left after paying my just debts and burial and funeral expenses, and the expense of executing this Will, to have all that is left to use Sell and dispose of as she sees fit.

4th Item, My Sons Joshua and Thomas and Larkin, and my daughters Martha and Belinda and Mary, to have nothing until my daughter Sarah gets a bedstead and cord and bed and furniture and a cow and two head of sheep and a Sow and pigs and wheel and cards and Kitchen furniture enough to make out with, or ten dollars in money, and my sons Jesse and Alford and Moses each one to have a medium size young work horse, and bed and furniture and Sow and pigs.

5th Item If my beloved wife fails to set my minor heirs off as I have directed, Sell the north half of lot № 321 at private or public Sale to set them off as they become of age, or let them have the land in place of the Stock. In case of the death of my beloved wife, or her marriage before my youngest Child become of age, my land what my minor heirs dont Cultivate, to be rented out and not Sold nor divided intill my youngest Child become of age, then divide the land or Sell it and divide the money.

6th Item, After all my just debts and burial and funeral expenses and all the above named Sums are paid and the expense of executing this will, what is left to be

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equally divided among my Children, & appoint my Son Joshua and Thomas my Executors this my last will and Testament, In case of their refusal, any of the rest of my Sons to execute this Will

Signed, Sealed, published and acknowledged by the Testator as his last Will and Testament, in our presence and we signed the same as witness at the request of the Testator, in his presence and in the presence of each other, interlined at three places before Signed nov. 7th 1874.

F. M. Williams
E. M. Bobo
John V. Price

John Howell (Seal)

Cherokee County Ga.

Before me came, on the 12th day of January 1875, at Chambers, for the purpose of proving the last will and Testament of John Howell, the witness to said Will, viz E. M. Bobo and John V Price, and the Will having been before brought before me for probate, by the executors Joshua Howell, and Thomas Howell, who have filed their petition for Probate of the same, they, the said Witness, depose that they saw said John Howell Sign and publish the same as his last Will, on the day and year therein stated as executed by him; that they witnessed the same, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other; that the same was voluntarily executed by him while he was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this January 12th 1875
E. M. McClure Ordinary

E. M. Bobo
John V Price

Cherokee Court Ordinary
February Term 1875

And now, at a regular Term of said Court, the Executors named in the Will of John Howell, coming and praying the admission to record of said Will, upon the probate taken in vacation, Ordered, that said Will be admitted to record as John Howell's last Will and Testament, and that said Executors have leave to qualify on the same, and upon so doing, that Letters Testamentary issue to them,

E. M. McClure Ordinary

We and each of us do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the true last Will of the within named John Howell deceased, so far as we know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of the State, So help us God

Sworn to and subscribed before me
February 2nd 1875 E. M. McClure Ordinary

Joshua Howell
Thomas Howell

Recorded February 4th 1875
E. M. McClure Ordinary

Amos Braselton's Will

State of Georgia
Cherokee County

In the name of God Amen
I Amos Braselton of said State and County, being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last will and testament.

First. I desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for Salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Secondly. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter named and appointed.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary E. Evans all my household and kitchen furniture and all my stock and other personal property as a remuneration to her (in part) for her care and attention to me in my last declining years in this life.

Fourthly. I desire and direct that the balance of my estate after paying my just debts and the expenses herein ~~after~~ provided for and the expenses necessary to carry this will into effect be equally divided among my legal heirs or to their legal representatives

Fifthly. I hereby appoint and Constitute my Son in law Wm H. H. Flemming Executor of this my last will and Testament and my executor is hereby authorized to make any sale of land or otherwise at private sale if he deems it the best for all parties Concerned to do So.

Amos Braselton (Seal)

Signed Sealed declared and Published by Amos Braselton as his last will and testament in the Presence of us the undersigned who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his Special request.

This August Tenth 1872.

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Came into open Court at this term of the Court, James P Evans and being duly Sworn, deposes that he saw Amos Brackton, Signe and publish the within, as his last will and testament, while of Sound and disposing mind; that he witnessed the same for him, at his request and in his presence, and of the other witness; and that the same was executed voluntarily by him, on the day it purports to have been executed.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court April Term 1875
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Jas. P. Evans

I do Solemnly Swear, that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named, Amos Brackton, deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the Same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels. So help me God.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, April Term 1875. in open Court
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Wm. H. H. Flemming

Recorded April 12th 1875
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Jesse Green's Last Will & Testament
N. J. Perkins Executor

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Cherokee County } I, Jesse Green of said State and County, being of advanced age, and of sound mind disposing mind and memory feel it to be my duty to my family to make a disposition by will of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me

Item 1st. I desire all my just debts to be paid with as little dely as possible

Item 2nd. To my beloved wife Louisa Green, I will and bequeath all my property both real and personal of every discription whatever including lands Stock household and Kitchen furniture tools notes accounts choses in action and every kind of property which I may own at the time of my death, until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years old, to be held and used by her till that time for the support of herself and minor children. And when my youngest child arrives at the age of Twenty one years, I desire my property all sold and the proceeds thereof divided equally among my children both of my first and second marriage and if any of my Children who are now dead, or shall be dead at the time of my death shall leave children living at the time of my death I desire such child or children to represent such deceased parent and take such part or share as their deceased parent would have taken if he or she had been in life at the time of my death. But before this distribution shall be made I give and bequeath to my two boys or Sons by my present or last wife the Sum of two hundred dollars each, which I regard a Sum equal to what I have heretofore given to my older sons; each of the older ones having had a horse bridle and Saddle and fifty dollars in money, and I wish this Sum to be paid to each of my said youngerSons as each arrives at the age of twenty one years old.

And before such general distribution I desire my daughter by my last Marriage, or daughters who are now minors, to have out of my estate the Sum of ninety dollars each to make them equal to the amount my older daughters have received in stock and money. And I also desire my daughter Elizabeth Payne to have the Sum of fifty dollars in money before such general distribution

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as she lacks that amount of being as far advanced as my older daughters. In addition to the ninety dollars given to my daughters by my last wife, I desire my wife or if she should be dead, then my Executor to give to each of said younger daughters upon their marriage if they should marry after my death such amount of household furniture as my older daughters have already received from me. My oldest daughter by my last wife to wit Evaline, who is now married has had her part of furniture but I want her to have fifty dollars in money and the worth of a good Side or Ladies Saddle to make her equal to the daughters by my first wife who have been advanced as aforesaid.

After my said Younger children shall have received the amounts above Stated so as to make them equal with the older ones then I desire the general distribution to take place, and wish them all made equal in said distribution, but in this distribution I give to my wife a Child's part, or she may take her dower in lieu thereof, as she would be entitled to under the Statute of distribution if I had made no will.

Item 3rd. I hereby appoint my friend Newton J. Perkins now of said County, my Executor to execute this my last will and Testament

Signed Sealed and published as my last will and Testament in the presence of the Subscribing witnesses, this 28 day of October 1873.

Jesse Green (Seal)

We the undersigned Subscribing witnesses do hereby Certify that we Saw Jesse Green the testater and maker of the foregoing will Sign Seal and publish the Same as his last will and testament and that we Signed the same as witnesses at his request in his presence and the presence of eachother this 28th day of October 1873.

James Price
John B Stephens
Malcom McDonald

I do Solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Jesse Green, deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels- so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of June 1875

C. M. McClure Ordinary } N. J. Perkins

Recorded June 10th 1875. C. M. McClure Ordinary

Joel Haley's last Will and Testament
Joel T. Haley Executor

Georgia Cherokee County
September 3rd 1874.
In the name of God Amen
I, Joel Haley being weak of body but of sound mind Knowing that all men must die, wishing to settle all my worldly busines, do make this my last Will and Testament

In the first place I give my beloved wife Frances Haley my Plantation or its effects known as the Ramsey place

I also give her one hundred and eighteen dollars owing me by James F. and Joel T. Haley out of the amount that my Brother James Haley owed me when we purchased his Land. Also my Mule and Buggy and all my household furniture during her life time

2nd I give my Son William A. Haley Eight-Hundred Dollars

3rd I give my Daughter Harriet C. Daniel, Eight-Hundred Dollars entirely free from her husband, James W. Daniel for him to have no manner of control with it in no shape whatever I leave it in the hands of James F. and Joel T. Haley to manage for her and to distribute it to her as she has need to live on after her death to her Six youngest Children.

