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State of Georgia Wilkes County of Ordinance at Chambers. Sep 13/69.  
Wilkes County } Personally appeared J. J. Robertson one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of Mrs Jane Sangster first  
who being duly sworn deposed and said that he saw the Testator  
Sign & seal the within instrument which she acknowledged as being  
her last will & testament, and at the time of her so doing she  
was of sound disposing mind & memory, that he signed it as a  
Witness in her presence & at her instance & request, & that A. Robertson  
& M. P. Robertson signed the same as Witnesses at her like  
instance & request in her presence & in presence of each  
other.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me.  
this Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

J. J. Robertson

Recorded Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1869.

In the name of God Amen,

I Sophia A. Arnett, being of  
Sound Mind & memory do make this my last Will  
hereby revoking all others -

- Item 1<sup>st</sup> After my death I wish my body to be buried in a  
Christian-like manner -
- Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I wish my Executors who shall be hereafter named to pay  
all of my just debts,
- Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I wish and bequeath to my two Youngest daughters Virginia  
17, and Mary E. Arnett all of my household furniture,
- Item 4<sup>th</sup> I desire the residue of my personal property, together with  
my Real Estate to remain as it is, in the hands of my  
Executors until my Youngest daughter Mary E.  
Arnett arrives at the age of twenty one years,
- Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will for my two Youngest daughters Virginia  
17, and Mary E. Arnett to have all the net proceeds  
of the farm until Mary E. Arnett shall become  
twenty one years old,
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> It is my Will - when Mary E. Arnett, arrives at the years  
of 21, that my Executors - divide all my personal  
& Real Estate (except the portion, already bequeathed in  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> to my daughters Virginia 17 & Mary E. Arnett)

equally between all of my Children to wit Sarah R  
Stobbing Virginia H Arnett, George A Arnett John  
A Arnett and Mary C Arnett,

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my friend, C C Candler, and my  
daughter Virginia H Arnett as my Executors to  
doe my last will & testament,

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand  
& Seal, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1869. in presence of  
witnesses

Test.  
Henry Q Harper  
Wm N Mercier  
Thos J Mullikin

Sophia A Arnett,

Item

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Georgia Miller County.

Miller Court of Ordinary, at Chambers Sep  
5<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Personally appeared Thos J Mullikin who being  
duly sworn deposes and saith as one of the  
witnesses to the within Will of Mrs Sophia A Arnett, that  
he saw the Testatrix Sophia A Arnett sign & Seal the  
the within instrument, which she acknowledged to be  
her last Will & Testament, that he signed the same as  
witness in her presence & at her request & instance together  
with Henry Q Harper & William N Mercier who signed  
the same as witnesses at her like request & instance in the  
presence of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other  
and at the time of her so doing she was of sound  
disposing mind & memory.

Sworn to & Subscribed  
before me, this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept. 1869.  
Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

Thos J Mullikin

Item

Recorded Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1869.

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State of Georgia, County of Wilkes  
Last Will of Ann Pettus of said County.  
I Ann Pettus Revoking all wills heretofore made  
by me on account of my changed State of  
Affairs, do declare this to be my last Will.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I Will my just debts, if any there should  
be at my death, to be paid from any prop-  
erty, which my Executor may choose,

Item 2<sup>d</sup> To My Son-in-law-William M Reese, as a  
Compensation for his trouble in attending  
to my business, I give the Sum of Five  
Hundred Dollars,

Item 3<sup>d</sup> The residue of my Estate I wish to be Equally  
divided between My Daughter Elizabeth Watson,  
Mary Cogart, Lucy M Reese & the two  
Children of my daughter Caroline Lane,  
(viz) James G Lane & Mary W Lane, said  
Children representing their Mother in said  
division & not to account for any money  
or property heretofore advanced or given  
or lent to said Caroline or said Children  
or either of them, but to have an Equal share  
with my said Daughters -

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I do hereby Nominate My Son-in-Law-William  
M Reese as the Executor of this Will,

In witness of all which I  
have hereunto set my hand & Seal this  
22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1866 -

Signed & Published as } Ann Pettus  
the last Will of Mrs. Ann  
Pettus in our presence & the  
presence of each actor  
Saml Barnett  
E. W. M. Goen  
Ann Owens.

Recorded August 17<sup>th</sup> 1870



State of Georgia - County of Wilkes,  
 Court of Ordinary August adjourned Term 1870.  
 August 4<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Personally in Open Court Came Samuel  
 Barnett attesting witness to the foregoing Will  
 of Ann Pettus & being duly Sworn Saith  
 that he with Edward M Green & Ann Owens  
 Signed the foregoing will Signed by Ann  
 Pettus & bearing date 22<sup>d</sup> Decr. 1866. as  
 witness at her Sais Ann's request - That she  
 saw them Sign as witnesses to said Will -  
 that they saw her Sign & publish the Same  
 as her last Will, that they Signed in her  
 presence & of each other, that she Executed  
 the Same freely & voluntarily & was at the Time  
 of Executing Said will of sound & disposing  
 Mind & Memory  
 Sworn to in Open Court } Saml Barnett  
 Geo. Dyson }  
 Ordinary }

Court of Ordinary August adjourned Term  
 1870. August 5<sup>th</sup> 1870.  
 In Open Court Came personally Ann  
 Owens attesting witness to the foregoing  
 Will of Ann Pettus & being duly Sworn  
 Saith she Signed the Same as a witness  
 at the request of Mrs Ann Pettus with  
 Saml Barnett & E. M. Green - That she & they  
 Signed as witnesses in her presence & of  
 each other, that said Ann Pettus at the  
 Time of said Signing & attestation was of sound  
 & disposing Mind & Memory & did Execute  
 the Same voluntarily, that said Will was  
 Signed at the Time it bears date, that the Same  
 was read to her before Signing & received her  
 Approval  
 Sworn to in Open Court } Ann Owens  
 Geo. Dyson } her  
 Ordinary } Mark }



Court of Ordinary August Adj. Term 1870  
August 15<sup>th</sup> 1870

In Open Court this day Came Edward W Green attesting witness to the foregoing Will of Ann Pettus bearing date 22<sup>nd</sup> Decr. 1866. land being duly sworn Saith that he with Samuel Barnett + Ann Owens witnesses said Will at the request of Mr. Ann Pettus, that she signed & published the Same as her last Will in the presence, and that he signed as a witness with the others - Saml Barnett + Ann Owens. in her presence & of each other, that she - said Ann Pettus at the time of said attestation & signing, was of sound mind & memory & did execute the Same freely & voluntarily.

Sworn to in Open Court } E. W. Green  
August 15<sup>th</sup> 1870 }  
Geo. Dyson }  
Ordinary }

Recorded Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1870

State of Georgia } Last Will of Elizabeth S.  
Wilkes County } Mattun Revoking all  
Wills heretofore made by me

I declare this to be my last Will & Testament, and appoint John E. Wagon Executor of the Same.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> In relation to the debt due me by my Son W. D. Mattun being for \$2000.00 for two thousand dollars received by a promissory note given to me some short time since. I hereby give him one half of the Same, for paying him one half thereof. The other half I give with the other property set forth in the next Item 2<sup>d</sup> - In relation to the said other half of W. D. Mattuns Note not retained to him, with the entire interest given to me by

My Mother Ann Pettus being in Gov. R. R.  
Stock & money I hereby give the whole of  
said trust of M D Walltons note & said interest  
coming from my Mother's Estate to my  
Daughter Ann E Nynn to dispose of as  
she pleases during her life & to give see  
& divide & do with the same as a General  
believe she will use the same wisely for  
Children, (My Grand Children)

In Witness Whereof I have set hand  
my hand

Signed, Published &  
attested in our presence  
this 13<sup>th</sup> August 1870.

W M Reese  
L M Reese  
Lizzie Nynn  
M D Sullivan J.P.

