

A. M. Marper Will.

I Richard M. Marper of the State of Mississippi and Madison County, and now at the residence of Robt. B Jones of Monroe County Alabama, now in a low state of health, but in a sound state of mind, do as my last act and will give and bequeath to my sister wife of Robert B Jones, all my effects that I brought with me to Alabama, consisting of a horse and buggy, trunk clothing of and to my two nieces living in Madison County Mississippi Maria Bailey and Martha Supton all my medical accounts, after my debts are paid that was left to me in Missi - to be divided equally between them, My Books and Medicines I give to James Priestley, Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of June 1845

John B. Stedley No. 1000 } Signed R. M. Marper
Shelby County, Ala. James Jones July 1st 1845

James Jones } This day came Robert B Jones and moved the Court that the instrument hereinafore presented as the last Will and Testament of Richard Marper late of the State of Mississippi deceased, be admitted to Probate, and at a hearing held the next of day of said deceased, except his wife of the said Robert B Jones an non residents of the State of Alabama, and it being also duly testimony shown that James B. Stedley one of the subscribing witnesses cannot be served with a subpoena, and that the place of his residence is wholly unknown - John B. Stedley the other subscribing witness was duly sworn in before Court, and says that said instrument was signed by said Marper in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, and published and declared to be his last will and testament, and he the said Stedley, and the said James B. Stedley at the request of said Testator signed the same as witnesses, in his presence, deponent further says that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time of the execution of said instrument. - It is therefore declared that said instrument be entered of Record as the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that letters of administration with the will annexed shall be given to the said Robert B Jones upon his entering into Bond in the sum of Five hundred dollars

Signed J. A. Young Judge of the Court
The State of Alabama, I Thomas J. Woolf Clerk of the County and Orphan Court Monroe County } of said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the last Will and Testament of Richard M. Marper deceased, together with the Probate of the same as now on file in my office.

Seal

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Lumber in this the first day of July A.D. 1845

Thos. J. Woolf, Clerk

I James A. Young Insideing Judge of the County and Orphan Court of Monroe County, in the State of Alabama do hereby Certify that Thomas J. Woolf whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is Clerk of said Court duly commissioned and qualified, that his said Certificate is in due form of Law and entitled to full faith and Credit. Given under my hand and seal this first day of July A.D. 1845

J. A. Young Judge of Seal

Solomon Brandenburgs Last Will

This is my will and pleasure, and which I want done with my property. My son Solomon A. Brandenburg I will give fifty dollars after my death two years he is to have the fifty dollars paid to him for he has had thirteen hundred dollars already that I have paid for him and what he has spent — of my money that I intrusted him with, and the bad way he has treated me, and I forgive all the balance of my children to give him not one cent more out of my property, and to make a share for all balances to be paid up what they have had and divide all my property equal between themselves, and to sell no paper without and byers want to be sold, but they may sell to one another, but what land I own, some and all other loose property and I want my son to give a true statement as they own which I believe they will do — you must mind my son Thomas has not had any thing as yet. But all the balances have had part of my property but Thomas don't forget that Solomon gets no more and what I say but you hundred dollars you may pay Thomas on Solomons account that he owes Thomas I have made a small piece you can all understand, to Ben McCutchen, George Callahan & H. Sample David Brandenburg, Susan Brandenburg, G. Howell and Thomas Brandenburg

Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1845

Madison County State of Mississippi — Canton

Solomon Brandenburg senior
 Don't fail to do all as I say, have no bias about it but all do right and God will prosper you all,
 The State of Mississippi Probate Court August Term 1845
 Madison County

Personally appeared in open Court Nathan Russell, and A. Darden who being separately sworn and examined each depose and said that they are acquainted with the said writing of Solomon Brandenburg senior deceased, from having frequently seen him write, and that they verily believe and have no doubt that the foregoing writing in writing to be the last will and testament of said Solomon Brandenburg senior deceased is wholly in his hand writing — It is then so ordered by the Court that said writing be established as the last will and testament of said Solomon Brandenburg senior deceased and recorded and filed.

Wm. Bailey Judge of Probate etc

William Armstrongs Will

In the Name of Almighty God - Amen,

I William Armstrong, being in Common health of body, and of sound mind and disposing memory, yet knowing the instability of all things, and that in the ordinary Course of Providence my life cannot be expected to be Continued many years longer, am desirous as far as it is in my power, to Provide for and order my business in my lifetime, that at my death all the matters and things with which I am Concerned may be so fully settled, as to leave my family free from the trouble and difficulty and Expence usually occasioned to the families of those who neglect the settlement of their business & concerns in their life time, I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows (to wit)

- 1st First - I will and desire that my body should be, plainly and decently buried.
 - 2nd Second, I desire, that all my just debts should be paid
 - 3rd Third - It is my will and desire, that my beloved wife Anne if she should live longer than I do should be maintained, and decently and Comfortably supported in my house and on my plantation, of the Choises to remain on it, and whether she remains on it or not it is my desire that she should be supported, out of the proceeds of my land and such other property as I may have during her natural life.
 - 4th Fourth, I Give and bequeath, to my son James Armstrong the sum of five dollars to him and his heirs forever.
 - 5th Fifth, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth the wife of Joshua Smed, the sum of five dollars to her and her heirs forever -
 - 6th Sixth, I give and bequeath to my son Esse Armstrong all my real estate and lands and all my Stock of Cattle, Hogs, horses, all debts due me and all other property rights and Credits of whatever name or description to me belonging, subject to the payment of the foregoing legacies, and to the Support of my Wife as aforesaid to him and his heirs forever, and
- Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Esse Armstrong sole Executor of this my last Will and testament, sealed with my seal and signed this 27th day October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty one. In Presence of
- Ant^h W. Felt, W. Riley, W. Carson } William Armstrong Test

The State of Mississippi Personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for the County of Madison, the within last Will & Testament to wit: William Riley & W^m Carson who being first duly sworn depose, say, the fact aforesaid, that he was present, at the Execution aforesaid, the same - He proved that the Testator acknowledged the within to be his last Will & Testament & that he subscribed the same in his presence. It is therefore ordered that the same be Recorded,

April Term A.D. 1846

J. B. Horcott Judge of Probate -

Margaret P. Sulaway's Will,

The State of Mississippi & Margaret P. Sulaway
Shields County do make and publish

this my last Will and Testament as follows-

I Give to my son Georgiana, and my son William P. all of my real estate, consisting of a tract or tracts of land, which I bought of S. H. Cogard on the 19th of February 1825, which will more fully and distinctly appear by reference to a certain paper writing of that date purporting to be articles of agreement, between the said Cogard and myself for the purchase of said land, also the following Negroes Namely Ned, Ann, Frank, Aggy, Nat, Marrison, and an Child, Money George, Louisa, Mary and Emiline, all of my Cows, Cattle oxen, Sheep, Hogs, Horses, Mules, Buggy, Gold watch, fifty dollars worth of silver plate farming utensils, House hold and kitchen furniture, the growing Crop, and finally all of my Property both real and personal and mixed, whether the same be herein enumerated or not,

I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved husband William P. Sulaway Executor to this my last Will and Testament, without giving security, and first he is requested to pay all of my debts, and secondly, as he is the Natural Guardian of my Children he is requested to educate them, and at all times when he may believe that a sale of the land or any portion thereof, or of any or all of the Negroes or perishable estate, will promote the interest of my Children, I hereby authorize and request him to make such sale, and again to buy or make such disposition of the money as he may think most conducive to the interest of my Children, and he is further authorized and empowered at any time that he may think proper to do so, to divide the Property between my said two Children, and his division shall be final and irrevocable. He is further authorized upon the sale of any of the Property herein named, to convey the same by deed or Bill of Sale, to the purchaser, He is also authorized to Cut down and with the Negroes and Stock, or sell the Stock and hire out the Negroes at his pleasure, and for his trouble and expense in the premises, he hereby authorized to take to himself and his own use, such a per cent as he may think proper without being accountable therefor to any person or persons whatever, and having and reposing full and entire Confidence in my said Executor, I do hereby release him from making returns to the Probate Court as required by Law,

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of May 1846

Witness Samuel S. Massey
B. Walls
Wm. C. Ellis

Margaret P. Sulaway

I William P. Sulaway do hereby give my full and entire Consent to the foregoing will, and do ratify the same as fully and absolutely as I can legally do so, and I Promise this Testatrix to Carry out her wishes herein expressed to the utmost of my ability

Witness
Saml. J. Albeeley
B. Walls
Wm. C. Ellis

Wm. P. Sulaway

The State of Mississippi Personally appeared in open Court Benisto Wells one Madison County of the Subscribing Witnesses to the last Will & Testament of Margaret P. Dulany deceased. Who being first duly sworn deposed & said that he was present and witnessed the execution of said last and testament that testatrix was of sound & disposing mind & Memory, that she manifested no signs of Coercion, but avowed a desire that the property should be disposed of & managed as directed, in said Will, deponent further states that the other two Subscribing Witnesses were at the same time & place also present & witnessed the Execution thereof. It is therefore solemnly decreed that said Will be established, admitted to Record & filed in this Court.