4th I give my Daughter Frances C. Nash and her children, Eight-Hundred Dollars

5th I give my Daughter Mary R Yancy and her Children Eight-Hundred Dollars

6th I give my Daughter Margaret A Keister and her children Eight-Hundred Dollars

7th I give my Daughter Sarah A Worley and children, Eight-Hundred Dollars

8th I give my two Grand Children each Eight-Hundred Dollars and a Colt-filly, Milton P. Haley and Nannie C Haley. Those gifts I give to make them equal with James F. and Joel T. Haley in the Land of James Haley my Brother

Now after the death of my wife Frances Haley, I want an equal division among my eight-Children, Milton P. and Nannie C. Haley, Harriet C. Daniel's part in the hands of James F. and Joel T. Haley as above named. My estate to pay each one when disposed of

Now in the last place when Joel T. Haley pays me One Thousand Dollars one half of the Mill properly belongs to him.

The money owing me if collected I give my wife Frances Haley, I want my business settled and transacted

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as discarted with good feelings with my Childrens, Pay good regards all of you to your Mother, treat her with Kindness
Lastly I appoint my wife Frances Haley, James T. and Joel T Haley Executors to this my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand and seal
Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of these witnesses the day and date first written
For Lack of room I close on this side, for those that I have named after my decease to each be allowed Four percent on the amount I leave them
In witness whereof I hereunto Set my hand and seal.
Signed and acknowledged This 3rd day of September 1874
in presence of these witnesses
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M. G. McClendon
R B Keisler

Joel Haley (Seal)

Cherokee Court of Ordinary
June Term 1875

Came into open Court at this regular Term of the Court, M. G. McClendon who being duly Sworn deposes that he saw Joel Haley sign and publish the within as his last will and testament, while of Sound and disposing mind, and that he witnessed the same for him, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed
Sworn to and Subscribed in open before me June Term 1875
C. Mc. McClure Ordinary

M. G. McClendon

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the last will of the within named Joel Haley deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend and the law charge me, so help me God,
Sworn to and subscribed before me
June 7th 1875.
C. Mc. McClure
Ordinary

Joel T. Haley

Recorded June 10th 1875
C Mc McClure Ordinary

Hugh G Rusk's last Willand Testament

James E Rusk and William H Rusk Exrs

State of Georgia } In the name of God, Amen
Cherokee County } I Hugh G Rusk of Said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with which a Kind Providence has blessed me do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me,

1st Item: I devise and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner, Suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My Soul, I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for eternal Salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed, and I humbly trust, enjoyed for Seventeen years.

2nd Item- I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed in their rights.

3rd Item- I give bequeath and devise to my sons William Henry Rusk, Dempsey Perkenson Rusk, and James Edward Rusk, and my daughters Emilie, Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Jane Rusk, Lots of lands consisting of Lots of Lands Numbers Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine (899) Nine Hundred (900) Nine Hundred and two (902) Nine Hundred and Seventy (970) Nine Hundred and Seventy five (973) and Nine Hundred and Seventy Six, (976) Lying and being in the Fifteenth Dist. and Second Section Cherokee County, containing forty acres each more or less with all the rights members and privileges to said lot of land in anywise appertaining or belonging forever in fee Simple, and I further direct that all the proceeds of all the above named Lots either by rents Sale or otherwise be equally divided between the above named heirs as I have already deeded unto David and Hugh Rusk, my Sons their distributive share of my landed estate

4th Item, I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Brother, James E Rusk and my Son William H. Rusk executors of this my last will and testament, this December 18th 1874 Hugh G Rusk (L. S.)

Signed Sealed declared and published by Hugh G Rusk, as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his Special instant and request Dec 18th 1874

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We do Solemnly Swear that this writing Contains the true last will of the within named Hugh G Rusk Deceased, So far as we Know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the Same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies Contained in Said will, as far as his goods and chattles will thereto extend, and the Law Charge me; and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all Such goods and Chattels So help us God

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 2nd day of August 1873

C. M. McClure Ordinary

James E Rusk
William H Rusk

Recorded August 30th 1873
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Aquillia Shockley's Will
Thomas B Shockley Executor

State of Georgia, Cherokee County.
In the name of God Amen
I, Aquillia Shockley of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory; knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as respects my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a Kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made

First — I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner. My Soul, I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Salvation through the merits and Atonement of the Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Secondly. — I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by my executors hereinafter named and appointed.

Thirdly — I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Milicent, for and during her natural life only, every article of property that I now posess or may hereafter possess - including stock of all kinds and farming utensils. And all my household and Kitchen furniture

Fourthly — The residue of my property wheresoever and whatever it may be including that given to my wife Milicent, in the third article of this will for and during her natural life, (after her estate herein is over) I give bequeath and devise to my daughter, Milicent in fee simple and forever.

Fifthly — I hereby Constitute and appoint my Son Thomas B Shockley Executor of this my last Will and testament

This September 4th 1874 — Aquillia Shockley (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by Aquillia Shockley, as his last will

and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his Special instance and request, and in the presence of each other. This September 1874 T. Turk

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Cherokee Court of Ordinary

September Term 1873—

Came into open Court, at this regular term of the Court, R. F. Daniel, and being duly sworn, deposes that he saw Aquillia Shockley Sign and publish the within, as his last will and testament, while of sound and disposing mind; that he witnessed the same for him, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness; and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed.

R. F. Daniel

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court,
September Term 1873— C. M. McClure Ordinary

I do Solemnly Swear, that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Aquillia Shockley deceased so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattles, so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
September Term 1873. T. B. Shockley
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Recorded September 8th 1873—
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Samuel Johnson's Will
Wm. J. Johnson & J. H. Grover Executors

State of Georgia Cherokee County
In the name of God Amen.
I Samuel Johnson of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me I therefor make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.
Item first. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal Salvation through the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for forty four years.
Item Second. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereinafter named as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed of their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.
Item Third. I will and devise to my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth, with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for eight and one half years, lots of land Nos. eleven hundred and one, thirty acres of eleven hundred and thirty three, thirty five acres of eleven hundred and thirty four, thirty acres of eleven hundred and seventy one, all of lot eleven hundred and seventy two. twenty acres of eleven hundred and seventy three, all of lots twelve hundred and six and twelve hundred forty three, and twelve hundred and forty four, all of said lots lying and being in the 15th district and second section of the County aforesaid, during her widowhood or natural life, the rents or income of said land to be used for the support and benefit of my wife and children. Provided that my wife shall have the right with the consent of my executors hereinafter named to sell the land at public or private sale if in their judgment the proceeds of said sale can be used to better advantage for my wife and children.
Item fourth. I give and bequeath to my wife the rest of my property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be during her widowhood or natural life, provided that she shall have the right with the consent of my executors hereinafter named to sell any portion or all of said property at public or private sale if in their judgment the proceeds of said sale can be used to better advantage for my wife and children.
Item fifth. I desire and will that if my wife Mary Elizabeth, should marry that all my property be sold at public sale and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided between my wife Mary E. and living children, to wit. William M. Fannie L. Mary O. and Samuel A Johnson.
Item Sixth. I desire and will that if my wife Mary Elizabeth should marry that the property bequeathed to her by me shall be equally divided

between my then living Children at her death
Item Seventh— I desire and will that if my wife Mary C. should die
during her widowhood that all my property should be sold at a
proper time by my executors and the proceeds equally divided
between my then living Children
Item eighth— I constitute and appoint my worthy friends, William J.
Johnson, and Jacob N. Grover executors to this my last will and
testament, this June 18th 1873. Samuel his × Johnson L. S.
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Signed sealed declared and published by Samuel Johnson, as his
last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers, who
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and of
each other, this June 18th 1873.