E. S. Matton

Received from  
1<sup>st</sup> 1871

Willis Court of Ordinary February  
Term 1871

In Open Court this day came Williams  
M Reese & being duly sworn said on  
oath that he said the within named E  
S Matton sign & publish the above written instrument  
as her last Will & Testament, that she was  
at the time of same disposing mind memory  
and did Execute the same said fully and  
Voluntarily - that she signed & subscribed  
said above Will in the presence of above  
witness L M Reese, Lizzie Nynn as her last Will  
and that said Matton did sign & subscribe  
said Will as Witness in the presence of  
of said Testatrix & at her request  
Subscribed & sworn

to before me this  
13<sup>th</sup> February 1871  
Geo. Dyson

W. M. Reese

Know all Men by these presents that I, Nicholas  
 Myler of the County of Wilkes & State of Georgia  
 being in good health and of sound & disposing  
 mind and memory do make & publish  
 this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking  
 all former Wills by me made,  
 First my Will and Desire is that all my just  
 debts and funeral Charges shall be paid  
 by my Executors hereinafter named as  
 soon as possible after my decease out of  
 any funds that are on hand at the time or  
 may come first into the hands of my Executors,  
 I give and bequeath to my Wife Ann  
 Myler all my Estate both real & personal,  
 except as hereafter provided in this Will,  
 to have and to hold the same during the  
 term of her natural life, all said Estate  
 except as hereinafter provided to be kept  
 together during her life & she to have full  
 control of the same paying or selling off to  
 the Legatus hereinafter named sufficient for their  
 decent and comfortable support out of  
 the rents and profits of said estate, and  
 at her death or at mine provided she  
 should die first my Will is that my  
 property shall be divided in the manner  
 following - I give, devise and bequeath to my  
 Daughter Susan Elizabeth Halliday for & during  
 the term of her natural life, and after her death  
 to be equally divided among her three youngest  
 Children, Marshall, Cynthia, and Nicholas  
 Halliday, share and share alike, my plantation  
 lying and being in Lee and Dougherty Counties, Ga  
 known as the Butler plantation, together with  
 all the rents and profits which may come  
 or come at the time of my death, and  
 the personal property, containing some negro  
 plantation bought by one of various persons, the  
 Records of the same deed to which may be found  
 on the Books in Clerks Office of Lee & Dougherty  
 Counties in the State of Georgia, and my Will  
 is that if any of said Children should die

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before becoming possessed of his or her share or  
Shares, said Share or Shares shall be Equally divided  
among the Survivor or Survivors of Said Children, &  
if all of Said Children should die before becoming  
possessed of their Shares, then the property herein  
devised to be merged in my Estate and divided  
among my other legal heirs hereinafter named.)  
I Give and bequeath the Plantation known as  
the Sumpter Plantation in Sumpter County -  
together with all the personal property therein  
and all Rents which may hereinafter accrue for  
the same, to the three Children of my deceased  
Sons Henry & Nyles to be equally divided among  
Said Children Henry, Nancy and Martha.

Nyles, or the Survivors of them at the time of  
my death or the death of my Wife, and in case  
all should die before becoming possessed of  
their respective Shares the Said property to be  
Equally divided among my surviving Legates,  
after the death of my Wife as aforesaid, my  
Will and devise is that the Plantation in  
Lee County, Georgia, known as the Philburn  
Plantation on Flint River and the plantation  
in Wilkes County, Georgia, on Little River  
purchased by one of John R. Semmes,  
both be sold and the proceeds Equally divided  
between my six named Grand Children, to wit;  
Marshall, Cynthia & Nicholas Halliday &  
Henry, Nancy and Martha Nyles and my  
Daughter Martha Andrews, She and she are  
alike and if any Rents <sup>shall</sup> hereinafter accrue they  
together with proceeds of the Sale of the personal  
property on both Said Plantations shall  
be divided in the same way among the  
Same persons,

I Give and bequeath after the death  
of my Wife, who shall have full Control, poss-  
ession and Enjoyment of the same during her  
life, my Home Plot in Washington, Wilkes  
County, Georgia, to my Daughter Martha  
Andrews, together with all the furniture therein.

Said House and lot being the same where I now reside, and it is to be understood that Said Lot shall consist of all the tract of land belonging to me and adjoining or appertaining to Said House at the time of my death;

It is my Will & desire that all the remainder of my Property of which I shall die possessed in the Town of Washington Georgia, consisting of Houses, Lots and Lands in Said Town, shall remain together unsold in the hands of my Executors or in the hands of trustees appointed by the Court of Ordinary of Wilkes County, for the ~~term~~ full term of twenty (20) years after my death, and the said rents and proceeds, after providing for and paying repairs, taxes and every other necessary Expense and demand for which said Property may be liable, to be first appropriated for the

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Remainder of Said Rents and proceeds shall be equally divided between my Wife and the afore mentioned Legatee to wit, Martha, Cynthia and Nicholas Walling and Emily, Nancy and Martha Mylio & my daughter Martha Andrews, Share & Share alike, if any of Said Legatee should die then the Said Rents & profits shall be divided Equally among the Survivors, I direct that all the balance of my Property of every Name and Nature personal real and Choses in Action be collected and turned into Money after my death as soon as possible, and the proceeds after deducting all legal Charges, be divided equally among my Wife Nancy Mylio, my daughter Martha Andrews and my Grand Children, Martha Cynthia, and Nicholas ~~Walling~~ Wiley & Emily, Nancy and Martha Mylio, Share & Share alike, or the Survivors of them, And lastly my Expence Burial & mourning



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before becoming possessed of his or her share in  
Shares, said Shares or Shares shall be Equally divided  
among the Survivor or Survivors of said Children, &  
if all of said Children should die before being  
possessed of their Shares, then the property herein  
devised to be merged in my Estate and divided  
among my other legal heirs hereinafter named,  
I give and bequeath the plantation known as  
the Sumpter plantation in Sumpter County -  
together with all the personal property therein,  
and all Rents which may hereinafter accrue for  
the same, to the three Children of my deceased  
son Henry L Nyle to be equally divided among  
said Children Henry, Nancy and Martha.

Nyle, or the Survivors of them at the time of  
my death or the death of my Wife, and in case  
all should die before becoming possessed of  
their respective Shares the said property to be  
Equally divided among my surviving Legatees;  
After the death of my Wife as aforesaid, my  
Wife and mine is that the plantation in  
Lee County, Georgia, known as the Philman  
plantation on Flint River and the plantation  
in Wilkes County, Georgia, on Little River  
purchased by me of John R Semmes,  
both be sold and the proceeds Equally divided  
between my six named grand Children, to wit:  
Marshall, Cynthia & Nicholas Halliday &  
Henry, Nancy and Martha Nyle and my  
daughter Martha Andrews, Share & share  
alike, and if any rents <sup>shall</sup> hereinafter accrue, they  
together with proceeds of the sale of the personal  
property, on both said plantations shall  
be divided in the same way among the  
same persons,

I give and bequeath after the death  
of my Wife, unto she shall have full Control, poss-  
ession and enjoyment of the same during her  
life, my Home lot in Washington, Wilkes  
County, Georgia, to my Daughter Martha  
Andrews, together with all the furniture therein,



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Said House and lot being the same where I now  
reside, and it is to be understood that Said Lot  
shall consist of all the tract of land belonging  
to me and adjoining or appertaining to Said House  
at the time of My death;

It is my Will & desire  
that all the remainder of my Property of which  
I shall die possessed, in the Town of Washington  
Georgia, consisting of Houses, Lots and lands in Said  
Town, shall remain together, unsold in the hands  
of My Executors or in the hands of trustees appointed  
by the Court of Ordinary of Wilkes County,  
for the ~~term~~ full term of twenty (20) years after  
my death, and the net rents and proceeds, after  
providing for and paying repairs, taxes and every  
other necessary Expense and demand for which  
Said property may be liable, to be first appropria-  
-ted for the

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remainder of Said  
rents and proceeds shall be Equally divided  
between my Wife and the afore mentioned Legates  
to wit, Martha, Cynthia and Nicholas Walling  
and Henry, Nancy and Martha Wiley &  
my daughter Martha Andrews, Share &  
Share alike, if any of Said Legates should  
die then the Said Rents & Profits shall be  
divided Equally among the Survivors,

I direct that all the balance of my Property  
of every Name and Nature, personal real  
and Chances in Action be Collected and  
turned into Money after my death as soon  
as possible, and the proceeds after deducting  
all legal Charges, be divided equally among  
my Wife Nancy Wiley, my daughter Martha  
Andrews and my Grand Children, Martha  
Cynthia, and Nicholas ~~Walling~~ Wiley &  
Henry, Nancy and Martha Wiley, Share &  
Share alike, or the Survivors of them,  
And lastly my Expens ~~of~~ meaning is,

and I do hereby order and appoint, that if any  
difference, question or Controversy shall arise concern-  
ing any Gift, bequest, Matter or thing in this Will  
given or bequeathed, Expresed or Contained, then that  
no Suit in Law or Equity or otherwise shall be  
brought Commenced or presented for cause  
Concerning the Same, but the Same shall be  
referred wholly to the award, order & determina-  
-tion of three discreet, disinterested Competent  
& judicious Men. to be chosen by my Executor, and  
the Legate or Legatus intested, in the same Manner of  
Choosing Arbitrators, and what they shall  
determine, order or award shall be binding &  
Conclusive to all and every person therein  
Concerned, and if any Legate shall neglect  
to Submit to or obey the award of said Arbitrators  
and shall Commence a Suit in Law or Equity,  
he shall forfeit all further interest in this my  
Will and be precluded from any participation  
or share he or she may Claim in the property  
named herein; I Give my Gold watch and  
Chain to my Grace Child Nicholas Kullidny  
to be delivered to him by my Executor as soon  
after my death as possible; And I do nominate  
and appoint John T. Mangfield of Wilkes County  
Georgia, the Executor of this my last Will and my  
Will, and desire is that my grandson Henry  
Wylie, be joined with said John T. Mangfield in  
the Execution of this Will & that the said Henry  
then qualify as Co Executor;

Signed & sealed by said  
Nicholas Wylie to his last  
Will in the presence of us  
who in his presence and the  
presence of each other  
& at his request hereunto  
Subscribed our names as  
witnesses, this 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1867.  
Frank Arnold  
Daniel Houck  
D. G. Cotting

Nicholas Wylie

Recorded  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

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Court of Ordinary, Wilkes County, May  
Adjourned Term 1871.