May Term A.D. 1846

J. B. Snowcott
Judge of Probate

John G. Atch. Will,

Know all persons by these Presents, that I John G. Atch of the County of Madison State of Mississippi have in & for the consideration of Two dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge bought and sold & delivered unto G. B. Henry on the County of State aforesaid, and by these Presents do hereby buy and sell & deliver unto him the said Henry my whole Library both of Law & Miscellaneous my Iron Chest, my two Desks, my Bed, my Chairs my Mirrors, and in fact all my Personal property whatsoever, together with all the right title & interest I have in the Notes and accounts due Atch, Barclay, Walker & Atch, and due myself individually, to his own proper use & behoof forever. Upon the Condition however Provided that a bond be executed & approved by the Judge of Circuit my account, to James Keith Jesse Heard, James Royster, R. M. Coz, W. Clingman Henry White, James G. Ford, Lewis Montgomery, W. Whelan, Whaley Cowan, W. Cowan, Geo. McAndrews, J. D. Callahan Geo. Calhoun Robt. Lattimer, Henry Smith at Jackson, John Hardy, C. C. Shackelford, C. J. Blalock, J. D. Henry and all other Creditors of name excepting Chewning & Dawson. The plain meaning of this instrument is this that the said Henry shall in case of my death collect all my effects and debts coming to me & pay off & discharge the above named debts, or if the said Henry upon ascertaining the amount of my debts, shall pay them out of his own purse, and he be satisfied therewith he may keep my Library both of Law & Miscellaneous.

For his free & trouble herein I reward unto the said Henry, Barclay, Dictionary and the Encyclopaedia Americana.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 10th day of July A.D. 1843.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County
Personally appeared before me James Priestly a Justice of the Peace for said County John G. Atch who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument, of writing on the day and year and for the purposes therein

John G. Atch Test

appeared, as his act and deed, and that he signed the same after the interstices
-times and erasures were made, Given under my hand and seal this the tenth
day of July 1843.

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } The within instrument purporting to be the last Will &
Testament of John G. Alt deceased, being this day produced in open Court and
it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the execution of said instrument
was duly acknowledged by the testator, in his lifetime, before a Justice of the
Peace. It is therefore judicially declared that the same be established
Recorded & filed in this Court.

James Smith, M. J. ^{Justice}
J. B. Howcath
Judge of Probate,

Samuel McKay Will.

I Samuel McKay of the County of Madison
and State of Mississippi, do make and publish this my last Will and
testament, hereby making and making void all former wills by me at any
time heretofore made, and that I give my soul to God, and
direct that my body be decently interred. First, After the payment
of all my just debts, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha
McKay during her natural life, all my estate both real and personal
for the support of my beloved wife, and those of my Children that are living
with us, and as long as they chose to remain with their mother after
my decease. It is my desire and wish, that my son John McKay
remain with my beloved wife, and take charge of and manage the estate
during the lifetime of his mother and at the death of my beloved wife
Martha McKay, to have my whole estate divided in equal portions to
each of my beloved Children who may be then living, reserving a reasonable
Compensation for his services. In Witness Whereof, I Samuel
McKay the testator have set my hand and seal this the twenty
fourth day of June One Thousand Eight hundred and forty six
Signed & sealed in the presence of us, who have
Subscribed in the presence of each other }
M. D. Shelby. - James Skimmer.

Samuel McKay Testator

The State of Mississippi Probate Court September Term A.D. 1846
Madison County } This day personally appeared in open Court Mar-
quis D. Shelby & James Skimmer subscribing Witnesses to the last Will &
testament of Samuel McKay deceased, who being first duly sworn
deposed & say, that they were present & witnessed the signing & execution
thereof & that at the same time & place they attested the same in the
presence of each other of the testator, that the said testator, was of sound & disposing
mind & memory & appeared to act free from any influence or persuasion of others, It
is therefore ordered that said Will be established & Recorded as the last Will &
Testament of said deceased & filed in this office.

J. B. Howcath
Judge of Probate -

Will Jones' Will,

In the name of God, Amen,

I Will Jones, being in ill health, but of a sound and disposing mind do make, this my last will and Testament, revoking all others,

1st First, I will and bequeath, to my dear wife Judith D. Jones her lifetime, and after her death to my son Willis D. Jones, all my real estate with all appurtenances connected thereto, including all my horses Cattle Hogs, Sheep and Stocks of every description, all of my Waggon and tools of every kind, my Wife Judith D. having the privilege of disposing of any of my personal property during her lifetime, not otherwise here particularly designated, Also I will and bequeath to her the following Negroes to wit, Lillur, Vincent, William, Lemmy, Mowar, Phil, Reuben and Susan which personal property it is my wish for her to make any disposition of she may think proper, I also will and bequeath to My son Willis D. Jones the following Negroes to wit, Edmund, Phil. Jr. Martha, Austin & Roscius wife, Alfred, Renu, Richard & Charney his wife and their three youngest Children Cornelius, Catharine & Eliza, also George and my two blind boys Isaac & Britton,

I also will and bequeath to my daughter Mary M. Whitehead, the following Negroes to wit, More, Daniel and Solomon,

I also will and bequeath to my daughter Martha D. M. County the following Negroes to wit, John, Louisa, Green and Jack.

I also will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth M. Howcatt the following Negroes to wit, Cessup and Maddy,

I also will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca D. More the following Negroes to wit, Charles, Wandy, and Callie,

And furthermore, it is my wish and desire that any part of my personal estate that is not particularly designated in this my will I do also will and bequeath to my dear wife Judith D. Jones with the privilege of her making any disposition of the same she may think proper.

And I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed family neighbor John M. Eldie, together with my son in law Nathun. D. Whitehead and son Willis D. Jones Executors of this my last Will and Testament,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th Day of September A.D. 1846,

Witness My W. J. Austin } Will Jones
N. Rabb. }

The State of Mississippi The within last Will & Testament of Will Jones deceased being Maduca County this day presented in Open Court, for Probation & Record by Nathun. D. Whitehead & Willis D. Jones Executors named therein - and also at the same time & place William J. Austin & N. Rabb subscribing Witnesses thereto having produced & examined by the Court touching the execution & publication of said last Will & Testament & their attestation thereof & the Condition of mind of the testator & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the within is the last Will & Testament of the said Will Jones, deceased, duly executed & published & attested according to Law, & that the said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged & decreed that the said Will be established Recorded & filed in this office as the last Will & Testament of said deceased,

October Term 1846, J. D. Howcatt
Judge of Probate.