J. N. Edwards
F. M. Foster
J. P. Evans
O. L. Groover

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will
of the within named Samuel Johnson, deceased, so far as we know or
believe; and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first
the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as
his goods and chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me;
and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such
goods and chattels— So help us God. W. J. Johnson
Sworn to and subscribed before me J. N. Grover
this Dec. 6th 1873.
C. M. McClure
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C. M. McClure Ordinary

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State of Georgia Cherokee County.
In the name of God Amen
I Anderson D Smith, knowing that it is appointed unto man to die deem it right and proper to make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others made by me

Item 1st— I desire and direct that my Body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner at the Cemetery or burying ground at Boling-Spring Church, and Whereas I have ever been a firm adherent and zealous advocate of Republican Government, Hence a firm and unflinching friend of the Government of the United States of America.
I therefore desire and direct that my Body be Shrouded (if practable) in the Banner or colors of the United States, and my soul I trust Shall return to God who gave it as I hope for Salvation through the merits our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Item 2nd. I will and devise to my beloved wife, Permelia for and during her natural life the premises wherein I now reside with all my Stock of Horses, cattle, hogs, Sheep &c and in short all my effects whatever and wherever found and at the death of my said wife Permelia, my effects to be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, named and equally divided between my sons James M Smith, Rollins Smith my Son in law N. J. Pool and Ceafus Brannon, William Wheeler and the children of my daughter Jane Westbrook to wit Monroe, Reuben and Joseph Westbrook the three orphan children of my deceased daughter Jane to get a childs part and also the orphan children of my deceased Son William J Smith, to wit: Ann, John, Sarah and Nancy Smith, the four children, to have a childs part.

Item 3rd. I constitute and appoint my Son in law N. J. Pool and my Son in law Ceafus Brannon, Executors of this my last will and Testament, Nov 30th 1866.

A. D. Smith [L.S.]

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared as the last will and Testament of Anderson D Smith who signed the same in presence of said Testator and of each other, this 30th of November Eighteen hundred and Sixty Six.

J. R. Day
John T Hughes
William J Christian

Cherokee Court of Ordinary
December Term 1873—

Came into open Court, at this term of the Court, J. R. Day, John T Hughes, and William J Christian, who being duly Sworn, depose that they Saw Anderson D Smith Sign and publish the within, as his last will and testament, while of Sound and disposing mind, that they witnessed the same for him, at his request and in his presence, and of each other; and that the same was executed

voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, in open Court, December term 1875—
C. M. M'Clure
Ordinary

John R. Day
John F. Hughes
William J. Christian

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Anderson D. Smith, deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me, and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, so help me God.
Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court-December 6th 1875—
C M M'Clure, Ordinary } J. C. Brannon

Recorded December 6th 1875—
C. M. M'Clure Ordinary

John P Rhyne Will
J. C. & H. B. Rhyne Exrs

State of Georgia Cherokee County
this February 1875.
In presence of these witnesses
I John P Rhyne make this my last will and Testament,
Being of sound mind but much diseased in body, make
this my last will and Testament.
1st I Bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body
to its mother Earth
2nd—I give all my worldly effects to my beloved wife for
her own natural lifetime, to have and to hold for her own
use after the payment of all my just debts and after her
death I wish all my effects sold and equally divided among
all my Children, equally without any distinction whatever
3rd—I appoint my three sons James A. & H. B. & J. C. B Rhyne
my executors to carry out this my last will and Testament.
In presence of
Joseph Heard
W. A. A. Harbin
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John P. Rhyne

Cherokee Court of Ordinary
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voluntarily by him on the 30th day of February 1873. while of Sound and
disposing mind

Joseph Heard
W. A. A. Harbin

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court January Term 1876,
C. M. McClure Ordinary

We do solemnly Swear that this writing contains the true last will of the
within named John P Rhyne deceased so far as we know or believe;
and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts
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Chattels will thereto extend, and the law charge me; and that we will
make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels
So help us God.

J. C. Rhyne
H. B. Rhyne

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in
open Court January Term 1876
C. M. McClure ordinary.

Recorded January 8th 1876
C M McClure Ordinary

James Steele's Will
C. S. & R. H. Steele Exrs

Cherokee County State of Georgia
In the name of God Amen.
I James Steele of the State and County aforesaid
knowing I must shortly depart this life make this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.
Item 1st As regards my boddy I wish it placed in a metallic Coffin
and buried at the Sixes burying ground by the side of my sister Mrs.
Crichhans; and a suitable Monument placed over my grave, and
the first money made out of my estate to pay the expenses of my
burial and Monument.
Item 2nd I direct all my debts be punctually paid as soon as possible
which are but very few and small
Item 3rd. To my beloved wife S. C. Steele I give and bequeath or so
long as she lives or remains a widow a certain portion of land
I am living on containing several lots or parcels of lots within the
following boundary. Beginning at the mouth of a large dileh
which empties into Little River a short distance before the junction
with Etowah running up said dileh to a x fence thence down
the fence to the spring branch dileh to a gum sapling marked
with a x it being on the North side of dileh, thence up said
dileh to where a plank fence joins the dileh, thence up to a
tree in a straight line the tree being near the Road that leads
out to the Bridge to which a gate is hung the top of tree is
cut off thence up the Road towards Canton following on
the old road after coming to the big Road coming from
Lovingood's mill to where it strikes the main Road again
going to Canton a large redoak & there have marked as a
Corner, thence up the Canton Road to Hoods old field,
thence in a North direction to the corner of Gov. Browns
land thence Westerly on Gov. Brown's land or line as Col.
Joseph Grisham divided it. Thence down the Etowah River
to the junction of Little River thence up to the dileh to the beginning.
Also all my household and Kitchen furniture Bacon and
so forth to do her one year, my buggy and Harness. The above is
in lieu of her whole dower and to be turned over at her death
or marriage to her son R. H. Steele
Item 4th To my son William I will and bequeath the free use of and
enjoyment for twenty one years of part of my lands included
in the following boundaries. It being parts of several lots in
the 21st District & Section bounded on the North and East
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Item 5th To my son Charles I bequeath the use of all my lands on the East side of Little River purchased of the Executors of Col Jos. Graham also all the old original lands belonging to the Graham Estate on the West side of Little River, except ten acres adjoining the Williamston lands it being the West end of lot 338, three hundy Eight, which I have added to the Williamston lands now sold to a gent by the name of J. H. Richardson In lieu of that ten acres, he is to have ten acres off the Eastern portion of lot Four Hundred. I bequeath him all that has not been as mentioned for Mrs. Steele and William Steele in the Graham lands The titles to remain in my Executors hands or Trustees as the Court may direct or appoint in case the Executors wish to wind up the Estate which they may wish to do sooner than twenty years, at the end of twenty years from my death the title to said lands to invested absolutely in my son Charles. In the meantime he is to pay the taxes on the land, and have the free use of the premises in case of his death his legal heirs to have the same rights vested in them as given him.