Personally appeared in open Court Frank Arnold and Daniel Touch two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, and being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Nicholas Wylie sign and Seal the Same, which he acknowledged as his last Will and Testament, and at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing Mind and Memory, that they subscribed the Same as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator together with David G. Cotting, and that they all subscribed the Same, at his request & instance in his presence and in the presence of each other sworn to & subscribed before me, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1871.

Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

Daniel Touch  
Frank Arnold,

Georgia, Wilkes County,  
Last Will of Mary Ann Callaway  
of said State and County,

- Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts paid,  
Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give to my Son Samuel Woodson two Negroes, Mary a woman, and Dan a boy; to my Son William Joseph two Negroes Jack a man and Agge a woman; and to my Son James Jess two Negroes, Martha a girl and Moses a boy,  
Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give to my Sons William Joseph, and James Jess, all of my household and Kitatum furniture to be equally divided between them,  
Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my Grand daughter Mary Woodson, and my Grand Son John Linton, Children of my deceased Son John Thomas Callaway, the sum of One dollar each,  
Item 5<sup>th</sup> A. L. ... of my ... mixed, personal &



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real, I give to my Son James Jesse,  
June 6<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son  
James Jesse Callaway Executor of this my last  
Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have here to  
set my hand, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1864.

Signed and published  
in presence of  
Robert S. Smith  
W. E. Shelvorton  
Thos. McCallaway

Mary Ann Callaway

Recorded June 8<sup>th</sup> 1871

Wilkes Court of Ordinary, at Chambers.

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Personally Came Thos. McCallaway one of  
the witnesses to the within Will, who being  
duly sworn depose and Saith, that he Saw the  
Testatrix, Mary Ann Callaway Sign the Same, which  
she acknowledged as her last Will and  
Testament; that he together with Robert S.  
Smith & W. E. Shelvorton witnessed the  
Same in her presence & in the presence of each  
other, at her request & in her view & that she  
was at the time of her mind and  
disposing Memory.  
Sworn to & Published  
before me, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
January 1871.  
Geo. Wyson  
Clerk

Thos. McCallaway

Recorded June 8<sup>th</sup> 1871.

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# Last Will & Testament of W. D. Bufford

Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, being of Sound Mind and Memory I do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following - that is to say - first, I give and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda and Children, to wit, I A Anamora, G. E Bufford, Carter Bufford, Robert Bufford, Samuel Bufford, Edward Bufford all of my land which is to be equally divided whensoever the youngest child by my first wife becomes of age, 2<sup>d</sup> I shewer my present wife depart this life prior to any or all of my Children her interest in the equally divided between all my Children, 3<sup>d</sup> Each & every one of the aforesaid heirs, is to share profits in the land from my death, that is all of the produce of the land or rent is to be equally divided, 4<sup>th</sup> The net of all my of all ~~kind~~ of personal Estate, goods & Chattels of what kind & nature 5<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath the same to my wife & all of my living Children, their heirs & assigns forever,

I do hereby appoint W G Sutton Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made,

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September one thousand Eight hundred & Seventy one<sup>st</sup> Furthermore My wife I give a Bed a Bed known as "my Bed of Furniture" belong to said Bed, The Testator in presence of each one of us declares this to be his last Will & Testament, and see at his request. Sign our names hereunto as <sup>attesting</sup> witnesses, over, over, and not being on opposite side sworn, the within Will witnessed on this side,

Attested by  
W. D. Quinn  
W. B. Stornan  
W. H. Foreman  
W. W. Foreman

W<sup>m</sup> D. Bufford

Recorded July 9<sup>th</sup> 1872

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Georgia, Wilkes County,  
Wilkes Court of Ordinary - at Chambers  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Personally Came William H. Freeman one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the within instrument who  
being duly Sworn Says that he was present and  
Saw William D Bufford, Sign, Seal & publish the  
within as his last Will & Testament, and at the  
time of his so doing the Testator was of Sound  
Mind & memory & that he executed the same freely  
& Voluntarily. Further deposes that the witness did the  
Same at the instance of Said W D Bufford in  
his presence & in the presence of W D Sumner, W B,  
Norman & W M Freeman who also signed their  
names as witnesses, at the like instance & request  
of Said Bufford, & in his presence & in the presence  
of each other  
Sworn to & Subscribed  
before me this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov: 1871.  
Geo. Ryan  
Ordinary

Wm H. Freeman

Recorded July 9<sup>th</sup> 1872

Last Will & Testament of Sarah G Pettus  
of Wilkes County Georgia,

1<sup>st</sup> I hereby Resolving all other wills Ever made  
by me, I declare this to be my last Will & Testament  
2<sup>d</sup> I hereby give to my Nephew Thomas T. King-  
field of Augusta Georgia in Trust with full  
power of Sale & reinvestment in other property  
as he may deem best & as often as he pleases my  
16 Shares of Central R Rail Road & Bonding Compa-  
ny's Stock, to be held for the use & benefit of my  
Niece Louisa Golucke during her life & then  
after her death the Same to go to her Child  
Charley Golucke. The use of Said Louisa



to be confined to the interest, dividends on the & profits, & if  
said Child should die during his minority then said  
property, in whatever form it may be to go Equally to the  
Children of Cornelius Goltzke,

3<sup>d</sup> I hereby give my Casket, Silver Ladle, 1 dozen Silver Tea-  
Spoons & Silver Candelsticks to my Niece Lucretia Goltzke,  
I hereby give my largest Wardrobe to my Niece Lucretia  
Goltzke, & my smallest Wardrobe to Sally Reese -  
Daughter of John Reese: deced.

4<sup>th</sup> I hereby give to my Niece Susan Goltzke my Book  
Case & Books,

5<sup>th</sup> I hereby give to my Niece Sally Reese my work-table  
(Mahogany) & to my Niece Lucretia Goltzke, my  
Card Table (Mahogany) & 1 dozen Chairs, 4 of them  
Rocking Chairs, (Said Chairs all new & bottomed) & brass  
finishes & Audirins & large-leather travelling trunk,

6<sup>th</sup> I hereby give to my Niece Mary Catherine Wingfield  
daughter of Octavia Wingfield Mahogany  
Cheston, Wash-Stand, My bed, Bedstead & Mattress &  
(Furniture - bedclothing for the same) & a pair of Silver  
Candelsticks.

7<sup>th</sup> I give to my Nephew Thomas Wingfield my largest  
Silver Candelsticks - tray & Snuffers,

8<sup>th</sup> I give to my Niece Lucretia my best clothing &  
Table Linen - not her to wear Linen.

9<sup>th</sup> I give to my Niece Lucretia Wingfield of Joseph  
Wingfield my Gold Money, which will  
remain at my death, amounting now to  
nearly Four Hundred dollars -

10<sup>th</sup> I give to my Nephew Thomas Wingfield  
Six Hundred dollars

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint Thomas Wingfield my Nephew  
as the Executor of this my last Will  
Signed, Published &  
declared as her last  
Will, by Sarah & Pettus  
in our presence & in  
presence of each other  
witnessed by us at her  
request & in presence of May 22 1872.

To M Reese  
Mr. D. Matton  
& M Reese

(Sarah & Pettus

Willis Court of Ordinary July Term 1872.

In open Court this day July 1st 1872 came William M Rice, William D Walton & Lucy M Reed & being duly sworn say that the within & above named Sarah G. Bell, died at the time & place specified in the within will sign said Will in their presence - that she executed said Will voluntarily - that she was at the time of said Execution of said Will, of sound & disposing mind & memory - that they signed as witnesses at her request, to said Will - that they signed said Will in her presence & that said Will was executed according to law.

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me, this July  
1st 1872  
Geo. Dyson  
Clerk

W M Rice  
W. D. Walton  
L. M. Reed

Recorded August 7th 1872.