William Deason's Will,

In the Name of God Amen, I William Deason of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and believing it to be my duty to arrange and dispose of all my temporal matters to the best advantage and benefit of my beloved family, I do therefore make and ordain the following Stems, as my last Will and Testament, revoking all others of any date here before made,

- 1 Stem 1st. It is my Will that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable and that all of my property be kept together until they are paid, excepting my lands on Big Black known as the King place, which I purchased of my son James A. Deason, which tract of land I wish sold, and the Proceeds applied in liquidation of my debts,
- 2 Stem 2nd. It is my Will, that my beloved wife Mary Deason have all the right and title of all my property both real and personal not otherwise disposed of during her natural life,
- 3 Stem 3rd. It is my Will, that my son Wm. A. Deason have the entire care and management of all my estate, both real and personal, not otherwise disposed of, during the lifetime of his mother, and for it to be kept together as Common Stock during the same time, for the Mutual Support of my wife Mary Deason, my Daughter Mary C. Deason, or I my Daughter in Law Emma C. Deason, the widow of my deceased son James A. Deason, so long as she continues to remain single and unmarried, and her three Children by my said son, James A. Deason, viz. Mary C. Deason, William A. Deason, and Matilda C. Deason,
- 4 Stem 4th. As I have heretofore given to my three Daughters that has married about was then an equitable portion of my estate, viz. to Sarah Rebecca Stone a Negro girl named Harriet, and one bed and furniture, to Matilda Caroline Christmas a Negro girl named Caroline one Bed and furniture to Martha Smith Reed, a Negro girl named Mary, one Bed and furniture, It is my Will that these Negroes with their issue, be the property of my said Daughters and descend to their Children forever, and that it be in full of their portion of my estate,
- 5 Stem 5th. It is my Will, that at the death of my wife Mary Deason that all my property both real and personal excepting that portion named in Stem 1st be equally divided between my two Children, Mary Chesfield Deason and William Jordan Deason, and that portion thus drawn by my daughter Mary C. Deason, I give unto her and those to whom she may will it to at her death, and their heirs forever provided she never marry. But if she marry, it is my Will, that the Negroes thus drawn by her be appraised by three disinterested persons she choosing one and my son Wm. A. Deason another, and their two persons thus chosen by them - choose a third one, and the amount they may appraise said Negroes to be paid to her in three annual installments by my son Wm. A. Deason, and the said Negroes with all their increase to descend and belong to the Children of my son Wm. A. Deason forever. This arrangement is made for the purpose of preventing the separation of my Negroes whom I have raised, as it is and ever has been my earnest wish and desire that they should be kept in one family, and never separated, and it is my Will that the Negroes thus drawn by my son Wm. A. Deason with all their increase descend and belong to his Children, for their benefit and support forever -

The Property disposed of in this Item is given to my two Children Mary C. Deussen and Wm. J. Deussen to remunerate them for their past services rendered me and their Mother, as I have never yet given them any property, and it is my earnest request, and do solemnly enjoin on my Children, and their Children to instruct my Wives regularly in the Christian Religion,

6 Item 6th It is my will that all the Negro property I have purchased of my son James N. Deussen on settlement with him on the seventeenth day of December A.D. 1840, and conveyed to me by him and his wife Lucretia C. Deussen for and in consideration of my account against him of Eight thousand two hundred and twelve dollars and nine Cents, occasioned by my buying him my part of the proceeds of the Crops for eight years successively, including the Crops of Eight hundred and thirty three to Eight hundred and forty one, inclusive, also for my assumption of his three promissory notes to N. and S. Dick. & Co. and by them transferred to G. Atkinson and Woods & Co. one for three thousand one hundred and fifty one dollars fifty two Cents due on the thirtieth day of October A.D. 1841, and one for three thousand one hundred and fifty one dollars fifty two Cents due on the thirtieth day of March A.D. 1842, and one for three thousand one hundred and fifty one dollars and fifty two Cents due on the thirtieth day of March A.D. 1843. It is my will that said property be kept together with my other property, and the proceeds of their joint labors be applied in liquidation of the above mentioned account, and three notes, retaining so much of the proceeds of each Crop as will be necessary for the Comfortable support of my wife Mary Deussen, and daughter Mary C. Deussen, and Lucretia C. Deussen and her three Children until all the above named debts are paid,

7 Item 7th It is my will, that as soon as the above named account and notes are fully paid, that the following Real and Personal Property, to wit the tract of land on which I now reside and known as John Robley, Trimm, Jack Rowland, Ben, Grandin, Levi-Cye, Thompson, Susan-Ellick, Little, John, Guilford, Abram, Leilila, Sally Caroline, Martha, Harriet, Lucinda-Lucy, Amanda, America, Sophia, Eliza, George-Liam-Samuel, Eliza and Abram, and their increase half of the stock, in said plantation, one pleasure Carriage, half of the farming utensils, and two beds and furniture, and all other furnishings included in deed of Conveyance to me, I give and bequeath unto Lucretia C. Deussen and the Children of James N. Deussen, each an equal share, to them and their heirs forever, and I do appoint my son Wm. J. Deussen, my Special Executor of all the property named in this Seventh Item, of my Will, and that at any time when a division is called for by either of the above named Legates, after said account and notes are fully discharged, either by their being of lawful age, or marrying, such Legate may apply for his or her share of said property, and shall receive the same by an equal division made by three Commissioners appointed by Court for that purpose, and the remainder, after such share or shares, being extracted continue together as before, until all shall have applied, and thus equally divided, out the entire amount of said property,

8 Item 8th I appoint my son William Jordan Deussen, Executor to this my last will and testament, and having a full and entire Confidence in his fidelity I do request that no security be required of him by the Court of Probate for the faithful discharge of the duties of Executor.

In testimony Whereof I have

I herewith set my hand and seal this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord
One thousand Eight hundred and forty four. Signed and acknowledged
Witnesses A. B. Miles, L. R. Campbell } Wm. L. Lusk
Geo. A. Chatham, Susan Nancy Ann & Nancy }

Codicil,

I William Lusk being of sound mind & memory in the fear of God on the 18th day
of September in the year of our Lord 1846 do make this as my last Codicil to my
above written last will & testament, to be executed by my above named, Executor
Susan Lusk as follows to wit. Believing that my debts can be liquidated
without the sale of my lands named in article 1st of my above written will, it is
my will to make so much of that item, as to cover the sale of said lands that
they may my King Boat or Big Black purchased of my son, James W. Lusk be
returned and distributed, as the real property mentioned in the fifth of my above
named Will, unless my Executor shall deem it necessary to sell said land for
the payment of my debts, in which case I desire it to be sold as directed in
article first of my Will just before.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand & seal the
day & year above written.
Witnesses J. S. Ball, } Wm. Lusk
J. S. Scott, J. M. Sandidge }

The State of Mississippi } The annexed last Will and testament of the Codicil
Mudmin County } of William Lusk deceased being this day (1846)
presented in a pro Court for probate and read by William S. Lusk the executor
named therein - and also at the same time & place A. B. Miles, Susan Nancy &
Ann & D. Nancy subscribing Witnesses to the said will & J. S. Ball, J. S. Scott &
J. M. Sandidge subscribing Witnesses to the said Codicil being produced & examined
by the Court touching the execution & publication of said last Will and testament
of the Codicil thereto, & their collation thereof & the condition of mind of the
testator & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Will & Codicil
are the last will & testament of the said William Lusk deceased, duly executed
published & attested according to Law & that the said testator was at the time
of executing the same of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered
adjudged & decreed that the same be established. Recorded & filed in this office
as the last Will & testament of said deceased.
Nov^r Term A. D. 1846.

J. B. Howcott
Judge of Probate

Mary Simpson Will,

The state of Mississippi & Mary Simpson being of
 Madison County sound mind, and in moderate
 health but knowing that it is the Common Lot of persons to die - do make
 this my last Will and testament (to wit), I Give and bequeath
 to my son Robert Simpson, all my Stocks of Cattle Sheep & Hogs and
 the work of my Negro woman, which he has had for four years past without
 his paying to my heirs any thing therefor. I Give to my Daughter
 Elizabeth Galbraith, my Negro girl Lanny for her use and benefit, during
 her lifetime, and then to be equally divided between her Children,
 I also give to my Grand daughter Mary Ann Galbraith, my best bed
 and bedding, viz Three best Sheets, two best quilts, Three Combs, all
 the Blankets, and two Stands of Curtains, The balance of my bed
 Clothes and my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my
 two daughters Mary Jones & Elizabeth Galbraith, And my Double
 Coat I give to Elizabeth Galbraith,

It is my will that the Negro Woman Julia and her Child Linda
 to be equally divided between my sons James Simpson and Oliver
 Simpson and my daughter Mary Jones & Elizabeth Galbraith, also my
 Saddle I give to Mary Ann Galbraith,

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight
 hundred and forty three