Item 6th To my Son R. H. Steele the use after his Mothers death or marriage of all the land bequeathed her excepting one half of the Bridge and the half of the Small fixed at Bridge and houses which I bequeath to Son Williams. He is to help keep up the premises and is to have one half clear money the Bridge may make. The titles to be as made to his Brothers Williams and Charles, at the expiration of twenty years. Charles and his family to pass free as long as it is a Bridge belonging to them. At the decease of his Mother all the Household and Kitchen furniture, Pianos, Money, Stocks &c

without an heir, then the place allotted to him then the
place sold and divided equally amongst his Brothers and
Sisters. In case he marries and has Children or a child
living then the land goes to his wife and Children in case a
wife and no children the land and other property to be
sold his wife to get one half and his Brothers and Sisters
the other half.
Item 7th To my daughter E.L. Hillhouse I bequeath to her
and Husband J.B. Hillhouse during their lives all that
part or parcel of land purchased by me of Lawson Freels of
Gordon County containing one hundred and Seventy Eight
acres to remain as a Home for their children in case of
their death until their ninth child, Walter L. Hillhouse
is twenty one or in case he dies, would have been twenty one
Then, should his Father and Mother both be dead, the farm
to be sold and proceeds to be divided share and share
alike with all my Grand Children that may be alive at
the day of Walter L. Hillhouses 21st birth day or may be
alive at the death of Mr or Mrs. Hillhouse should they
survive their Sons twenty first birth day.
Item 8th To my son Robert I bequeath him one hundred
dollars as I have given him heretofore a better portion than to
the rest of his Brothers and Sisters.
Item 9th I direct that my debts be speedily collected and
that Executors in their discretion sell and dispose of all my
property both real and personal that is not otherwise
disposed of in this will, and the proceeds to be as follows:
William Steele 300 three hundred dollars, the balance to be
Shared equitably between Martha Ann Hillhouse, James
Thomas Steele, Charles S. Steele, and Henry Steele.
In case any one of the above dies, then to go to their heirs.
Item 10th I hereby appoint my Sons Charles S. Steele and
Richard H Steele my Executors to carry out this my last
will and Testament. Signed Sealed and published in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses who saw the Testator
Sign in their presence and in the presence of each other
on this day March 8th 1875. James Steele (Seal)
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Proven in common form and admitted to record March Term 1876.
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Thomas Pittman's Will
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State of Georgia Cherokee County
In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Pittman of said County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory deem it right and proper that I should make a disposition of the property that a Kind Providence has blessed me with I do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other by me heretofore made
1st It is my will that the land that I now live on (to wit) lots No 337, 338, 393 in the 15th dist & 2nd Section of said County be my wifes during her natural life also all my horses and cattle of all kinds household and Kitchen furniture and plantation tools and Buggy and wagon and all the goods may be in my store at the time of my death, with all the cash and notes I may have on hand for the support of herself and children she has or may have by me. And it is my will that she dispose of the Stock as she thinks best for the support of her and children and at the death of my wife Lucy Ann Pittman it is my will that all the property that then remains to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between my wife Lucy Ann's children she has or may have by me, except Sally J Pharr, John D Pharr's wife she to have fifty dollars less than the rest, as I have given her land to that amount more than the others. The reason for my giving my property to my wife Lucy Ann Pittman and her children by me is, my children by my first wife have already had more than I can give the others.
And I hereby constitute my wife Lucy Ann Pittman Executrix of this my last will and testament This March 22nd 1873.

Signed and sealed in presence of
James R Brown
E B Holland
C M Pitman

Thomas Pittman (LS)

March Term 1876. of Cherokee Court of Ordinary;
Came into open Court, at this regular Term of the Court, E B Holland, and being duly Sworn deposes that he saw Thomas Pitman sign and publish the within, as his last will and Testament while of Sound and disposing mind and memory that he witnessed the same for him, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of the other witnesses; and that the same was executed voluntarily by him, on the day it purports to have been executed. E B Holland
Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court March Term 1876
C M McClure Ordinary

I do Solemnly Swear, that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Thomas Pitman deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying the debts, and then the legacies contained in said

will, as far as his goods and chattles will thereto extend, and the law charges me; and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and chattels so help me God.
Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court-March Term 1876.

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C M McClure
Ordinary

Recorded March 8th 1876
C M McClure Ordinary

Lewis Day's Will
J L Day and
E M Day Executors

Georgia
Cherokee County } In the name of God Amen,

St. Lewis day, of Said State and County, being of advanced age, deem it right and proper, but as respects myself and my family, that I should make a disposition of the Property with which a Kind Providence has blessed me, I therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, Suitable to my circumstances and condition

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by executors hereafter named without delay.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my beloved wife Nepla Day, with whom I have lived for number of years- all my estate, both real and personal, for her use, for and during her natural life. And upon the death of my said wife, I direct my executors hereinafter named to sell all of my estate both real and personal, either at public or private sale as they may deem best, and for the best interest of those entitled to the proceds of the Sale, and and divide the proceeds of Said Sale equally among my children except to Frances Hardeman, in place of paying her a share of my estate, I direct that Lewis Martin Chamb her Son shall recieve one share of my estate in lieu of her.

Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, James L Day and E. M. Day executors of this my last will and Testament.

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to make any inventory or appraisement of my effects neither are they required to make annual returns, nor to procure orders for leave to sell the estate real or personal, upon the death of my beloved wife, but may sell the same at public or private sale as they deem best. This the 4th day of October 1876

Lewis Day (Seal)

Signed Sealed, declared and published by Lewis Day, as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of said testator and of each other this 4th day of October 1876

John S Hughes
Jonathan L Pruitt
Jackson B Day

Cherokee Court of Ordinary
January Term 1877.

Came into open Court, at this term of the Court, John S Hughes Jonathan L Pruitt and Jackson B. Day, who being duly sworn depose that they saw Lewis Day sign and publish the within as his last will and testament, while of sound and disposing mind and memory, that they witnessed the same for him, at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other, and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court January Term 1877

C M McClure
Ordinary

John S Hughes
Johnathan L Pruitt
Jackson B Day

We do Solemnly swear that the within writing contains the last will of the within named Lewis Day, deceased, so far as we know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts, and then the legacies contained in said will, as far as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charges us, and that we will carry out the provisions of said will So help us God.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before me

January 1st 1877.

C M McClure Ordinary

J. L. Day
E. M. Day

Recorded January 8th 1877.
C. M. McClure Ordinary

Charles F. Lays. Will
" N.G Perkins
G.S. Doss
Executors

State of Georgia Cherokee County

In the name of God. Amen.
I Charles F. Lay of said State and County being of Sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to dispose of by will a part of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me: do make and publish this my Last. Will and Testament. Hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me

Item 1st

To my beloved wife Nancy V. Lay. I will and bequeath all of my half interest in the Plantation and Lands on which Mackey A. Keith now lives being the plantation on the Etowah River which I purchased of B.G. Lewis and described in a Deed from the said Lewis to me. and the one half of the same now owned by the said Keith and the other half owned by me. which I will to my said Wife for and during her natural life. And I will and bequeath the remainder of said lands after the death of my said wife to my nephew the said Mackey A. Keith for and during his natural life and at the death of the said Mackey A. Keith I will and desire that my part of said lands be equally devided between the children of the said Mackey A. Keith then living. and if he should have any child or children dead at the time of his death leaving any child or children living at the said Mackey A. Keiths death the child or children shall take the same part that said or their deceased parents would have taken if living. The intention being to will the said lands to my wife for life. with remainder to the said Mackey A. Keith for life and the remainder after the death of my said wife and the said Mackey A. Keith to the said Children of the said M. A. Keith in fee Simple

Item 2d

I hereby appoint Newton G. Perkins and George S. Doss my Executors to execute this my Last will and Testament Signed Sealed and published in the presence of the undersigned Subscribing witnesses as the Last will and Testament of the said Charles F. Lay and Signed in the presence of the Subscribing witnesses and the witnesses sign in the presence of the Testator and of each other

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Charles F. Lay Seal

Codicil to the Will
of Charles F. Lay

N. G. Perkins & G. S. Doss
Executors

State of Georgia Cherokee County
In the name of God Amen
I Charles F. Lay of said County being in
feeble health but of sound mind & memory and
knowing I am before making this present my made executed and
published my Last will and Testament by which said will I
willed and disposed of my part of the Plantation on the Etowah
River on which Zachary A. Keith now lives. And being desirous
of disposing of the balance of my property by will I hereby ratify
confirm and declare of full force the said will already made
by me disposing of said Plantation. Now I now make this as
an additional will or Codicil to the said will above referred to