State of Georgia  
Willis County }  
I know all men by these presents  
that I Ann C. Nynn of the County &  
State aforesaid do make, publish & declare the  
following to be my last Will & Testament.  
1st I hereby revoke all former Wills heretofore  
made by me.  
2d I give devise & bequeath all my property of every  
kind whatsoever to my Brother in Law Samuel  
W Nynn of said County, to hold in trust  
for the equal use and benefit of my six  
Children, to be applied by him, the said  
Samuel as he may deem best for them -  
the said six Children, not however giving  
one more than another, with full power  
to reinvest the same in any property he may  
deem best, and with full power to compromise

any debt due me on such terms as he may deem best,

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I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my Sane Brother in Law, Samuel W. Wynn the Executor of this my last Will & Testament

In testimony of all which I the Said Ann E Wynn have hereunto Set my hand and Seal, this the twenty Secon day of April in the Year A. D., 1872.

A. E. Wynn (LS)

Signed, Sealed, published & declared in the presence of us & in the presence of each other & by us in her presence  
W. M. Reese  
M. P. Reese  
J. B. Ficklin

Willis Court of Ordinary - at Chambers.

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1872

Personally Came Mrs W. M. Reese, M. P. Reese & J. B. Ficklin witnesses to the above foregoing Will, of Ann E Wynn dec'd, who being duly sworn depose & say that they saw Ann E Wynn, the Testatrix, sign & seal the same, which she acknowledged to be her last will and Testament, and at the time of said signing & acknowledging - she was of sound mind and memory - she was of sound disposing mind and memory - that they the Said W. M. Reese, M. P. Reese & J. B. Ficklin signed as witnesses, in her presence & in the presence of each other Subscribed & Sworn to before me, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1872.  
Geo. Doyson  
Ordinary

W. M. Reese  
M. P. Reese  
J. B. Ficklin

Recorded August 7<sup>th</sup> 1872



I Silas M. Pullin in Consideration of the love and affection which I have for my child Elizabeth A. Walton, I do lend her all my property both real and personal, viz. one hundred & twenty (120) eight acres more or less of land adjoining J. M. & D. Walton, Patsy Williams, Widow Lizzie Sluck and others, and also Home hold Kitchen furniture, all of which property I do lend to my daughter Elizabeth A. Walton for her proper use & benefit during her natural life, and said property is not to be controlled by her consent, nor a future husband should she have another, but it is to be controlled and managed by a Trustee, and I do hereby appoint my Grand Son Henry Clark Walton as trustee of my said property for the use & benefit of my daughter Elizabeth A. P. Walton during her natural life; and at her death, then I want the above trust property viz. Land and furniture to be disposed of in the following manner viz; To be equally divided between all of my daughter Elizabeth A. P. Walton's children; her living children at this time are named as follows - Henry Clark Walton, Julia T. Walton, Margaret B. Walton, Rebecca E. A. Walton, Henderson M. Walton, Susan L. Walton, Emma A. Walton, and a little grandson not named but called Mamy Walton, And should my daughter Elizabeth A. P. Walton have a child or children known by her present or a future husband, then I want said child or children to come in & share equally with the other children whose names have been mentioned herebefore, I want Henry Clark Walton to act as Executor to this my last Will & Testament, as well as trustee for his Mother.

Signed in presence of three, this 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1872  
 attested by  
 W. D. Quinn  
 A. S. Quinn  
 James H. Willis J. P.

Both above intesting of Julia T. Walton was before attesting as her name was forgotten by the writer of this Instrument  
 Silas M. Pullin

*in original  
 subscription*

*Her  
 etc.*

Willis Court of Ordinary at Chambers June 1872.  
 Personally appeared James H. Willis, who being duly  
 Sworn Deposeth & Saith that he saw the Testator Silas  
 M. Pullen sign & seal the above & foregoing instrument  
 which he acknowledged as his last will & Testament,  
 that he signed the same in the presence of the Testator  
 at his request and instance, together with W. D.  
 Quinn & A. S. Quinn who signed the same, at  
 the request & instance of said Testator - in his presence  
 and in the presence of each, & at the time of Execution  
 of the same the said Testator was of sound mind & perfect  
 legal memory & that the Execution was voluntarily done,  
 Sworn to before me  
 at Chambers, June  
 28<sup>th</sup> 1872.  
 Geo. Dyson  
 Ordinary

James H. Willis

Recorded Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1872.

George & J. Daniel Fowles of State & County  
 Wilkes County } Aforesaid being in usual health &  
 of sound disposing mind & memory, do make this  
 my last will & Testament, hereby Revoking all others  
 heretofore made by me,  
 Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will all my just debts paid,  
 Item 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will & desire that the whole of my Estate  
 be kept together, the lands to work on the farm &  
 managed for the mutual Support & Maintenance  
 of my Wife & Children, until my Youngest child  
 be come of age, and should any of my Children  
 Marry, or as they become of lawful age, if my  
 beloved wife & my Executors think any thing  
 can be spared from my Estate, they are at  
 liberty to give off to such child or children  
 such property as can be best spared, such child  
 accounting for it in a final Settlement of  
 my Estate, and when my Youngest child be come

of age than a division of my Estate to take place, to be Equally divided between my beloved Wife & Children or Representatives of child or Children share & share alike; Having therefore given my Son Daniel a power he must account for him in the division.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I hereby nominate & appoint my friend James Harris & my Son Daniel H. Fouche Executors of this my last Will & Testament

Signed, Subscribed & acknowledged by the Testator as his last & Testament in our presence

Daniel Fouche

Not. 1864.  
James E. Waddy  
B. J. Bowdoin  
G. W. Florence

State of Georgia. Wilkes County. Ordaining Wilkes County. At Chambers. July 9<sup>th</sup> 1872

Personally Came J. E. Waddy & Geo. W. Florence two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Will, who being duly sworn deposed & said they saw the Testator, Daniel Fouche sign & Seal the within instrument, which he acknowledged as his last Will & Testament, that they signed the same as witnesses at his request & instance - in his presence or in the presence of each other, together with B. J. Bowdoin who also signed as a witness in the presence of Testator at his request & instance in the presence of the other witnesses, that the time of his the Testator Execution of said Will, he was of Sound mind & perfect memory & that the same was voluntarily Executed by him

Sworn to & Subscribed before me, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1872

James E. Waddy.  
G. W. Florence

Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

Recorded Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1872



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"The Anchorage" Mills Co. Ga.

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1872.

In the Name of God, Amen,

I Thomas J Hunter of Wilkes County, State of Georgia, being in Sound mind & body & knowing the uncertainty of life, do make this my Last Will & testament, revoking all others -

I hereby appoint my two Sons W. David Hunter & Charles Hunter as my Executors & expressly provide that they are not to be required to give Security, as I have perfect confidence in their integrity.

I leave to my wife Hattie Hunter all the property she was possessed of at the time of my death, to be by her disposed of as she may wish,

To my Son Charles Hunter, I leave the plantation on which I reside known as "The Anchorage" together with all the Stock on it, with the Express understanding & Condition that it is to be forever a home for my unmarried daughters "Sallie" & "Minnie" & other of his Sisters or brothers who may need it.

In making this disposition it is not from want of Equal affection for all my children, but knowing my Son's property divided would be useless, since I desire a home to all. It is my wish that my wife Hattie Hunter should reside at my present home - and I pray God they all may live in peace together, but should I be called to leave this world, I give her, during her widow hood one third of the net proceeds of the plantation - I desire that my debts, which I know to be few, shall all be paid when the year and for that purpose the Plantation twelve miles from Washington may be sold & any N. K. Stock I may own, or any Cotton raised, or Money in the hands of my Factor may be used - Should to God I could better provide for my family, but I have done what I think productive of the best interest of all, and now commend them out & all to the Care of the Great disposer of all events, And, May God bless & keep

Care of them  
Wm A. Pope  
Jas. N. Dubois  
Henry H. Andrews  
Gov. Dyer

Thos. J. Hunter

Willis Court of Ordaining - at Chambers - July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

In person came James R. DuBois, Henry F. Andrews & M. A. Pope Clerk of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will of Thos. J. Hunter, who being duly sworn depone & Saith, that they saw Thos. J. Hunter the Testator sign & Seal the same, which he acknowledged to be his last Will & Testament, & at the time of his so doing he was of sound disposing mind & memory, that they signed as witnesses at his request & instance, in his presence & in the presence of each other, together with Geo. Ryson who also as a witness in the presence of the Testator, at his request & instance in the presence of the other witnesses

Sworn to & Subscribed before me, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1872  
Geo. Ryson  
Ordaining

Henry F. Andrews  
Jas. R. DuBois  
M<sup>rs</sup> A. Pope

Recorded August 5<sup>th</sup> 1872

State of Georgia } In the Name of God, Amen;  
Wilkes County } I, Daniel Frasier of said State  
and County, being of a sound Age, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both for myself and family, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do make therefore this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire & direct, that my body be buried in a decent & Christian manner, suitable to my Circumstances & Condition in life, my soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it.

Item 2, I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor herein after appointed.