In the Presence of
 R. M. Fleming }
 P. L. Adams }
 Leckie Griffin }

Mary Simpson Test
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I Mary Simpson do this day make this
 further addition or Codicil to my last Will and testament. That is to
 say, that I give to my grand daughter Mary Grady fifty dollars -
 I give the balance of the money arising from the sale of my Negro
 woman Julia, (which money is in the hands of my son Rob Simpson)
 amounting to something like three hundred dollars, and the Negro woman
 Julia and her Child Linda, to be equally divided between my son Thomas
 Simpson James Simpson & Oliver Simpson, and my daughters Mary Jones
 & Elizabeth Galbraith. - any part of my Will that comes in Conflict
 with this Codicil I do hereby revoke, but confirm the balance -

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 19th day of August A.D. 1845

In the Presence of us
 R. M. Fleming }
 Elizabeth Jones }

Mary Simpson Test
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The state of Mississippi the within last Will and testament & Codicil of Mary
 Madison County Simpson deceased being offered for probate R. M. Fleming
 & P. L. Adams were introduced as subscribing Witnesses to said last Will
 & testament & R. M. Fleming & Elizabeth Jones subscribing Witnesses to said Codicil
 who upon their separate oaths say that they were present & witnessed the execution
 publication of said last Will & testament & Codicil & that said last testator

was of sound & disposing mind & memory & appeared to act from his own free
 choice free from the influence or persuasion of others, & that they signed the
 same in presence of each other in presence of the testator, therefore it is
 Ordained that said last Will & Testament of said testator be established &
 Recorded & filed in this Court,
 July 18th 1847

J. B. Howcott
 Judge of Probate

Joseph Collins' Will

In the Name of God, Amen. -

I Joseph Collins of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi
 being in good health, and sound in body & mind, and about to leave the
 County and State aforesaid, and being desirous to settle my worldly
 affairs whilst I have strength to do so. do make and ordain this my
 last Will and Testament,

First. I Commit my soul into the hands of my Creator, who gave
 it me, and my body to the Earth, to be buried where I die, if I die a-
 broad, but if at home by the side of my beloved Mother and daughter,
 and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust
 me with I dispose of the same as followeth,

It is my will that all my just debts be paid likewise
 my funeral expenses, by my Executors hereinafter named, and appointed
 It is my desire, that my present Crop be sold when gathered, my
 land stock and farming utensils, likewise all my Negroes or a twelve
 months Credit except my Cotton Crop, and that I leave at the discretion
 of my Executors. Now be it understood, that it is my Will and
 desire that my Negroes be sold in families husband and wife with
 their Children that is ten years old, and under, and should not a
 great sacrifice have to be gilded to Children older than 10 years may
 be sold with father and Mother, which I leave discretionary with
 my Executors. But this I enjoin on my Executors, that my Negroes
 have the Choosing of their Masters Provided he or she as the Case may
 be will take them at their appraisement after being valued by some 3 or 5
 sworn appraisers, the purchaser giving a bond with two good and suf-
 ficient Securities, and the money arising from the sale of my land, Negroes
 Stock Crop and debts, that are due me as well as the moneys of my Cotton
 Lots, or they may be sold if my Executors think proper, and after
 paying my debts as above, the balance to be put out at Int in a safe
 manner, and the interest to be put to the support of my insane Son
 J. B. Collins, and to the schooling of my Grand son William Joseph Mills
 Provided Dr L. A. Mills does not get the Guardianship of little William
 for if he can give security and take him from under the Care of my Executors
 I make giving him his schooling until he becomes of proper age to Choose his
 Guardian, and I hope he will not Choose his ungrateful Father,


And provided my son should never be married and have
 heirs by his lawful Wife, I give him and his heirs the whole of my Estate

except what is otherwise bequeathed to others. Except as before stated
 my grand son's schooling, in Conditions set forth as above, and now I
 give and bequeath unto my Niece Margaret McEachern sum parts
 out of ten shares in a Certain Negro boy Called Lewis, for which I have
 a Bill of sale from Sheriff Stumblers. - And I give and bequeath
 to my sister Mary Tomm her lifetime Equity and her son Bill or Melbium
 and at her death to be divided between her 3 daughters Caroline Holloway
 Margaret McEachern and Agnes Shupp, Provided my sister Tomm does
 no rent for the land whereon my sister Eliza Cole lives, for in that Case I
 will and bequeath the said Equity and her son Bill to sister Eliza Cole
 her lifetime and then they are to be sold and divided between the lawful
 heirs living of sister Margaret Richards and sister Eliza Cole, and I
 further give and bequeath unto sister Eliza Cole during her life an
 Man Tom and one Negro woman Maria Provided the pay or Causes to be
 paid five hundred dollars and the interest in the Branch of the Commercial
 Bank at Canton for which I am endorser for her husband Wm. Cole, and
 at her death to her Children that may then be alive.

And I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Joseph S. Richards
 my Lapan Pony and my Blushington and Affram Books, likewise my
 Surveying instruments. Provided he makes the deeds to the lands bid
 off in his name, that were sold as the lands of Thomas Collins dec'd and
 my Executors are authorized to sell them to help pay the Bank debt.
 that was security for my Bro Thomas for - And I will and bequeath
 unto my beloved sister Margaret Richards my folding bay dining table and
 Cante table, Bureau and side Board, and Choice of my Clocks, and
 I give my Nephew Richards my Mouth Glass, and to Eliza Coulter my Glass
 in drawers, and my little table with a drawer and Glass wks. and I
 give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thomas C. Steen Eighty ac of
 land whereon he now lives by his paying my Executors Eighty eight dollars
 and interest thereon ann year after my death at Eight per Cent
 it being loaned money.

Now let it be properly understood, that in Case my wife and
 death while insane - if while my grand son Wm. J. Mills is living, I
 give and bequeath what I allotted for my son to my grand son Wm. J.
 Mills Provided he is not at the time under the Guardianship of Dr.
 L. A. Mills, and in Case of both their deaths I will one half to
 the Children of Melissa Norris of S. Carolina and the other half to
 hers of James and Margaret Richards Children that may then be
 alive, and I constitute and appoint James Richards and his
 son in Law Henry A. Coulter and John Munn Executors to this my
 last will and testament.

R. J. Richardson Secutar Miss
 John P. Marshall Comba Miss
 Lee Beard Comba Miss
 The State of Mississippi Court of Probate March Term 1817
 Madison County

Joseph Collins 

Personally appeared in Open Court, Adam R.
 Coulter & James Richards Executors named in the last will & testament

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of Joseph Collins deceased together with John Munn who being also named as Executor, appears declines accepting the appointment of Executor and in justice all his Privileges as such, and a full due proof of the executory publication hereof of the same is examined, allowed, established as the last Will & Testament of said Joseph Collins deceased and to be Recorded filed in this office.
March Term A.D. 1847

M. Howcott
Judge of Probates

Delphae Leberry's Will

I Delphae Leberry of Madison County, State of Mississippi, being now of a proper sound mind, but feeble health, and knowing that at best my earthly stay will be short, and feeling anxious that the effects or property of which I am now lawfully possessed, should be disposed of after my decease in quiet & peaceable manner among my Children, I do make the following disposition as my last Will & Testament,

That my remains be interred in a decent manner, and that all expenses arising therefrom be defrayed out of my estate,

That all just Claims against me be paid,

That all my Negroes, viz Sarah, Moses, Aaron, & Charles be retained, and that all them except Moses be sold on such terms as may best suit the interest of the estate, and it is my will, that the net proceeds of the sale of my Negroes Sarah, Aaron and Charles, and my other effects, and also four hundred dollars now in the hands of my son Wm. E. Leberry be divided among my Children as follows, viz to Samuel Leberry my eldest son, my Executor pay him, dollars and the remainder be equally divided share and share alike between Elizabeth Horn, the Heir of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Leberry, (that is that they collectively have one share), William E. Leberry, Priscilla Howard wife of R. B. Howard and Delphia J. wife of Weyman Adams,

I hereby bequeath to James M. Leberry my Negro boy Moses about eight or nine years old and a note I hold against him for twenty five dollars,

I bequeath to Betsey Leberry my grand daughter, my bed and furniture

I hereby appoint & request Weyman Adams to be the Executor of this my last Will & Testament, and do by these Presents empower him to collect from my son William E. Leberry four hundred dollars now in his hands and carry out my will as expressed in the foregoing instrument - Done March 8th 1847

Test M. J. McKim, J. C. Napier &

Delphae Leberry

James Livingston, Will.