Item 1st of this Codicil

To my beloved wife Nancy C. Lay I will and bequeath the
following described Lands to wit. beginning at the North west
Corner of Lot of Land Number Two Hundred and Sixteen 216
in the third District and second Section of said County on the
District line and run south along the District line between the said
third and fourteenth 14 Districts to a Large Branch known
as the Carters shoals branch being the Lower year the Colored
people's Church thence down said branch to the public
Road leading from Jasper to Canton thence along said public
Road leading as it passes to Canton to where the road leaves off from
said to Main Lands public Road to Jasper, Pauldings thence along
said Jaspers Road as the line of the said Jarvis Lands,
thence as it runs or passing over the Lands of the said Jarvis and
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Hundred and seventy three (273) on the East Side of the Etowah
River thence South East thence East to the Corner of one of the Lots known
as the Riggins place on which place I now live thence with lines of three lots
and East of the Riggins thence crossing round said Riggins
place so as to include any part of said Riggins place in the part
here Conveyed. And the Lands I have given my said wife is
all the Lands owned by me in said District North of the Etowah

of Said Line here described from Said branch below the Spring at the Colored Church round to the Riggins Place and Including Said Riggins Place. And also North East of Said Line Last described

Item 2d

I also give and bequeath to my Said Wife Nancy V. Eleven hundred dollars per Annum to be paid to her by my Executors on the Twenty fifth day of December next succeeding I die before that time. And if I Should not die before that time then to be paid to her at my death. I also will and bequeath to my Said Wife all the other property I may have or own at my death not otherwise disposed of either in this will or otherwise by me before my death except those Lands which I own and which I do not desire her to have, as the part here given my Wife includes my Dwelling house and all the Same buildings. I think it a liberal allowance for her as I desire it to be

Item 3d

All the Balance of my Lands not heretofore willed to my Said Wife in this will or Codicil described to Elizabeth or Rebecca A. Keith my Said Married Daughters and to the Said Marden A. Keith my Son in Law which I have disposed of in the Said above described of which this is a Codicil I will and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Marden A. Keith in Trust for my Brothers and Sisters which may be Living at my death and to the Children who may be Living at the time or any of my Said brothers and Sisters who now is or are or may at the time of my death be dead The Children of any one of my brothers or Sisters who now is or at the time of my death may be dead who Shall be living at my death to take the part their deceased parents would take if living And I give Said Lands to the Said Marden A. Keith in Trust as aforesaid with full power to keep and Control and manage the Same till Such time as he may See fit to Sell the Same or till his death the time of the Sale Shall be wholly in his discression. And he alone Shall be the Sole Judge of that matter and may keep it any length of time during his life that he See proper. And I give the Said Marden A. Keith full power to use the proceeds of Said Lands during the time he may keep them on hand either to improve Said Lands in any way he may think best or to purchase other Lands to be used for the Same purpose with any of the proceeds. And he Shall have power to give any of the proceeds of Said Lands to any Church or to any Seminary or Charitable purpose that he See proper or he

any of my relatives who may be in indigent or distressed circumstances. All of which he shall have power to do without his right or authority to do the same being called in question. He shall be the sole Judge of how or for what purpose he uses the rents or any part thereof for any of the purposes herein named. And I fully and desire that the said Thackery A Keith shall be amply paid for all his trouble and labor which he may perform or be at in managing and Controlling said Lands as aforesaid. And the said Thackery A Keith shall take his part as one of the Children of his Mother in said Lands. And at such time as the said Thackery A. shall see proper to Sell the said Lands if he should do so during his Life Time he may Sell the said Lands at Private or Public Sale as he thinks best and shall divide the proceeds of the said Sale among my Children and children of my Dear Children living at my death & those descended that is the children of a deceased Brother or sister to take the part their deceased parents would take if alive at the time of my death. And if the said Thackery A. should have any of the rents of said Lands here willed in this or any other manner for any of the purposes aforesaid & the said rents of said Lands he shall divide the same in the same manner and among the same parties as I have here directed that the proceeds of the sale should be divided. And if the said Thackery A. should not sell said Lands during his Life Time or at his death he is to refrain from selling it he here willed may sell said Lands & parcels out from and divide the proceeds as above directed and may also divide each part of the rents as above mentioned Thackery A may request counsel of the Nature of his duties & shall be allowed for such out of the Estate.

Item 4th

I do direct that before paying the Debts and Funeral costs that what ever Cash now on hand I desire my said Wife to have such part thereof as is part of or stored in the Lands here willed to her and the said Thackery A. as the part of the Lands willed to him in trust to be sold and sold for the same now as the future rents of said Lands. I also will to the said Thackery A the three Lots above referred to and also all the Bonds Promissory Notes and Accounts I may have on hand at my death not heretofore willed in this will to my said Wife. To be used and sold by him in trust in the same way and for the same purposes as the other property herein before willed to him

out of which I desire him first to pay my burial expences
without display or pomp
Wm. J. Ivy
I hereby appoint my friends Newton G. Parkes and George
S. Dodd my Executors to execute this my Last will and
Testament Signed Sealed & published by the Testator in our
presence as his Last Will and Testament. And we Signed
the Same in his presence as Witnesses & in the presence of
each other & Saw. Each sign the Same as his Last Will
This 8th November 1876
Charles L. Howell
L. A. Green
W. C. Akins
James R. Brown

Charles F. Lay [seal]

Will and Codicil Filed in Office Jan 29th 1877
C. W. Putnam Ordinary

February Term of Liberty Court of Ordinary
Came William Pool B. F. Turner and A. M. F. Hawkins into
open Court at this regular Term of said Court and being duly
Sworn depose that they Saw C. F. Lay Sign and publish this
within as a Codicil to his Last Will & Testament while of
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request and in the presence and hearing of each other and that the
Same was executed voluntarily & without fraud and that at the time
he was of the age of twenty one years and subscribed the said Court
February Term 1877
Odian W. Putnam
Ordinary

Wm. Pool
B. F. Turner
A. M. F. Hawkins

We do Solemnly swear that the foregoing writing contains the Last
Will and Testament of Charles F. Lay deceased so far as we
know or believe and that the said Testator executed the same by
signing first the deed and this the Codicil contained in the said
Will So far as his goods and Chattels and Testamentary and
for the Law Charges &c. And that we will Carry out the provisions
of Said Will so help us God. Sworn to and Subscribed before
me Febry 5th 1877
C. W. Putnam Ordinary

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February Term 1877 of Liberty Court of Ordinary
Came into Open Court at this regular Term of the Court Charles
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within as a Codicil to his Last Will & Testament while of

Sound and disposing mind that witnessed the Same for him at his request and in his presence and of each other and that the Same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been so executed. Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court February Term 1877

Charles L. Howell

Ordinary Pulaski County

L. J. Green

W. C. Akins

We do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the Last Will and Testament of the said W. F. Loy deceased so far as we know or believe and that we will truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the Legacies contained in said Will and Testament so far as his goods and Chattels will thereunto extend and the Law charge us and that we will carry the same into Execution and Testament to Help us God

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 5th day of February 1877

Chas. L. Howell Ordinary

J. J. Perkins

W. C. Akins

Pulaski Co. February 12th 1877

C. W. Howell Ordinary

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State of Georgia Laurens County

In the name of God Amen

I Catharine McMillan of the County and State aforesaid being weak and diseasing in body but of sound mind and memory calling God to remembrance do do this my last Will and Testament this twenty fifth day of February

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Husband James McMillan all my Estate both Real and personal during his natural life or widowhood I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Sarah I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Jack I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Isaac I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Mary I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Ann I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Lucy I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Jane I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Peter I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Girl Eliza I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Jim I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Ben I also give to my beloved Husband James McMillan my Negro Boy Jacob and at the decease of my beloved Husband James McMillan I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Mary E. Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever Also my Gold Watch and Chain and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Mary E. Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Nancy Ann Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Nancy Ann Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Sarah G. Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Sarah G. Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Martha Ann Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Martha Ann Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Elizabeth Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Elizabeth Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Caroline Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Caroline Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Sarah Ann Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Sarah Ann Lee I will and bequeath unto my Sister Mrs Martha Lee wife of Thomas Lee Esqr of Laurens County all my Estate both Real and personal Negroes Stock of every description whatsoever and at the decease of my Sister Mrs Martha

Executor hereinafter appointed at either Public or private Sale as in his Judgment may seem best. And whenever he may think it the most Advantageous time. I want the Will carried into effect with as little expense as possible