- Item 3<sup>d</sup>, I give bequeath and devise to my Grandson Jeremiah D. Frogier the Sum of Three dollars,
- Item 4<sup>th</sup>, I give bequeath and devise to my Son Tho<sup>s</sup>. H. Frogier the Sum of two hundred Dollars and all my house hold furniture,
- Item 5<sup>th</sup> The residue of my property, both real & personal, whome and whomever it may be, I give bequeath and devise to my Son-in-law James L Heard, and my Son Thomas A Frogier, to be equally divided between them,
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my son-in-law James L Heard Executor of this my last Will and Testament, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1859.

at test,  
 Thomas A Heard } Nancy <sup>Wife</sup> Frogier   
 Mark,

Signed, Sealed, declared & published by Nancy Frogier as her last Will and testament, in presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our name here in the presence of said testatrix, at her special instance and request, and of each other, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1859.

John A Heard  
 Thomas C Marshall  
 Thomas A Heard

Georgia } Willies Court of Ocrumby - at  
 Willies County } Chambers July 2<sup>d</sup> 1872.

Personally Comes John A Heard & Tho<sup>s</sup>. C Marshall two of the Subscribing witnesses to the within Will of Nancy Frogier who being duly sworn depose & Saith that they saw the Testatrix Nancy Frogier sign Seal the Same, which she acknowledged and declared to be her last Will and Testament, that they signed the Same as witnesses at her request, in her presence in the presence of each other, together with Tho<sup>s</sup>. A Heard who also signed as a witness at her request, in her presence in the presence of the other witnesses, and at the time of



her Executing Said Will, she was of Sound Mind  
 and Memory, & that she same was voluntarily  
 Executed by Said Testatrix  
 Sworn to & Subscribed }  
 before me, 24th day } John A. Heard  
 of July, 1842 } F. C. Moore here  
 Geo. Dyson  
 Clergy

Recorded Oct. 31. 1842

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen,  
 Wilkes County } I, Polly Revere being of sound

and disposing Mind and  
 Memory and concerning the uncertainty of this  
 mortal life, do make and declare this my last  
 Will and Testament, in manner & form following

- Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish my body to be buried in a plain  
 Christian Burial.
- Item 2<sup>d</sup> I wish all my just debts to be paid with  
 as little delay as possible by my Executor who  
 will be hereafter named,
- Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughters Martha  
 Jane and Sarah Corntid, one walnut table, one  
 large poplar chest, and all of my best clothes  
 - silver and simoplates - one set of knives &  
 forks, one tea kettle, one oven and 1 pr of  
 smoothing Irons, & all the Tools & spails,
- Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give bequeath & devise to my daughters Martha Jane  
 & Sarah Corntid, the tract of land, on which  
 I reside, containing two hundred & forty  
 acres, with all the rights members & appurtenances  
 to the said land, in any wise appertaining  
 or belonging, to lease and to hold to them -

the said Martha Jane and Sarah Cornelia, their heirs and assigns forever -

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath all the crops on my land at the time of my death to my daughters Martha Jane and Sarah Cornelia, -

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my grand son Dallas Austin Revere fifty dollars to be paid to him by my Executor hereafter to be named out of the above Millie's property, before distribution among my daughter Martha Jane and Sarah Cornelia, -  
Revere,

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath one dollar each to the use of my children David, James G. and George H. & Patience L. Mary Frances & the children of William A. and John R. Revere, to be paid out of the above Millie's property to my daughters Sarah ~~Revere~~ Cornelia & Martha Jane Revere by Executor hereafter named prior to distribution amongst them,

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute & appoint my friend Henry D. Harper Executor of this my last Will and testament, hereby giving all other privileges usual by law, to wit my house & land this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six -

Polly <sup>her</sup> Revere <sup>mark</sup> E 53

Signed, sealed and delivered by Polly Revere as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, the Subscribing witnesses who Subscribed our names here to in the presence of said Polly Revere (at her special instance & request) and in the presence of each other,

Horace E. Paschall  
George W. Burdett  
Henry D. Harper } witnesses

State of Georgia, Wilkes County  
November Term 1872 of the Court of Ordinary  
In Open Court, this Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1872 Came Henry D. Harper  
Horace Paschall & George W. Burdett and being duly Sworn say that they at the instance & request of Polly Revere attested the within last will as her will, that they attested said Will in her presence, and she signed the same in their presence, as her last will, and they say on oath also that she was of sound & disposing Mind & Memory, and Executed said Will voluntarily, and

that she published said Will. as her own  
prouce,

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me, in open Court,  
4<sup>th</sup> November 1872  
Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

Harry D. Harpur  
W. H. Paschal  
G. W. Riddett

Recorded, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1872,

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The Last Will & Testament of Mary  
W. Gosham,

I Mary W Gosham considering the uncertainty of  
this mortal life and being of sound mind and  
memory do make this my last Will & testament in  
manner and form as follows.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will that all of my just debts of any shall  
paid,

" 2<sup>d</sup> I Will that the following Children of Luke Turner  
decd. to wit, William J Turner, Ann Eliza Turner,  
Moses W Turner, Mariah J Turner & Luke W Turner  
have Sixteen Shares of Georgian Rail Road Stock  
the said Sixteen Shares to be equally divided  
between them,

" 3<sup>d</sup> I Will that the other Sixteen Shares of my Georgian  
Rail Road Stock, to be equally divided between  
the Children of William G Turner, to wit; Luke W  
Turner, William A Turner, James H Turner and  
Mary E J Turner,

" 4<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint William G Turner Executor  
of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness  
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
Seal, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year  
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and Seventy

Mary W Gosham

The above instrument was seen here subscribed



by Mary W. Graham the Testator in presence of each of us, and  
was at the same time declared by her to her last Will & Testament  
and we at her request signed our names as attesting  
witnesses

L. W. Latimer  
S. F. Wray  
E. A. Turner.

Wilkes County Court of Ordinary - November Term 1872.

In Open Court at its regular Term came this day Luke  
W. Latimer & S. F. Wray & E. A. Turner Witnesses to the  
Will of Mary W. Graham and being duly  
sworn said they do hereby certify that at the request of Mrs.  
Mary W. Graham they detected the within  
Will - that they attended in her presence & she signed  
the Same as her Will in their presence - that she  
was of sound & disposing mind & Memory, and  
Executed the Same of her own free Will, & published  
the Same as her Will in their presence

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me this 11th Nov. 1872, in Open Court,  
Geo. Wray  
Ordinary

E. A. Turner  
Sarah F. Wray  
L. W. Latimer

Recorded Decr. 12th 1872

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Georgia Wilkes County

I Parker Callaway of said County do make the following Article to my last will & Testament. to wit- Whereas I have agreed & together with my son Aristides Callaway to become security upon the bond of Eugenia my daughter as administratrix of John F. Callaway late of this County deceased I will & desire that if at any time or in any manner my estate or the property of said Aristides Callaway should be the loser by said securityship- or should either of us lose by the management of the property of the moneys of the said John F. Callaway for which said Eugenia is Guardian so that we or either of us and in any respect lose thereby, then and in that case that the property willed to said Eugenia shall to that extent abate & be withdrawn from her legacy & be so paid over as to indemnify that the said Aristides for his loss or losses, and after to indemnify such of my heirs & legates as would be the losers by such damage done my estate. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1861

Parker Callaway 

Signed, Sealed declared & published as a Codicil to his last will & Testament by Parker Callaway who signed in our presence and we at his request in his presence & in the presence of ~~one~~ each other this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1861

Sam Barnett  
H. F. Colley  
J. W. Callaway

Recorded Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1873





subscribed to be his last will and testament  
and we at the testators request and in his presence  
have signed our names as witnesses hereto

W<sup>m</sup> M Green M  
William Maxwell & P  
Geo B Smith

Willis Court of Ordinary at Chambers Augt.  
26<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Georgia  
Willis County & Ordly of said County  
Came in person Jos Cooper one of the Executors of  
the last will and testament of Jos B Cooper  
deceased. And also Geo B Smith one of the witnesses  
to said will who being duly sworn deposes and  
says that he saw the said Jos B Cooper sign seal  
publish and declare the said instrument as his  
last will and testament voluntarily freely without  
compulsion & that he and the other witnesses then  
named signed said will as witnesses in the presence  
of said Jos B Cooper & ~~the other~~

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> Aug  
1873

Geo Dyson  
Ordinary

Geo B Smith

Recorded Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1873.