I James Livingston of the County of Jessamine and Commonwealth of Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind, doth publish this my last Will and Testament,

My Negroes is to be divided into seven parts, Samuel D Livingston and his Children is to have a seventh part, John Livingston and his Children is to have a seventh part, Estlin Byrnes is to have a seventh part, and at his death is to be divided amongst all my Grand Children Polly Livingston is to have a seventh part, and at his death is to go to my Grand Children, Polly Livingston is to have one Negro girl called Jude, to stand as that much in her part, Jane Livingston is to have a seventh part, Jane Livingston is to have one Negro girl called Emily, and to stand as that much in her part, Sally Wright is to have one seventh part and at her death to go to my Grand Children, Betsy Wright and her Children is to have a seventh part, I have fifty acres of land Whens I now live including my houses, and to go to my Grand Children and the Shaker Road, I leave to Polly Livingston, and to Jane Livingston their lifetime and at their death to go to my Grand Children the balance of the land Whens I now live, I leave to John Livingston and to his Children, I leave sixty acres of land adjoining Thomas Annan's of Thompson, I leave to Betsy Wright and to her Children I leave thirty seven acres of land adjoining Drake, I leave to Sally Wright her lifetime, and at her death to go to my Grand Children my stock, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, I leave to Polly Livingston and Jane Livingston, I leave John Livingston as my Executor to divide my property as above mentioned,

as witness hereof I have set my hand and seal this 9th day of May 1846, as my last act and deed,

Wm. C. Lowry

W. C. Lowry

James Livingston *[Signature]*

Jessamine County Court set April Court 1846

I David B Price Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do Certify that this writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Livingston dec'd was this day produced in Court, and proven by the oath of James N. Lowry and William C Lowry subscribing Witnesses thereto to be the act and deed as the last Will and Testament of the said James Livingston dec'd, and was ordered to be recorded which is done,

Witness my hand and seal this 25th day of May 1846.

Attest David B Price C. J. C. C. We the undersigned heirs of James Livingston deceased have agreed and divided the Negroes of said decedent as follows to wit, By the Consent of Robert Byrnes Administrator of James Livingston dec'd

Samuel D Livingston	valued	at	\$ 300.00
John	do	at	300.00
John	do	at	500.00
Cathy & Child	do	at	600.00
Eliza	do	at	175.00
			\$ 1875.00

D. B. Price

John Livingston Lot of Slaves
 James valued at \$400.00
 Levi do at 300.00
 Martha do at 300.00
 Louisa do at 250.00
Lucy do at 300.00
 \$1550.00

Esther Ryman Lot of Slaves
 George valued at \$400.00
 Benjamin do at 400.00
 Rachel Child do at 400.00
 Charlotte do at 250.00
 \$1550.00

Mary Livingston Lot of Slaves
 Thomas valued at \$400.00
 Sude do at 450.00
 Robert do at 300.00
 Lucinda do at 300.00
 \$1550.00

Sam Livingston Lot of Slaves
 Richard valued at \$500.00
 Emily do at 500.00
 Henry & Child do at 500.00
 Marni do at 300.00
 Kitty do at 125.00
 \$1925.00

Sally Wright Lot of Slaves
 Martin valued at \$400.00
 William do at 550.00
 Caroline do at 300.00
 Green do at 300.00
 \$1750.00

Elizabeth Wright Lot of Slaves
 Peter valued at \$400.00
 Patsey & Child do at 250.00
 Phil do at 500.00
 Leamer do at 400.00
 Martin jr do at 300.00
 \$1950.00

Given under our hands the 20th day of July 1846

J. Livingston for J. D. Livingston
 John Livingston
 Esther Ryman
 Mary Livingston
 Sam Livingston
 Sally Wright
 Elizabeth Wright

State of Kentucky
 Jessamine County set & array 1848
 J. Samuel D. Price Clerk of the County Court

for the County aforesaid Certify that the foregoing Consent division of the Slaves of the Estate of James Livingston dec'd was this day produced in Court, and acknowledged by John Livingston in his own right, and as agent for Samuel D. Livingston to be his act and deed and was sworn by the oath of the said John Livingston to be the act and deed of the other heirs of the said James Livingston dec'd whose names are subscribed thereto, which was thereupon ordered to be Recorded, and the same is duly entered of Record in my office,
State of Kentucky } Attest David B Price C. J. C. C.

Spannum County set } I Daniel B Price Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid, Certify that the foregoing four pages contain a true copy of the last Will and testament of James Livingston dec'd, as also a true copy of the division of the Slaves of the Estate of said decedent among his heirs,
In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of my office this
16th day of January 1848

Seal
State of Kentucky } David B. Price C. J. C. C.
Spannum County set } I William Bronaugh Senior Presiding Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do Certify that Daniel B Price Esqr whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Certificate, was on the date thereof Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid and that this said Certificate is in due form.
Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1848.
Wm Bronaugh J. P.

James M. Blanton's Will.

In the name of God Amen;
I James M. Blanton of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, but in feeble health of body, and realising the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made, and Vint,

I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate as soon as the same can be done after my decease, and

Secondly, I give and bequeath, all the net and residue of my estate of every description to my beloved Wife Arcadia E. Blanton to be controlled and disposed of by her as she may think proper and

Lastly - I hereby appoint my beloved Wife Arcadia E. Blanton Executrix, and my friend John Montgomery Executor of this my last Will & testament,

signed sealed and published this 22nd Day of August A. D. 1847. J. M. Blanton Esqr

In Presence of
Samson D. Anderson, John L. Scott, J. S. Pugh }

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } The Within Last Will & testament of James M. Blanton deceased, being this day produced in Open Court, and offered for Probation, and

the subscribing witnesses thereto being severally examined under oath and depose that they were present and witnessed the execution & publication thereof, that it was signed & sealed & published by the testator in their presence, that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence & in the presence of each other, and that said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be established, recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of said testator.

September Term A.D. 1827

J. W. Newcott, Judge of Probates

Maria L. Walley's Will

In the Name of God, Amen;

I give my body to the church, and my soul unto God who gave it,

1st I will and bequeath, that all my just debts shall be paid,

2^d I will all my property to my Children, the said estate to be kept undivided until the last Child becomes of age, as they become of age each one as they come to age may receive their part of the personal property,

That I appoint S. M. Walley my affectionate husband Executor of this my last will and testament who is fully authorized to administer on my Estate without giving security as the law directs,

That I will and bequeath five hundred dollars to S. M. Walley my husband annually during his natural life,

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of Sept 1825.

Madison City Miss

Maria Louisa Walley Test

Just Geo. M. Howard Joseph S. Frost

The State of Mississippi }
 Madison County }
 The within last will and testament of Maria Louisa Walley deceased being this day produced in open Court by the subscribing witnesses Geo. M. Howard & Joseph S. Frost. Subscribing witnesses thereto being examined under oath depose & say that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication thereof & attested the same in presence of the said testatrix in presence of each other, that said testatrix was of sound & disposing mind & memory & appeared to act from her own free choice. It is therefore ordered that the same be established & allowed as the last will & testament of said testator & filed in this office.

October Term A.D. 1827

J. W. Newcott

Judge of Probates

Saml. C. Hatchette's Will

The last will and Testament of Samuel Hatchette,

Being in a weak and feeble state of health and not knowing what moment I may leave this world. I have thought it prudent and advisable in order to carry out my intentions to declare my last will while I have a sound mind and sufficient strength to write my name.