I hereby Constitute and Appoint my friend Joseph M. McAfee Executor to this my Last will and Testament desiring him to accept of the trust for the reason that I know he will do justice to all parties & I do not wish my household & Kitchen Furniture Sold but to be divided in kind Equally between my Sister Miss Sutton & Charles B. Hudson

In Witness whereof I the said Lafayette M. Watson have to this my Last will and Testament set my hand and Seal this the 15th day of June 1876

L. M. Watson {Seal}

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the above named Lafayette M. Watson as her Last Will and Testament in presence of us who at her request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

B. F. Brisler

J. W. Hudson

L. A. Harris

State of Georgia
Cherokee County

Cherokee Inferior Court of Ordinary March Term 1877

The Will of L. M. Watson being produced in open Court for probate by the Executor who has filed his petition & sworn the same and the Witnesses to said Will B. F. Brisler and J. W. Hudson having subscribed the following appended & indorsed on said Will. March Term 1877 of Cherokee Inferior Court of Ordinary. Came into open Court at the regular Term of the Court B. F. Brisler and J. W. Hudson and being duly sworn depose that they saw Lafayette M. Watson Sign and publish the within as her Last Will and Testament while of Sound and disposing mind that they witnessed the same for her at her request and in her presence and of each other and that the same was executed voluntarily by her on the day it purports to have been executed.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in Open Court March Term 1877
O. W. Putnam Ordinary

B. F. Brisler

J. W. Hudson

Cherokee Inferior Court of Ordinary March Term 1877

Ordered that the Will of L. M. Watson be admitted to record as satisfactorily proven in common form and that the Executor Joseph M. McAfee have leave to qualify and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to him.

O. W. Putnam Ordinary

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Cherokee Court of Ordinary Feb March Term 1877

Personally Appeared before me in open Court Joseph M. McAfee and on oath Says, I do Solumnly Swear that this writing Contains the true Last Will of the within named L.M. Watson deceased So far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the Same by paying first the debts then the Legacies contained in the Said Will as far as her goods and Chattels will thereunto extend, and the Law Charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and Chattels So help me God

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court March 5th 1877

J. M. McAfee

O. W. Patterson Ordinary

Recorded March 5th 1877

O. W. Patterson Ordinary

Levi Merritts Will

George M. Merritt Executor

State of Georgia Cherokee County

October 11th 1854

In the name of God, Amen

I, Levi Merritt of the State and County aforesaid being (tho a Low State of health in body, but of) Sound mind and memory, knowing that it is Appointed for all men to die do make ordain and Constitute this writing to be my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills that may have made.

Item 1st

I resign my body to the earth from whence it came, and my Soul to God who gave it, and request that at my death my remains Shall be interred in a Christian like manner and according to my Circumstances and that the debts of my last Sickness and funeral Expenses be first paid, after which my other debts if any, to be paid in order in which they may be presented.

Item 2

It is my desire that all my Land including the Farm Dwelling and all its Appurtenances of every discription thereunto belonging together with the farming Tools of every discription, Household and Kitchen Furniture to remain unsold and undisposed of as also the Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, or any other Stock that I may die possessed of to be and remain unsold for the Special benefit of my Wife Lilly F. M. Merritt and the Children for the use and maintenance of my Said Wife and Children

for the purpose of Schooling and maintaining the Children in a decent manner.

Item 3

It is my will and desire that my Wife give off to my Children as they Should come of lawful Age, or marry Such household and Kitchen Furniture and Stock as She can Spare and they are willing to receive having the Same valued at cash prices by three disinterested men of the neighborhood and they to receipt for the Same as an advancement of my estate, and to be accounted for on a final Settlement, and also those of my Children that I have advanced to and those that I may hereafter advance to, all to account for the advancement on a final Settlement

Item 4

If my wife Should die or it may happen from any cause that my Said wife Shall become unable to educate and maintain the Children it is my desire that my Executor Shall take the care of the business and carry out the full Spirit of this my last will in the Same manner that my Said wife would have done had She not been prevented by providencial Causes and Should it become necessary at any time after Said wife Shall parish to Support and educate the Children for my Executor to Sell the personal property and rents out the land and Apply the proceeds or a Sufficient part thereof to the Support and education of the Children until the youngest Child Shall arrive at lawful age.

Item 5

If my wife Shall live until my youngest Child Should come of age it is my will and desire that She Should have laid out to her Eighty acres of land of my estate in Said County and manner as She Shall direct as her part of my real estate after which time I desire that the balance of the real estate and all the personal property (unless it be equally divided as they may agree on) be Sold and after paying all expenses to divide the proceeds equally among my wife and Children and Grand Child my wife to have no part of the proceeds of the Sale of the Land having given off to her her part in land. to wit Lilly A. D. Merritt. George W. Merritt. Martha Ann Brown. Levi T. Merritt. Margaret Chamlee. Sarah Merritt. Emily L. Merritt. Serepta Merritt. Nancy Merritt. Margaret J. Merritt. James A. Merritt. and my Grand Son William P. Sampler. Son of my deceased daughter Frances L. Sampler, my Grand Son William P. Sampler to account on a final Settlement

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I hereby Constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Lilly A. M. Merritt Executrix and my Son George W. Merritt Executor of this my Last Will and Testament (this never Sold nor Live to be Equally divided as they may agree

Signed Sealed and acknowledged Levi Merritt {L S

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Ecley. Wiggins

William M. Brice

Henry. Collins M. G.

Filed in Office 19 day of January 1877

O. M. McClure ordinary

State of Georgia By O. M. Cleburne Ordinary of Said County.
Cherokee County } To J. M. Owens. Probate judge of Blount Co. Al

Greeting

Be it known that a Last will Testament of Levi Merritt deceased late of the C
and County aforesaid has been duly filed in this Office for probat
Executor Executor named in Said will, and William
Brice being one of the material witnesses to the execution of Said
and residing without Said Cherokee County Ga. and therefore can
and our Court of Ordinary in which Said will is to be Probe
Now know ye that reposing Confidence in you we authorize
to bring before you, William M. Brice and after duly Swearing
to examine him Concerning the execution of Said Will agreeab
the Interrogatories annexed, and the answers to the Same being
Solemnly and distinctly written you are to Send to me Seale
under your hand and Seal as Evidence in the probate of Sa
on the First Monday in July 1877. Together with this Writ
Witness my hand and Seal of Office this 24th day of February 18
O. M. Cleburne ordinary

State of Georgia } Interrogations
Cherokee County } In the matter of Probate of the Last will
Testament of Levi Merritt, Propounded
George W. Merritt Executor named in Said will in the Co
Ordinary in the County and State aforesaid

Interrogatories to be exhibited to William M. Bri
material witness for Propounder as to the execution and part
of the Last will and Testament of Levi Merritt deceased, an
Said Witness, resides within Cherokee County and State of Geor

1st Interrogatory. What is your age and place of residence.

2nd " " Were you acquainted with Levi Merritt in his Lifetime where and how long since.

3 " " Look at the instrument annexed purporting to be Levi Merritts last will and say if you was present at its execution where it was executed, what took place at the time of its execution, who were present, what was done and said and by whom.

4 " " Who was present at the time you witnessed said will.

5th " " What was done with regard to witnessing said instrument and by whom.

6 " " State if Colley Wiggins and Henry Collins whose names appear as witnesses with you to said instrument signed the same as witnesses, when and where and in who's presence.

7 " " What was the condition of Levi Merritt mind at the time when said will was executed.

8 " " State all you know as to the execution of said will by Levi Merritt whether executed freely or from Compulsion.

9 " " If you know any thing not yet disclosed with regard to the execution of said will State all fully.

O. W. Putnam Ordinary
Oberdee County Ga.

In the matter of the Probate of the last will of Levi Merritt deceased and By virtue of the Commission here to attached and which issued from the Court of Ordinary of Oberdee County Georgia in the foregoing stated matter and proceedings. And in which said Commission I am named as the Commissioner. I have caused the witness named in the Commission and who is known to me to come before me at Bluntsville Ala on the 18th day of June 1877. And after having been first Sworn by me did Testify and depose as follows to wit

William W. Brice. Says for answer to

1st Interrogatory. I will be 49 years old in Nov next. reside in Blount Co. Ala.