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State of Georgia  
Wilkes County  
I, J. Feltes Adams of said State & County being of advanced age and now sick, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do in right & presence of Providence thus bless me, - I do therefore, make this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me, -

First. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without unnecessary delay by my Executors hereinafter named & appointed, My Son John D Adams knows the character & amount of what I now owe or shall owe at my decease, because he is now farming with me & has control of my whole business.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Georgie A Adams my Ware named wholly worth one hundred & fifty dollars; to my daughter Emma J Adams, my young Horse Price, worth Seventy five dollars; to my daughter Ellen, my Mule Dyer, worth Seventy five dollars, My Son aforesaid and my daughter Marcin R Gilbert, have each had from me a horse; I have valued them at Seventy five dollars a piece, Therefore I wish & direct that from my daughter Georgie's share of my personal Estate the value of the horses be made equal.

Thirdly, - I desire and direct that all my other personal property, Except what is hereinafter specially ordered, be sold as soon after my decease as may be, and proceeds thereof be equally divided among my Children aforesaid; or they all consenting, said property may be divided among them equally according to valuation.

Fourthly, - In order to secure a home to my three unmarried Daughters, Georgie A, Emma J, and Ella T. Adams until they shall marry or decide to purchase a home for themselves, I desire and direct that they remain on the Homestead where I now live, for a term of five years after my death, unless they marry sooner than that time, I desire to secure a home for them five years if they remain unmarried, if they all marry within that time then there shall be a division equal share & share alike of my real Estate, among my five Children aforesaid, But said division shall be had at the end of five years whether my daughter be married or not. The Homestead may be sold at private or public sale, as all my Children may agree.

Fifthly - I desire that my son John D Adams, aforesaid, remain on the Homestead, with his three unmarried sisters aforesaid to take care of them until the five years expire or they all marry -

If my Son should move away I desire that he employ  
with his Sisters Consent some good Manager in his stead.  
I herein give my Son Consent over the plantation for the  
said term of five years, I desire that he unite with his  
aforesaid Sister aforesaid & they Cultivate the farm  
together, I desire and direct that one fourth of any  
thing so produced yearly, be considered as a Rental  
to be divided Equally, yearly among my five Children  
aforesaid, Then my daughter Maria M. Gilbert will  
Receive annually, One fifth of one fourth of said Rental  
and likewise the same for the other four Children,

Sixthly— I desire that my Carriage remain for the use of my seven  
arrived daughters for the time hereabove specified, I direct  
that it be Sold when the said estate is Sold & the money  
be divided among my four daughters aforesaid,  
I desire and direct that my linen & iron remain  
as it is until the Household is Sold,

Seventhly— I hereby appoint my Son John I. Adams and  
my Son-in-law William B. Albert. Executors of this  
my last Will and Testament

This February 22<sup>d</sup> 1873.

J. Adams (S)

Signed, sealed and published by J. Adams as his  
last Will and Testament in presence of us the undersigned  
who, subscribed our names hereto in the presence of  
said Testator at his instance and request, and in  
presence of each other.

This February 22<sup>d</sup> 1873.

J. T. Simpson  
J. W. Hubbard  
W. A. Garrard

J. A. Hopkins  
Mark.

State of Georgia Wilkes County In person  
before me Ebenezer Franklin T. Simpson one of the  
Justices to the foregoing instrument in writing & being  
duly sworn depose & testify that he attested the abo-  
ve of J. Adams at his special instance



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Adams sign said will & they and he signed said will in his  
Jelote Adams presence, and he Jelote Adams was of sound  
and disposing mind & memory at the time of his signature  
aforesaid, and did sign the same freely & voluntarily,  
Sworn to & subscribed  
before me, this 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1873.  
Geo. Dyer  
Ordinary

F. T. Simpson

Recorded Feby. 21<sup>st</sup> 1874

State of Georgia } In the Name of God Amen,  
Wilkes County } I Mary Pullen 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 other heretofore made by me -  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like  
Manner suitable to my circumstances and conditions in life,  
Item 2<sup>d</sup> I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay, by my Executor  
herein after appointed,  
Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my two Sons, to wit, William G Pullen and  
Benjamin F. Pullen the whole of my land with all singular  
the rights and members thereto belonging, including my Hens  
and running gear, valued at Eighteen hundred dollars,  
under the following conditions, to wit: That my said Son  
William G and Benjamin F. shall pay or cause to be paid  
to my daughter Mary Harper, wife of William Harper, Six  
hundred dollars, it being one third of the value that I  
put on said land - as my daughter - Mary Harper - prop-  
ortionable part of said land -

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Item 4<sup>th</sup> I desire that all my household and kitchen furniture Plantation tools and stock of every description be Equally divided between the following named children to wit: William G. Pullen, Benjamin F. Pullen, Mary Harper wife of William Harper, Ella Cohen wife of A. Cohen and my two grand sons, John W. Harper and James M. Harper.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that no other parties shall participate or share any portion of my Estate. whatever.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son William G. Pullen Executor of this my last Will and testament, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872.

(L.S.)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by Mary Pullen as her last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at her special instance and request in the presence of each of us - this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872.

"Tested"

M. F. Cash	}	Mary Pullen
George Pullen Jr.		
E. L. Florence		

February Adjourned Term 1874. Willing Court of Ordinary -

In Open Court this 9<sup>th</sup> February 1874 - Came M. F. Cash, George Pullen Jr. & E. L. Florence and being duly sworn, says that they, at the request of Mary Pullen attested the within Will as her Will, that they attested said Will in her presence, and she signed the same in their presence & they say on oath that she was of sound mind & memory, and Executed the same - said Will - Voluntary & free blessed said Will as last in their presence.

Subscribed & sworn to before me. this 9<sup>th</sup> February 1874.

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I Mary Ann  
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revoking all wills heretofore made by me

Item 1<sup>st</sup> From the residue of my estate hereinafter named as such. I desire all my just debts to be paid.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> To my sister Sarah Palmer during her life I give the house & Lot left to me by my father in his will with all my furniture of all sorts my Carriage & horses wagons harness & utensils of all sorts used on my lot & also the Lot left to me by my father as a wood lot east of the Wingfield Bridge Road.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> At the death of my Sister Sarah Palmer or at my death, if I should outlive my said Sister, I give all the property willed in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> to my <sup>said</sup> sister ~~Sarah~~ to be disposed of as follows - after the same has all been duly valued by three disinterested persons to be selected by the ordinary of Wilkes County at the instance of my executor two thousand dollars shall be deducted from said <sup>valuation</sup> valuation for the benefit of George Palmer which I hereby give to him in said property when said George Palmer shall after paying his brother Stephen one third of the said valuation so reduced & his Brother John one third one third of said valuation so reduced be sole owner of said Property so willed in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> and herein <sup>expressly</sup> recorded to

Item 4<sup>th</sup> To John Palmer I give my watch  
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Item 5<sup>th</sup> To each of the children of Stephen Palmer now living I give one thousand dollars to be managed by him as trustee

Item 6<sup>th</sup> To the child now living of George Palmer I also give one thousand dollars to be managed by him as trustee

Item 7<sup>th</sup> The residue of my estate chargeable with debt & legacies above given in Item 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> direct & require shall be divided into four equal parts, one part I give to Stephen Palmer, one part to George Palmer, one part to John Palmer & one other part I give as follows the same shall be paid over to & held by a trustee appointed at the instance of my executors by the ordinary of Wilkes County who shall according to his discretion apply the same for the benefit of my Brother Stephen Pettis, paying to him all the interest or such part of the principal as his necessities may require as such trustee may deem best, and at his death if any of the fund remains the same shall be equally divided between George, Stephen, & John Palmer and further if at any time it shall be decided that the interest is liable to his debts then also the same shall cease & become devisable as if he were dead

I witness of all which I have set hereto my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1874 at Appinty  
Stephen Palmer, & Geo. Palmer my executors  
Mary A. Pettis (18)

Signed, Sealed & published as the last will of Mary Ann Pettis this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1874 in our presence we have attested the same in her presence & at her request & in the presence of each other

W. H. Reese  
G. B. Bunch  
W. C. Wiggfield

Mary Ann Pettis (19)

State of Georgia  
 Wilkes County 3<sup>rd</sup> Term 1874 - In open court  
 this the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1874, Come W. M. Reese  
 G. B. Bunch & C. E. Wingfield being duly  
 Sworn say that they at the request of  
 Mary Ann Peltos attested the within last will  
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 her will in their presence  
 Subscribed & sworn  
 to before me in  
 open Court August  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874

W. M. Reese  
 G. B. Bunch  
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 I Felix Shank of the County and  
 State aforesaid being of advanced age and knowing that  
 I must shortly depart from this world clean & straight  
 and proper both as respects myself & 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 & testament hereby revoking & annulling all  
 others heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that my body be buried in a  
 decent Christianlike manner, my soul I trust shall return  
 to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal  
 Salvation through the blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus  
 Christ, whose Religion I have professed & so humbly  
 trust enjoyed for twenty years.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid by  
 my Executor herein after named.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give & devise to my beloved Wife Polly all of my prop-  
 erty, both real & personal during the natural life time  
 of the said Polly, and I desire that she may dispose  
 of any part of my Estate as she may think best, and  
 I further desire that after her death, that all of my  
 property both Real & Personal be equally divided  
 between my children, to wit; I Shm Shank, I Sm  
 E Paschall wife of Benjamin G Paschall, Martha J  
 Shank, Louisa A Shank, John H Shank, Jane  
 J Shank, William B Shank, Thomas A Shank,  
 Teresa Shank, Catherine Shank, & Henry L Shank,  
 Should any of my children marry during my wifes  
 lifetime, I desire that she may have the so much  
 as will be equal to what to her husband has been given to  
 Ann E Paschall wife of Benjamin G Paschall, and  
 all property that has been given off, shall be accounted  
 for by those who have received, or may hereafter receive  
 as a part of their Legacy.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> My Will and desire is that my younger children receive  
 as liberal an Education as my Older ones.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> If in case my wife should Man again, I desire that all  
 my property both Real & Personal be Equally divided  
 between my wife and children, she to have a double part.