1st I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane all my lands

tenements and hereditaments, all my real estate of whatso kind or description it may be, together with all my personal estate consisting of Negroes, horses, Mules, Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Hogs, in fact Cattle & stock of all kinds - description that is in my possession, all the implements of husbandry in my possession of every kind or sort, all the Household and Kitchen furniture and every thing that pertains to either of them. In fact, I distinctly mean that every thing that I have any sort of right or Claim to whether in Law or in equity, shall at my death belong to my beloved wife Jane. To have and to hold to her own use during her natural life,

2^d at the death of my wife I will and bequeath all the above mentioned property consisting of both real and personal estate in fact all the property that by this instrument of writing I will and leave to my wife - to my beloved Niece Martha A. Montgomery and the heirs of her body forever, to make my intention plain, so as not to be misunderstood, I will all my property whether of Real or personal estate to my beloved wife Jane, to have and to hold during her natural life, and at her death, the same property both real and personal estate I will to my beloved Niece Martha A. Montgomery and the heirs of her body forever,

3^d If my beloved Niece Martha A. Montgomery should die without issue then I will that all the above mentioned property both real and personal shall belong to Sarah Ann Shaler, Elizabeth Emma Shaler, & Charles Hugh Shaler now Minors and Children of William Shaler & Margaret Susan Shaler, the latter of whom is now deceased, to have and to hold to themselves and their heirs, Executors & administrators forever, the said property to be divided equally between the three Children mentioned, if one should die, then equally between the two remaining, and if two of them should die before the division then the remaining one being to take the whole of said property,

4th If my beloved Niece Martha A. Montgomery should die before my beloved wife, then it is my will that the above mentioned three Children shall take all my property as aforesaid at the death of my beloved wife, to have and to hold to themselves their heirs, Executors & administrators forever,

5th I hereby constitute and appoint William Shaler and my beloved wife Jane Ratcliff Executors and Executrix to carry out and fulfil the purposes of this my last will and testament,

The above last will and testament was signed sealed published and declared by Samuel Ratcliff

S. C. Ratcliff Test

Witnesses John W. Sargent, M. M. Nester, Elias H. Coleman

The State of Mississippi The foregoing last will & testament being this day produced in Madison County before the Court for Probating & allowance at the same time. M. M. Nester & Elias H. Coleman two of the subscribing Witnesses being also produced & examined under oath touching the executing & publishing thereof depose as follows to wit, that they were present & witnessed the executing & publication of said instrument as the last will & testament of said deceased

that he signed & published the same as his last will & testament in their presence. That they subscribed their names & seals as witnesses in presence of said testator & in presence of the other subscribing witnesses he in their that said testator appeared to be at the time of signing & disposing mind & memory of his own free will & accord. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said instrument be allowed, established, Recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of said deceased.

October 13th A.D. 1867

J. B. Howcott
Judge of Probates

Jeremiah Griffin Will

State of Mississippi In the Name of God Amen;

Madison County I Jeremiah Griffin, being at this time in health of body and of a sound and disposing mind and memory and believing that a man should make his last will when he has his full mental power about him, I do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st It is my will and desire, that all of my just debts & burial expenses be paid.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that all of my estate both real and personal be sold at Public outcry on the Premises when I was ~~located~~ by my Executor hereinafter named, by giving due notice of the sale, so far as the interest of my estate is in this state, first above written, Except my two old Servants Lucy and Spencer, it is my desire that they shall choose their homes, to be taken care of in life & buried when they die, and that portion of my interest of estate that may be in the State of Georgia to be sold and collected according to the Statutes of the same by my Executor hereinafter named for that purpose, and the Proceeds of the whole of my estate to be equally divided between my Children as follows.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to the Children of my son John Griffin deceased, One Seventh part.

To My Son Richard Griffin One Seventh part,

To My Daughter Mary Ann Baldwin the wife of William A. Baldwin One Seventh part

To My daughter Elizabeth Hill the wife of John M. Hill, One Seventh part,

To My daughter Nancy Strother the wife of William D. Strother One Seventh part,

To the Children of my daughter Jane Lawrence Jones deceased, formerly the wife of Samuel O. Jones, One Seventh part, to remain in the hands of William A. Baldwin, as one of my Executors hereinafter named at interest until said Children become of age, or marry, and the interest may be applied to the education of said Children if necessary.

I will and bequeath, the last Seventh part, which I intend for my son Nathaniel Griffin and his family together with the property real and personal which I have loaned to him and his family heretofore, I do give and bequeath unto my son Richard Griffin as Trustee for my son Nathaniel Griffin & his family, also the following property, to wit. One hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining lands of Richard Griffin

David Deay in Columbia County Georgia, Also the following I do give & thus in course from this day forward, Anthony, Rebecca & her Child America, Jeffrey, Julia, Kelly & Lewis, To have and to hold said Property both real and personal in Trust for the benefit of my son Nathaniel and upon this express Trust, that my son Richard shall control and manage said property for the benefit of my son and his family by purchasing property with the same or loaning out the same as he may think best, until the death of my son Nathaniel and his wife, at which time it is my will and desire, that all the Property and its income be equally divided share & share alike between the lawful heirs of said Nathaniel according to the Statutes made and Provided in the State of Georgia.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Richard Griffin Executor, and Trustee for my son Nathaniel Griffin so far as the interest of my estate may be in the State of Georgia - And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Law Abilime A. Baldwin Executor to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills made by me, this fourth day of February Eighteen hundred and forty seven.

signed in the presence of the Witnesses and Witnesses }
 signed in presence of the Testator } *R. Griffin*
 John A. Magmiller, Owen W. Baldwin, James ^{son} Murphy

The State of Mississippi }
 Madison County } In the matter of the last Will & Testament of Jeremiah Griffin deceased, - The within last will & Testament of Jeremiah Griffin deceased, being this day produced before me for Probating Record, two of the subscribing Witnesses (John A. Magmiller & Owen W. Baldwin) were duly sworn & examined by me & testify that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication thereof by the testator as the last will & Testament aforesaid that they subscribed their names thereto in presence of the testator in the presence of each other & the other subscribing Witness, that said testator was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time & appeared to act of his own free choice, It is therefore ordered that said last will & Testament be allowed, established & recorded as the last will & Testament of said Testator,

November 18th A.D. 1847 }
J. B. Howcott
 Judge of Probates

Calvin J. Blalock's Will,

Georgia }
 Meriwether County } Know all men by these presents, that I Calvin J. Blalock of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound & disposing mind (make this my last Will and Testament, Item 1. I give and bequeath unto my Brother Zadock B. Blalock of the County of Madison State of Mississippi, all my interest in the Specimens belonging to the firm of Blalock & Thompson in Counties Madison County & State last aforesaid, the debts owing by said firm first to be paid

out of the effects of said Legacy,
 Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife during her natural
 life the following property Viz. My interest in a Negro Man named Eckman
 about twenty one year of age Yellow Complexion, Kendall a Man forty five
 year of age dark Complexion said Negroes belonging to the firm of myself
 and W^m J. Humphreys, also my Negro Woman Ardena, about twenty four
 year of age, Yellow Complexion Mary her infant Child Horace, Mary
 about twenty year of age, dark Complexion, Horace about twelve months old
 Mahala, a girl about eight or nine year of age, dark Complexion, also
 Ann, a girl about two year of age, also a Iron safe in the Town of Canton
 adjoining the Methodist Church, Madison County Mississippi, and all my
 Stock Consisting of Horses, cows, Hogs, (House hold and Kitchen furniture &
 all my effects whatever not otherwise disposed of, to remain in the possession
 of my wife during her natural life, after all my just debts are paid,
 and at her death said property to be equally divided and moiety to go
 to my Brother and Sister and be equally divided among them (they
 being the heirs of Zadock Blalock of Fayette County Georgia) the other
 moiety to go to the legal representatives of my wife Ann,

Item 3rd. I hereby constitute and appoint Eckman & Zadock Blalock
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament this 14th day of August
 1847, Signed sealed declared and published
 by A. J. Blalock as his last Will and testament
 in the presence of us the Subscribers who subse-
 quently our names hereunto in the presence of said
 testator (at his special instance and request) and of
 each other, this August the 14th 1847,
 W^m J. Moore, J. V. Moore, Do^r, A. Russell