2nd " I was acquainted with Levi Merritt now deceased in his lifetime in the County of Oberdee in the State of Georgia for a period of ten years before my removal to Alabama. which was in Dec 1855

3rd " I was present when said instrument now shown and here attached and purporting to be the Last will of Levi Merritt now deceased was executed. It was executed at the residence of the said Merritt. I dont remember anything Specially

pertaining to said will having occurred on the day of its execution. There were present the family of deceased. Enoch, Johnnie, Colley Wiggins, Henry Collins and myself.

4 Interrogatory " Answered as Item 3rd.

5th " " I know of nothing particular that was done or said on the occasion by any body.

6 " " Colley Wiggins and Henry Collins signed the said instrument as witness in the presence of said Levi Merritt myself and of each other.

7 " " Levi Merritt was at the time of making said will of sound mind in my opinion.

8 " " So far as I was informed or believe the said Levi Merritt executed said will freely and willingly without any compulsion.

9 " " I lived a neighbor to the said Merritt at the time of the execution of said will, had frequent intercourse with him and excellent opportunities for judging of the condition of mind of the said Merritt and I can fully assured that he was of sound mind at the time of the execution of said will and that he executed the same voluntarily.

William W. Brice

I, J. W. Moore the Commissioner named in the commission hereto attached and acting under and by virtue of said commission which issued from the Court of Ordinary of Cherokee County Georgia in a certain proceeding pending in said Court entitled as is set forth in the Commissioners Certificate hereto annexed do certify that I caused William W. Brice to come before me at the time and place therein stated that the said witness was duly sworn by me that he testified as hereinbefore set down that the testimony of said witness was by me reduced to writing and that he subscribed his name to his own testimony in my presence after the same had been first read over to him by me that said depositions are by me enveloped together with all documents that have been deposed to by said witness. The whole to be sealed and directed by me to the Judge of said Court, with the title of the matter of proceedings thereon endorsed.

J. W. Moore Probate Judge of Blount Co. Ala. Commissioner

Cherokee Court of Ordinary July Term 1877

And now at a regular Term of said Court the executor named in the will of Levi Merritt coming and praying the admission to record of said Levi Merritts will upon the proof taken by Commission in Vacation by J. W. Moore Probate Judge of Blount

County in the State of Alabama. And said executor further Sheweth
to the Court that the next of kin of said Testate have all been
duly notified of said intention to apply at this Term of this Court for
the admission to record of said will. And no objections being
offered by them. Ordered. That said will be admitted to record as
Levi Merritts Last will and Testament. and that said Executor have
leave to qualify on the same and upon so doing that Letters
Testamentary issue to him. O.W. Pullman Ordinary.

State of Georgia } I. do Solemnly Swear that this writing contains
Cherokee County } the true Last will of the within named
Levi Merritt deceased so far as I know or
believe. And that I will well and truly execute the same by
paying first the debts and then the Legacies contained in the
said will as far as his goods and Chattels will thereunto extend
and the Law Charges me. And that I will make a true and
perfect Inventory of all said goods and Chattels which may
Come to and Subscribed
before me this 2d day of July 1877
O.W. Pullman Ordinary

Recorded July 6th 1877
O.W. Pullman Ordinary

Daniel W. Drummonds
Will
Susan E. Drummond
Executrix

State of Georgia Cherokee County
I. Daniel W. Drummond do hereby make
my last will and Testament in the presence
of those witnesses and I declare my wife
Susan E. Drummond my Executors of my
will. I will to my beloved wife and only Son David E. Drummond
all of my estate after paying all of my debts is paid, and funeral
expences is paid; and every thing to remain quiet as it is Will
David E. Drummond Come of age unless She they think best to
dispose of Some of my Stock then it is to be divided equally
between them to my Beloved wife and only Son
This given under my hand and Seal this the 21st of March 1874
I further appoint my beloved wife Susan E. Drummond. my Son David
E. Drummonds Guardian Tel he is Twenty One years of age. This
given under my hand and Seal. this 21st of March 1874

Test- D. Smith M.D. D.W. Drummond
Benj. Hill & W.J. Lowrey

Cherokee Court of Ordinary July Term 1877

The will of Daniel W. Drummond being propounded in open Court for Probate by the Executrix who has filed her petition to prove the same, and the witnesses to said will A. Smith Dr. D. Benjamin Hill and W.G. Lowry having subscribed the following Affidavit endorsed on said will July Term 1877 of Cherokee Court of Ordinary

Came into Open Court at this regular Term of the Court, Benjamin Hill A. Smith Dr. D and W.G. Lowry and being duly sworn deposeth that they saw Daniel W. Drummond sign and publish the within as his last will and testament while of sound and disposing mind, that they witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence and of each other, and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed

A. Smith M D

Benjamin Hill

W.G. Reeves

Sworn to and subscribed before me in Open Court July Term 1877

O. M. Cantrell, Ordinary

Cherokee County Ct Ordinary July Term 1877

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the testator named Daniel W. Drummond deceased so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as the assets and Chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charges me, and that I will pay and the provisions of said will so help me God. Sworn to and subscribed.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of July 1877 Sue E. Drummond Exor

O. M. Cantrell Ordinary

Recorded July 9th 1877

O. M. Cantrell Ordinary

Elijah Davis Will Thad L Smith Exor	State of Georgia Cherokee County Know all men by these presents that I Elijah Davis of this County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and testament do make and ordain this my last will and testament. First I do appoint and ordain Thad L Smith my lawful Executor to do and act for me at and after my death to draw the balance of my pension and disburse of my property. Second I want my body decently buried

Elijah Davis

ion a Christian manner. And then I give and bequeath to my
Son R. F. Davis and his heirs all of my Money property and
effects that I now have in my possession for his trouble in writing
on me until my death, I declare here.
Signed Sealed this 5th day of March 1877 in presence
of R. F. Davis
G. L. Johnson
O. L. Smith
Larkin Smith J. C.

State of Georgia } Cherokee County Court of Ordinary at Columbus June 12th 1877
Cherokee County } Before me Came on this 12th June 1877 at
Columbus for the purpose of proving the
Last will and Testament of Elijah Davis. one of the witnesses
to said will Larkin Smith. and the will having been before this
time brought before me for probate by the Executor Thos L Smith
who has filed a petition asking probate of said will. he the said
said witness deposes & this Came that he saw Elijah Davis Sign
and publish this Came as his last will on the day and year therein
stated as executed by him. that then he witnessed the same at his
request in his presence and in presence of each other. & the same
was voluntarily executed by him while he was of sound and
disposing mind and memory
Larkin Smith
Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 12th day of June 1877
O. H. Putnam Ordinary

State of Georgia } I do Solemnly Swear that this purporting to be
Cherokee County } the true Last will & the written named Elijah
Davis deceased. So far as I know or believe. and
that I will well and truly execute the same by paying first the
debts and then the Legacies contained in the said will as far
as his goods and Chattels will thereunto extend and the law
charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory
of all such goods and Chattels so help me God
Thos L Smith
Sworn to before me this 2nd day
of July 1877=
O. H. Putnam Ordinary
Recorded July 7th 1877
O. H. Putnam Ordinary

Thomas. Williams. his
Last Will & Testament

Rebecca. Williams Executrix

In the name of God. Amen

I Thomas. Williams of the County of Lohenkee and State of Georgia being of Sound and disposing mind and memory. And being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have Strength to do so do make and publish this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first. I give my Soul to God who gave it. And body to be buried in a Christian manner by the direction of my executrix hereinafter mentioned. And my worldly estate I dispose of as follows. I give to my beloved wife. Rebecca. Williams all my household and kitchen furniture and Stock of every kind. I also give unto my wife. Rebecca all my Money Notes and Accounts together with all the residues of my estate. all the above bequeathed to be disposed of at her pleasure And I appoint my wife Rebecca my Executrix to this my Last will and Testament. Signed under my hand and Seal this eighth of December A.D. One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Eight

Test. Jeffers Barton
Geo. P. Daniel.
Lovard. Barton

(Thomas Williams {Ls}

Lohenkee County Court of Ordinary August Term 1877

The will of Thomas Williams being produced in open Court for probate by the executrix who has filed her petition to prove the same and one of the witnesses to said will. Geo. P. Daniel having subscribed the following Affidavit endorsed on said will viz.