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Item 6<sup>th</sup> I Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Polly, Executrix, and my son Alvin W. Shank & my son John W. Shank, Executors to this my last Will and Testament, this July 2<sup>d</sup> 1858.

Felix Shank (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed declared & published by Felix Shank, as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other, this July 2<sup>d</sup> 1858

John Shank  
Leonidas O. Shank  
Joseph A. Shank.

Georgia  
Personally appeared before me John  
Wetherill County Clerk, John W. Shank & Joseph A. Shank, two  
of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will of  
Felix Shank, he being duly sworn depose &  
say that Felix Shank did at the time specified  
in the within Will, Sign said Will in their presence  
that he Executed said Will voluntarily & that he  
was at the time of Executing said Will of sound &  
disposing mind & memory & that they signed as  
witnesses, at his request, to said Will, that they signed  
said Will in his presence & in the presence of said  
deponents & Leonidas O. Shank, the other Subscribing  
witness, and that said Will was Executed  
according to Law,  
Subscribed & sworn to  
before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1875.  
Geo. Rippon  
Clerk

John Shank  
Joseph A. Shank.

Recorded. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1875

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State of Georgia, I, Mary W Branham, of Said  
Wilkes County, State and County, knowing that  
I am is a wife appointed unto all men when they must  
die, and give up all their worldly possessions, forthwith  
a kind Providence has blessed them; And believing it to  
be the part of wisdom, to make all necessary dispositions  
of our property while in health, rather than wait for  
our last hours; - being now of a sound mind, and  
disposing memory. Breathing my + all, I may have  
heretofore made, do therefore make this, my last Will  
and Testament,

- I I desire ~~that~~ and direct, that all my just debts be  
paid, as soon as consistent with the intent of my  
Estate, by my Executor, hereinafter appointed,
- II I, give and bequeath to my Brother, John T Branham,  
for the love and affection, I have for him, the use  
+ possession of my plantation ~~near~~ purchased  
from him, and whereon he now resides, being in this  
County, and on Little River, during the term of his  
natural life, and after his death, to his present wife  
Martha, (Should she be the longest lived) during her  
Widowhood, the same use and possession, for & her  
for and the benefit of themselves and their children,
- III At the death of my Brother John T Branham +  
of his wife, Martha, or the expiration of the Widow-  
hood of the latter, should she be the longest lived, +  
Mary again, - I give, bequeath + devise, to the Chil-  
dren of my Brother, John T Branham, the Said  
Tract or parcel of Land, described in his Deed  
to me, of Said place, dated July 20<sup>th</sup> 1867, with  
all the rights, appurtenances, + appurtenances to Said  
parcel of Land, in anywise belonging, or appertaining,  
without any limitation whatever, except that it  
shall remain together until the youngest of them  
become of age; then to be Equally divided between  
those then living.
- IV, For the love and affection, I bear to my Brother  
John T Branham, and my Sister, Sarah E Hester  
and their Children, I give, bequeath + devise to my  
Niece Jewell Branham Hester, the Sum of One

Thousand dollars, and to my niece, Lucinda Lane  
Wester the like sum of One thousand dollars, and to  
the daughters of my Brother John F Branham, the net  
of my Money, resulting from the Collection of all notes  
or other debts, which may be due me, or any Stock  
May be possessed of; to be equally divided between those living when  
they youngest become of age,

I hereby constitute and appoint, my agent and Friend John  
F Wingfield, Executor of this my last will and Testament,  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 1872,  
Mary W. Branham

The foregoing, Sealed, declared, & published, by Mary W.  
Branham as her last will & Testament, in the presence  
of us the Subscribing who subscribe our names hereto,  
in the presence of said Testator, (at her special instance  
and request) and of each other, this Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>  
1872,

Recorded March  
11<sup>th</sup> 1875

E. P. Wingfield  
K. E. Wingfield  
A. E. Wingfield

Georgia Wilkes County - Wilkes Court of Ordinary  
March Term 1875 - Now Open Court, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March 1875. Came E. P. Wingfield & being duly sworn  
Says that he, at the request of all W. F. Branham attested  
the within last Will, as her Will, that he attested same will  
in her presence, and saw E. P. Wingfield & K. E. Wingfield  
attest the same in her presence & in the presence of each  
other, & that Testatrix signed the same as her will  
in the presence of deponent and the said E. P. Wingfield  
& K. E. Wingfield the other Subscribing Witnesses, &  
deponent Says on Oath also, that she was of  
Sound & disposing Mind and Memory & Executed  
Said Will Voluntarily, and that she hereunto pub-  
lished & signed said Will as her Will in her  
presence as also in the presence of the aforesaid E.  
P. & K. E. Wingfield the other Subscribing Witnesses who  
swore to & Subscribed before  
me, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1875  
Geo. Dyer

E. P. Wingfield



State of Georgia, Wilkes County

I Alexander Le Sueur revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me declare this to be my last will & Testament,

Item 1<sup>st</sup> Having Sold my Murray County Place to Joshua W. Jarrett for Ten thousand dollars which is now due and unpaid, I hereby give the proceed of Said Sale now in Note in my possession; or the Sum of Ten thousand dollars if the Same is collected before my death or if part is Collected & part unpaid then the residu of the Notes & as much Money as will make up Ten thousand dollars, or if the Land have to be taken back for non payment of the purchase Money then the Land itself above referred to - to My Brother Saml J. Le, Sueur during his lifetime to Enjoy the interest of Said Sum or Note or the rents issues & proceeds of the Said Land or Note otherwise, and after his death the Same to go to and become the property of my Niece Georgia W Le, Sueur daughter of Said Jerome, and if she dies without issue or descendants of her body living at her death, then so much of the Same as is not Consumed by Said Georgia, She being allowed hereby full right to consume so much of the Same as she may deem necessary for her Comfort, shall go to and become the property of those who then are descendants of My Brother & Sister

Item 2<sup>o</sup> I give to my Niece Camilla Jane Christine daughter of Ira Christian & Sister of Mrs Wm J Vandoger with whom she now lives my Tract of Land in Savannah River known as Watkins Island containing about 340 acres lying in Elbert County joining lands of S D Blackwell, Jas E Calloway & others, If she said Camilla dies without living issue at her death Said tract of Land to go & become the property of Mr Wm J Vandoger & her Children.

Item 3<sup>o</sup> The Residue of my Estate of every kind I hereby give precisely as the Legacy gives in Item 1<sup>st</sup> to S J Le, Sueur.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint Samuel J. Le, Sueur to Execute this my last will  
Alexander Le, Sueur

Signed Sealed & published in our presence & in the presence  
of testator & so attested in his testator at his request.  
Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Wilberforce Daniel  
J. B. Ficklin  
Saml. H. Wynn.