A. J. Blalock Test

The State of Mississippi
 Madison County, ss. By the Probate Court of said County,
 To Meriam J. Harris, Peter W. Patton & Amos Slipes,
 you are hereby authorized and required to cause W^m J. Moore
 J. V. Moore, and Do^r A. Russell of your County to come before you, and
 them diligently to examine touching the execution of the aforesaid Will
 and Testament of Adam J. Blalock Dec^d. and the testimony so taken
 by you together with the will aforesaid with return to this Court, on
 the your proper hand and seal by or before the second Monday of October
 next, having first given ten days notice of the time and place of taking
 said testimony, to W^m J. Blalock, Joseph S. Blalock, Jess. S. Blalock, James
 M. Blalock, Lewis J. Blalock, Rachel Blalock, Caroline Blalock, Wiley
 A. Clardy and Elizabeth M. Spruce Children and Heirs at law of Zadock
 Blalock of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia,

Shewn first read and have you this done this court,
 Witness the Hand of the Hon^{ble} John B. Howcott Judge of Probate for the
 County of Madison State of Mississippi this 2nd Monday of
 October 1847 and seal of said Court Dated October 28th 1847

Georgia
 Muscogee County, By virtue of a Commission to us directed by the Hon^{ble}
 the Probate Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi we have

John D. Cameron clerk

Cause. J^{rs} A. Russell & John V. Moore live of the witnesses in said Commission named, to come before us & each of whom being duly sworn depose & testify that he saw Calvin J. Blalock sign said public and declare the annexed instrument to be his last will and testament, that they signed the same in the Presence of the testator and in the Presence of each other as subscribing witnesses, that the said Calvin was of sound mind at the time, and that so far as they know he was not induced to make said will by the influence of any person or persons whatever, but executed the same freely and without any undue influence

Subscribed & sworn to before us this 27th 1847 J^{rs} A. Russell

Morgan P. Harris Seal Com^o J. V. Moore
Peter W. Pullin Seal Com^o
Amos Slupice Seal Com^o

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } The within last Will & testament being this day produced in Open Court, for Probation & allowance, and in examination of the proof by two of the subscribing witnesses (J^{rs} A. Russell & J. V. Moore) & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said last Will & testament was executed & published as such in presence of said witnesses, that said witnesses signed the same in Presence of the testator & of each other that said testator was at the time of executing the same of sound & disposing mind & memory & acted of his own free choice without any undue influence or persuasion of others, It is therefore declared & adjudged, decreed, that the same be allowed established Recorded & filed in this office as the last Will & testament of said deceased,

January Term A. D. 1848 J. B. Howcott
Judge of Probates

P. C. Jackett's Will,

State of Mississippi In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred Madison County and forty eight, I Pleasant C. Jackett in the presence of Almighty God, do this day make this my last Will and testament,

It is my wish and desire that Figures Love and William Powell act as my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

It is my first desire that my Executors pay all my just debts out of my Estate, I give and bequeath unto my Brother William B. Jackett, my Library constituting Medical and other works,

All the balance of my property not disposed of I wish sold and the Proceeds of that sale my accounts, Notes to be Collected are to be equally divided between my two youngest Brothers William B. Jackett and Sapha B. Jackett, I hereunto set my hand and seal March 3rd 1848

Witness B. J. Crowell W. G. Priddy P. C. Jackett Seal

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } The within last Will & testament of P. C. Jackett deceased being this day produced in Court for probating & W. G. Priddy one of the subscribing witnesses being solemnly sworn deposed that the testator

acknowledged to being the other subscribing witness that he executed the within as his last Will & testament; published the same to him as such, that said testator appeared at the time to be of sound & disposing mind & memory, & act free from any influence or persuasion of others, also that he (said witness) subscribed said will in presence of the testator, in presence of the other witness who likewise signed the same in his presence, in presence of the testator. Whereupon it is ordered that said Will - allowed & attested according to the Statute in this behalf as the last Will and testament of said Decedent,

As witness my hand & seal this 1st day of June A.D. 1848

J. H. Howland Judge of Probate

Joseph Reid Will

In the name of God Amen:

I Joseph Reid of the state of Mississippi and County of Jefferson being of sound & disposing mind and memory, and desirous of disposing of all my worldly estate, do hereby publish and declare the following as my last Will and testament,

First, It is my Will that all my just debts to be paid, and for this purpose any Cash on hand or debts due me shall be first employed, and there being insufficient any personal property which my Executors shall think proper may be sold for such purpose,

Second, It is my Will and desire, that in case my wife Nancy J. Reid should survive me that she should reside with my son James J. Reid, being and believing, that he will endeavor to make her comfortable during her life having lately conveyed the greater part of my land to my son it is my wish to add to the part reserved by me such adjoining lands as may make a tract sufficient for my son to settle on and cultivate separately I may effect the purchase myself during my life time but if I should not and my wife should survive me it is my will and desire, and I do hereby direct my Executors as soon as practicable, and from such moneys as they think proper to purchase land adjoining the land so reserved by me sufficient for the slaves belonging to my estate to settle on and cultivate that all my Slaves, Stock of horses, Mules, Hogs, Cattle, and plantation tools be transferred to said place, that the same be cultivated by my slaves under the Care & management of my son James J. Reid, and that the nett Annual profits be given to my said wife during her life for her enjoyment and to be at her absolute disposal reserving out of said profits the sum of five hundred dollars to be returned by my son James J. Reid for himself Annually, as a Compensation for taking Care of her mother, and managing the said Plantation, But if my Executors should find it impracticable to enlarge my said tract of land by purchase adjoining, or should deem it most advisable and for the interest of the parties concerned to sell the land owned by me, and to purchase another plantation elsewhere, then and in such case or either such case they are authorized and hereby directed and empowered to allow my son James J. Reid to take the same at such value as the appraisers of my estate may affix to it, and on such Credit as they may agree on, but if said son James J. should refuse to take

the land at such price and terms, than my Executors may sell the same at such time and in such terms as they may judge expedient either publicly or privately, and with the proceeds and other available funds if required purchase another place elsewhere, of sufficient size to employ my Slaves, which place when purchased shall be cultivated as above stated, and managed by J^r S. Reid in the aforesaid terms, and the proceeds from my said work in like manner as before stated.

Third At the death of my said Wife or in Case I should survive her, at my death it is my Will and desire, and I do hereby direct that all my estate both real and personal except as heretofore stated, to be divided into four equal parts, which I do hereby give and bequeath as follows, One fourth part to my son William M. Reid. One fourth part to my son James S. Reid. One fourth part to my Daughter Nancy J. Witherspoon of South Carolina, and one fourth part to the issue then living of my deceased daughter Elizabeth J. Hill late the wife of M. R. Hill, and it is further my will that in Case of the death of either of my sons or of my daughter before the time herein prescribed for division of my estate, ^{the share} so assigned to him or her, shall be given to his or her issue then living, and in Case there should at the time prescribed for this division be no issue living of my said daughter Elizabeth J. Hill, the share above assigned to such issue shall be equally divided among my other Children or their issue as aforesaid, making in that Case but three shares in said division. It is however my will that in the said division my son James S. Reid be allowed to take the land both that now owned and that which may be purchased after my death, at such valuation as may be agreed on by three persons Chosen by him and my Executors, and on such Credit as they may prescribe, he according to the other legacies named in this Clause, for the price so assigned, but should he refuse to take the land at such assigned value, and in such terms, in that Case, and for the purpose of division as aforesaid my Executors are hereby directed to sell the same as soon as practicable and in such terms as they may deem right either at public or private sale, the Proceeds thereof to be divided as aforesaid. I have lately by deeds of gifts to my son William M. and James S. given to them severally Certain Slaves - to my son William M. the following to-wit, Elizabeth her Child, Eliza and Amos, ^{their future increase} and to my son James S. Reid the Slaves Solomon, Pehi (Glasgow), and Richard Laura and her Child, ^{their future increase} the possession and use of which Slaves I am to retain until the first of January next. Now it is further my Will and I do hereby direct, that on the division of my estate as set forth in this Clause of my Will, the value of the Slaves above named, so respectively given who shall be alive on the said first day of January with interest on said value from that time at 8 per Cent per Annum shall be deducted from the respective shares herein allotted to my said Sons, which said value shall be ascertained by appraisement of the appraisers of my estate or others Chosen by my Executors, having reference to the Condition and value of said Slaves on the said first day of Jan^y A.D. 1847. And it is further my Will that on the said division my said son James instead of the one fourth part shall be entitled to the one half of the stock of horses, mules, Cattle and hogs - to avoid any misapprehension I state that I mean my son James S. Reid shall

J. S. Reid
Wm. M. Reid
Nancy J. Witherspoon
Elizabeth J. Hill
M. R. Hill
William M. Reid
James S. Reid

be entitled to one half of said stock, this half shall be restricted to the said stock.