State of Georgia Lohenkee County

Personally came before me the regular Term of the Court Geo. P. Daniel and being duly sworn deposeth that he saw Thomas. Williams Sign and Seal the above and foregoing instrument of writing as his Last will and Testament while of Sound and disposing mind and he witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presence and in the presence of Jefferson Barton and Lovard Barton the other subscribing witnesses to the execution of said will and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day said forth to have been executed

G. P. Daniel.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court August Term 1877

O.W. Putnam Ordinary

Lohenkee County Court of Ordinary August Term 1877

Ordered that the will of Thomas Williams be admitted to record as Sanctioned by law forever on Common form and that the Executrix Rebecca Williams have Leave to qualify. And upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to her.

O.W. Putnam Ordinary

John P. Kinnett's
Last Will & Testament

Geo. F. Reinhardt
Executor

State of Georgia Cherokee County

Know all men by these presents that I John P. Kinnett of the County of Cherokee and State aforesaid being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy E. Kinnett all my personal and Real property during her natural life or widowhood on the death or marriage of my wife I will that my property be sold and that the proceeds be equally divided among my children who may then be living. I ordain and appoint Geo. F. Reinhardt as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal published this to be my Last Will and Testament in presence of the witnesses named below this 25 day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy four

Signed Sealed and published in presence
of W. Puckett
E. F. White
J. L. Dowda.

John P. Kinnett [L.S.]

Cherokee County Court of Ordinary September Term 1877

The will of John P. Kinnett being produced in open Court for Probate by the Executor who has filed his Petition to prove the same and One of the witnesses to said Will, Julius L. Dowda having subscribed the following Affidavit endorsed on said Will at the September Term 1877 of Cherokee Court of Ordinary. Came into open Court at this regular Term of the Court. Julius L. Dowda and being duly sworn deposeth that John P. Kinnett

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J. L. Duncan

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court September Term 1877

O. W. Putnam ordinary

Cherokee Court of Ordinary September Term 1877

Ordered that the will be admitted to Record as Satisfactorily proven in Common form and that the Executor George F. Reinhardt have leave to qualify and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to him

O. W. Putnam ordinary

State of Georgia
Cherokee County

I do Solemnly Swear that this writing contains the true and Last will of the within named John P. Kinnett deceased So far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the Same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in Said will as far as the goods and Chattels will Extend and the Law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all Such goods and Chattels. So help me God.

G. F. Reinhardt

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 3rd day of September 1877

O. W. Putnam ordinary

Recorded September 13th 1877

O. W. Putnam, ordinary

William A. Dowda's
Last Will & Testament

James O. Dowda, Exr

State of Georgia Cherokee County

In the name of God. Amen. I W. A. Dowda of Said State and County being of advanced age but of Sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must Shortly Subscribed these Lines do make this my last will & Testament

Family and myself that I Should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made

First

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and

and Christian like manner Suitable to my Circumstances and Condition in life. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it. as I hope for Salvation Through the merits and Atonement of the Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Secondly

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor herein after named and Appointed.

Thirdly

I give and Bequeath to my beloved Wife. Sarah Dr. for and during Her natural life or widowhood only, all my personal property except as herein after mentioned Together with all my Real Estate, Viz. Lot of Land Number Two hundred and forty Six in the Fourteenth District and Second Section of said County and State. Containing One hundred and Sixty Acres more or less. Base for the Support and Education of my minor Children, Viz. John Franklin, Sarah Elizabeth, Julia Nora Bell, and Octavia Palestine, Such use and Occupation to continue until my youngest Child, Viz. Octavia Palestine becomes of legal age to Base Guardian under the now existing Laws of Georgia then the happening of this Last Contingency, or either of the mentioned in the first part of this article. I direct that all my personal Estate real and personal be Sold as the Law directs by my Executor herein after named and Appointed. and by him divided equally, Sum and Sum alike among all the heirs of my body, Viz. Francis M. Smith, Jas O. William F. Jane Boatman Julius L. Laurette A. Page, Victory Smith. Together with the minor Children mentioned in this article. Share and Share alike making all my Children equal. Taking into the account what all those of age has already received so as to Equal the Whole Estate herein granted.

Fourthly

I desire that my Executor hereinafter named with as little delay as possible and for the purpose of paying all the necessary and unavoidable expenses and my just debts Sell the following property Viz, my Black Smith Tools and Fan and other Personal property until an amount is raised for the purpose aforesaid.

Fifthly

The property bequeathed my beloved wife in the Third article of this my last will and Testament is to be taken by her in full of the Interest of her whole right of Dower.

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Lastly

I hereby Constitute and Appoint Jas. O. Dowda my Son my Executor of this my Last will and Testament This July 24th 1877

W. A. Dowda {L.S.}

Signed Sealed declared and published by W. A. Dowda as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of Said Testator at his Especial instance and request and in the presence of each other. This July 24th 1877

Perry B Keeton

William H. H. White

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Cherokee Court of Ordinary September Term 1877

The Will of W A Dowda being produced in Open Court for probate for Probate by the Executor who has filed this petition to prove the Same and the witnesses to Said Will. Perry B Keeton. William H. H. White and Dice Dr. White having Subscribed their names to Said Will.

Came into Court at this regular Term of the Court. William H. H. White and being duly Sworn deposeth and Says that he Saw William A Dowda Sign and publish the within as his Last will and Testament and that he Signed said Testament in the presence of Said Testator at his Especial instance and request and in his presence and of each other and that the Same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been Executed

W. H. H. White

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 3rd day of September 1877

O. W. Putnam, Ordinary

Cherokee Court of Ordinary September Term 1877

Ordered that the will of W A Dowda be admitted to Record as Said Executor to prove in Common form and that the Executor James O. Dowda have leave to qualify and upon so doing that Letters Testamentary issue to him

O. W. Putnam Ordinary

State of Georgia
Cherokee County

Cherokee Court of Ordinary September Term 1877

I do Solemnly Swear that this writing Contains the true Last will and Testament of the within named William A. Dowda Deceased So far as I know or believe and that I will well and Truly execute the Same by paying the debts and then the legacies Contained in the Said Will

as far as his goods and Chattels will Reasonable extend and the Law Charges pre and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all Such goods and Chattels So help me God.

Jas. O. Dowdee

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this September the 3rd 1877

O. W. Putnam. Ordinary

Recorded September 13th 1877

O.W. Putnam, Ordinary

Samuel T. Houston's Last Will & Testament

Margaret A. Houston Executrix

State of Georgia Cherokee County

In the name of God. Amen

Know all men by these presents that I. Samuel T. Houston of the County and State aforesaid. being of Sound and disposing mind and memory. do hereby make Constitute and ordain this my Last will and Testament in word and figures as follows

Item 1st

It is my will and desire that my mortal remains be buried in a decent and Christian like manner. and Such Monument as my Wife or Daughter may Select the Same to be Consistant with my Condition in life be erected over my. Grave.

Item 2d

It is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter to be named proceed as Soon as practicable after my death to pay off all on just debts out of the proceeds of the Sale privately of any personal property belonging to my estate which can be best Spared. and if least like to my heirs

Item 3d

I. will and bequeath to my Wife Margaret A. Houston for and during her natural Life all the Land I now own West of Mill Creek. called the Home place except the North West half of Lot Number Two hundred and Ninety (290) and a fractional Portion of Lot Number Two hundred and Eighty Seven. Lying South of the Bates Branch adjoining the Lands of Jesse Bates Estate and the above mentioned Lot 290. This bequeath is Isabellasely on Lieu of Dower.

Item 4th

I. will and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Jane McConnell all my Lands Lying East of Mill Creek to wit Lots 288-294 and 284. also all of Lots Two hundred and ninety. and Two hundred

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