Wilkes Court of Ordinary, June Term 1875.  
Came into Open Court at the regular term of the  
Court Samuel H. Wynn & J. B. Ficklin and bring  
duly sworn depositions and saith that they saw  
Alexander Le. Suar Sign & publish the within  
as his last will & testament while of sound and  
disposing mind, that deponent, Wilberforce Daniel  
& J. B. Ficklin witnessed the same for him at his  
request & in his presence & in the presence of each other &  
that the same was executed voluntarily by him  
on the day it purports to have been executed  
Subscribed & sworn to in

Open Court before me  
June Term 1875. } Saml. H. Wynn  
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State of Georgia } J. Alexander L<sup>e</sup> Seur<sup>r</sup> Revoking all  
Wills County } Other Wills heretofore made by me  
declare this to be my last Will & Testament,

Item 1<sup>st</sup> Having sold my Monroe County place to Joshua Varnette  
for Ten Thousand dollars which is now due & unpaid,  
I hereby give the proceeds of said Sale now in notes in  
my possession; or the sum of Ten thousand dollars if  
the same is collected before my death, or if part is collected  
& part unpaid then the residue of the notes & as much money  
as will make up Ten Thousand dollars, or if the land  
has to be taken back for non payment of purchase  
Money, then the land itself above referred to to my  
Brother Sam<sup>l</sup> J. L<sup>e</sup> Seur<sup>r</sup> during his lifetime to enjoy the  
interest of said ~~land~~ sum or notes or the rents issues and  
proceeds of the said land & not otherwise, and after his  
death the same to go to and become the property of  
my Niece Georgia <sup>W<sup>t</sup></sup> L<sup>e</sup> Seur<sup>r</sup> daughter of said Jerome  
and if she dies without issue or descendants, if her body  
living at her death, then so much of the same as is  
not consumed by said Georgia, she being allowed her  
full right to consume so much of the same as she  
may deem necessary for her comfort, I shall go to &  
become the property of those who then are descendants  
of my Brother & Sister -

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give to my Niece Cornelia Jane Christian daughter  
of Ira Christian & Sister of Mrs W<sup>m</sup> J Vanduzer coheir whom  
she now lives my tract of land in Savannah River  
known as Watkins Island containing about 340 acres  
lying in Elbert County, joining lands of S. D. Blackwell,  
Jas. E. Calhoun & others, - If she said Cornelia dies  
without living issue at her death said tract of land  
to go to & become the property of Mrs W<sup>m</sup> J Vanduzer &  
her children,

Item 3<sup>d</sup> The Residue of my Estate of every kind I hereby give <sup>privately</sup>  
as the legacy given in Item 1<sup>st</sup> to S. J. L<sup>e</sup> Seur<sup>r</sup> and his  
daughters,

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Item 4. I hereby appoint Samuel J. Le Sueur to execute this my last Will,

signed, sealed & published in our presence & in presence of Testator & so attested in his Testator at his request.

Sep. 5. 1874.  
Wilberforce Daniel  
J. B. Ficklen  
Sam. W. Wynn.

Alexander L. E. Sueur

Court of Ordinary Wilkes County Georgia,  
March Term 1876.

In Open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> March 1876 Came Sam. W. Wynn, J. B. Ficklen and Wilberforce Daniel, and being duly sworn say that at the request of Alexander L. E. Sueur they attested the within last Will as his Will, that they attested said Will in his presence & he signed the same as his Will in their presence, and they say on oath also that he was of sound & disposing Mind & Memory & Executed said Will voluntarily & that he published said Will as his in their presence.

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me, in Open Court  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

J. B. Ficklen  
Sam. W. Wynn  
Wilberforce Daniel

Georgia Wilkes County  
I do Solemnly Swear that the above foregoing writing contains the true last Will of Alex. L. E. Sueur so far as I know or believe & that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State, So help me God,

Sam. J. Le Sueur

Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day March 1876.

Item 4. I hereby appoint Samuel J. Le Sueur to execute this my last Will,

signed, sealed & published in our presence & in presence of Testator & so attested in his Testator at his request.

Sep. 5. 1874.  
Wilberforce Daniel  
J. B. Ficklen  
Sam. W. Wynn.

Alexander L. E. Sueur

Court of Ordinary Wilkes County Georgia,  
March Term 1876.

In Open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> March 1876 Came Sam. W. Wynn, J. B. Ficklen and Wilberforce Daniel, and being duly sworn say that at the request of Alexander L. E. Sueur they attested the within last Will as his Will, that they attested said Will in his presence & he signed the same as his Will in their presence, and they say on oath also that he was of sound & disposing Mind & Memory & Executed said Will voluntarily & that he published said Will as his in their presence.

Subscribed & Sworn to  
before me, in Open Court  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

J. B. Ficklen  
Sam. W. Wynn  
Wilberforce Daniel

Georgia Wilkes County  
I do Solemnly Swear that the above foregoing writing contains the true last Will of Alex. L. E. Sueur so far as I know or believe & that I will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State, So help me God,

Sam. J. L. E. Sueur

Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day March 1876.

Georgia, Wilkes County, Nov. 4. 1857.

In the Name of God Amen,

I, George Pullin being feeble in body though sound in mind & Memory do dispose of my property which a kind Providence has blessed me with in the following manner, viz-

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned, and that I be buried in a decent and Christian like manner,

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will & desire that all my property both real & personal be equally divided between the following named individuals viz: My beloved wife Elizabeth, my son George, my Grand Daughter Amanda S. Pullin, one distributive share to go to my Daughter Martha Gill and her Children one other distributive share to my Daughter Elizabeth House & her Children, another distributive share to my Daughter Rhoda Rhodes and her Children,

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will & desire that should my grand Daughter A. S. Pullin die & leave no living Children, then I want the distributive share that I have willed to her to revert back to my Estate and be equally divided and disposed of as laid down in second Item,

Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that Thos. Y. Gill act as trustee for my Daughter Martha Gill and her Children and John W. Rhodes act as trustee for my daughter Rhoda Rhodes and her Children, and that Meriwether L. House act as trustee for my daughter Elizabeth House & her Children should she have any,

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will & desire that my son George Pullin, Thos. Y. Gill, John Rhodes & Meriwether House act & they are hereby appointed my Executors to this my last Will & Testament,

Witness my hand  
W. D. Quinn  
Wm G. Pullin  
B. F. Bradley  
G. C. Andrews  
John M. Pullin

George Pullin Sr,



January Term 1876 Wilkes County Court of Ordinary  
 In Open Court Comes W. G. Pullen and being duly  
 Sworn deposes and Says that at the request of George  
 Pullen Sr. he attested the within Will as his Will & that  
 the other witnesses therein named attested in like manner  
 that day attested said Will in presence of said George  
 Pullen Sr. & he signed the same in their presence & that he  
 said George Pullen Sr. was of Sound Mind and  
 Memory & Executed said Will voluntarily & published  
 said Will as his in their presence  
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 before me, Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876.  
 Geo. Dwyer  
 Ordinary

W. G. Pullen

Recorded May 30. 1876.

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State of Georgia, Wilkes Co.

In the Name of God, I

R J Watton of said County & State, being lawfully afflicted and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right & proper both as respects my family & myself that I should make a disposition of my ~~the~~ property with which a kind Providence has blessed me do therefore make this my last Will and testimony hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me,

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like Manner suitable to my Circumstances and Conditions in life,

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath & devise to my beloved wife Catharine N Watton all of the tract of land that I now live upon containing six Hundred and thirty acres more or less, with all the rights, members and appurtenances of said tract of land in any wise belonging to me free from all charge or limitation whatsoever to her own proper use and benefit and behoof during her natural life, And at her death the said tract of land to be equally divided between the lawful heirs of my body, I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife in the same Manner the ~~following~~ farming utensils used on & belonging to said tract of land of every description whatsoever, And my Mules and Horses all of my Cows, Calves and Cattle of every description, and all my Hogs Stock and feathering fowls and all of my household & kitchen furniture belong and used on said tract of land; I further desire and direct that my beloved Wife at my death have one years support for her own proper use & benefit,

3<sup>d</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son Charles J Watton my Executor of this my last Will and Testament,

This April 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1875  
R J Watton

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Signe & Sealed, declared & published by Richard J. Walton  
as his last Will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers  
who Subscribed our names herunto in the presence of Sais Testator at his special  
instance and request in presence of each other

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1875

Geo. W. Kendall

E. D. Beard

M. L. Mahony

Georgia. In Court of Ordinary at Chambers  
Wilkes County } April 22<sup>d</sup> 1876

Personally Came Geo. W. Kendall who being  
duly Sworn deposes and says that at the request of R. J.  
Walton he attended the within last Will as his Will, that  
he attended same Will in his presence & signed the same as a  
witness, also in the presence of E. D. Beard & M. L. Mahony - the  
other two Subscribing Witnesses who also signed the same  
in the presence of each other in the presence of Testator, and  
he says also on oath that Sais Testator was of sound &  
disposing Mind & Memory, and Executed Sais Will  
Voluntarily, and published Sais Will & Signed it,  
as his Will, in their presence,

Sworn to & Subscribed  
before me, April 22<sup>d</sup> 1876.

Geo. Dyson  
Ordinary

Geo. W. Kendall

Recorded May 31<sup>st</sup> 1876.



State of Georgia I James Smith of State & County  
Wilkes County aforesaid being of sound disposing  
mind & Memory do make this my last Will and  
Testament, hereby Revoking all former Wills by me hereto-  
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Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath the whole of my Estate, real, pers-  
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it is my Will that the Farm be kept up for the support of  
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liberty to make their home on the place, should it become  
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any property, then my Executors hereinafter named  
may execute their discretion as to what property they  
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Item 3<sup>d</sup> It is my Will at the Marriage of either of my ~~children~~  
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or if there is Cash on hand at the time then to be given  
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