It is my present intention from time to time to make advances in money and property during my lifetime to some or all of the legates (or their children) in the last Clause above, and to keep an account of such advances, so that they may be deducted from the share of the legate for whose benefit advanced on the division above referred to. Now it is my will and desire, and I do hereby direct that on the division of my estate as set forth in the Clause of my will next above preceding such sum or sums of money as may be charged by me against either of the legates in the preceding Clause, for money or property advanced with interest thereon at 8 per Cent per annum from the time of such advance must, shall be deducted from the share of the legate respectively against whom charged, and to avoid all misapprehension on this point I state explicitly that to authorize such deduction on account of advance must the Charge therefor must be either enclosed in my hand writing on this my will or be made and kept in an account book, which shall be entitled in my hand writing "Statement of advances made by me to legates under my will, and to be deducted from their share" and which Charge or Charges shall be also either made in my hand writing or subscribed by me,

For the purpose of effecting a division of my estate as directed in the third Clause of this will, I recommend the parties interested of practicable to agree among themselves on the division into shares, if however this cannot be done or shall not be agreeable, let them select three suitable persons to divide the property into lots, and assign to each his respective share, or decide which lots they shall respectively take by Lot,

I give and bequeath my Carriage and Carriage horses to my wife Nancy J. Reid

I stand indebted to the Estate of my deceased son John D. Reid by notes, this estate has no debts to pay, and the same persons who are my legates, are also entitled by law to distribution of his estate, It is my will and I do hereby declare that the bequests and devises contained in the third Clause of this my will are made upon the express condition that the said legates are not to make any claim for any part of the estate of my said deceased son, and that should any legate compel the administration of my said son to account, pay over to him or her his or her share of said estate or any part thereof, he or she so claiming shall forfeit all claim and right to any portion of my estate under this my will, and his or her share shall be distributed among the other legates as is provided in the said third Clause, and my Executors are hereby enjoined that before they pay or deliver over any of the legacies herein mentioned to any of the persons entitled by law to claim distribution of my said sons estate that they demand, and obtain from the legates, each of them or from those lawfully acting on their behalf full and complete releases and discharges for their respective shares of said estate of my deceased son,

I nominate and appoint my sons Wm M. Reid and James J. Reid & W. R. Hill Executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set

my hand & seal this 15th day of August 1846
The testator signed sealed & published this & the
forging sheet of paper also signed by him
subscribed by us, as his last will and testament
and signed & sealed the same in our presence. We subscribed our names there
as witnesses in his presence and in presence of each other.

Jo^s Reid

W. A. S. Henderson, A. G. Lancaster, Pendrick Hall,

The State of Mississippi

Madison County } The within instrument being this day brought into
Court & offered for Probation & allowance as the last will & testament of Joseph
Reid deceased, and W. A. S. Henderson, A. G. Lancaster two of the subscribing
witnesses thereto being also produced before the Court & having on oath sworn &
testified that said instrument was signed sealed & published by the testator in
his presence as his last will & testament, that they signed their names thereto
in his presence as subscribing witnesses & in presence of each other & that
said deceased was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of so
executing the same. It is therefore ordered & adjudged & decreed, that said
instrument be allowed, established, Recorded & filed in this office as the
last will & testament of said deceased,

December Term A. D. 1847

J. P. Nowcath

Judge of Probates

Redman Farlip's Will,

In the name of God,

I Redman Farlip of sound mind and memory believing the term
of my life uncertain, revoking all others do make this my last will
and testament,

In the first place I wish my just debts paid. Next I wish my wife
& Children at her discretion to return to her Father in Nash County North-
Carolina, I wish my wife to share equally with my Children in
my property and to have the Control of it as I would if living - to remove
from the state, hire or sell it Personal and real,

I hereby appoint my wife Harriet sole Executrix of this my
last will and testament to Carry out the foregoing will without the
requirement of any security during the time of her widowhood -
in Case of her second marriage Bond & Security shall then be required -

Witness my hand & seal this 6th day of January 1848

R. Farlip

Wm. J. Wright

James B. Robertson, R. B. Stevens

The State of Mississippi } The within instrument being this day brought into
Madison County } Court, and offered for probating allowance as the
last will & testament of R. Farlip deceased, and W. J. Wright one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, being also produced before the Court, and having
testified on oath that he was present & witnessed the signing sealing & publication
of said instrument of said instrument by the said Redman Farlip deceased
as his last will & testament, that they subscribed their names thereto as wit-
nesses in his presence, that said testator appeared to be of sound & disposing

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mind & memory at the time he so executed the same. It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed established, Recorded & filed in this office as the last Will & testament of said deceased,
 July Term A.D. 1848

J. B. Howcatt Judge of Probates

Sarah E. Barrow's Will

State of Mississippi June the 16th 1847. I Sarah Elizabeth Barrow, being now of a Madiran County & sound and disposing mind do Will unto my Children William D. Barrow, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth Barrow, and Henrietta Elvira Barrow all of my personal real and mixed estate, all being of Madiran County aforesaid,

I also will that my beloved husband Seth L. Barrow be my Executor of this my last will and testament,

I also will him the power of managing the estate in any manner he may think best calculated to promote its interest, either by letting out the negroes or renting out the lands working them himself.

I also will that my Executor shall have the full power to sell or convey either by deed or bequeath a part or all or any portion thereof of either my personal, real or mixed estate,

I also will that my Executor, shall have the division of my estate between my Children, and that his division shall be final between them,

I also will that no security be required of him for the execution of this my last will,

I also will that he be released from making annual settlements with the Courts,

I also that he be allowed to charge any fee that he may think proper for the execution of this my last will and testament, and not be accountable to any person or Court for the same,

Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Test Wm J. Dulucny
 B. Wells

Sarah Elizabeth Barrow seal

The state of Mississippi the within instrument being this day brought into Court of Madiran County & offered for Probation & allowed as the last Will & testament of Sarah E. Barrow deceased, and B. Wells a subscribing Witness thereunto, being also produced before the Court having testified under oath that he was present & witnessed the signing sealing & publication of said instrument by the testator as his last Will & testament, that he subscribed his name thereunto as a witness in his presence in presence of the other witnesses, that said testator appeared at the time to be of sound & disposing mind & memory to act freely & without influence, It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed, established, Recorded & filed in this office as the last Will & testament of said deceased,

July Term A.D. 1848

J. B. Howcatt
 Judge of Probates

Isaac Stewart Will.

In the Name of Almighty God Amen;

I Isaac Stewart being of sound and disposing mind, but feeble in body and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament,

Item 1st, I will and desire that after my death, my body shall be decently buried.

Item 2nd, I will and desire, that my Plantation or farm shall be carried on and enough stock of every kind kept thereon for the purpose of carrying it on successfully. This however to be left entirely to the discretion of my executor herein after named,

Item 3rd, I will and desire that from the Proceeds of my said farm, and all my effects of every kind and nature not necessary to carry on my said farm, that all my just debts shall be paid,

4th I will and desire that after all my just debts are paid, that said farm be carried on until my Children or either of them shall arrive at age or marry, for their support, education, until that time arrives and then the neat proceeds of said farm together with all my property of every kind after paying my debts, and supporting and educating my said Children shall be equally divided between my four Children Elizabeth Martin Stewart, Ophelia Stewart, Isaac Madrim Stewart, & Abigail Stewart & give in addition to an equal share to Isaac Madrim Stewart, the proceeds of my bay horse Jim Brown,

5th I further will and desire that my beloved Brother in law Benjamin B. Dingle shall take the Control and management of my said Children and raise and educate them as he in his discretion may think best,

6th I further will and desire that my Executors herein after named shall be at liberty at any and all times to sell or dispose of any part, of my estate at private sale or in their judgment, it will promote the interest of my estate, and that they shall be at liberty to sell for Cash or on a Credit without any order of Court, for that purpose, and that they be permitted to compromise or arrange at their discretion any law suit or debts that may be against me or my estate,

7th I hereby appoint and constitute my friends Benjamin B. Dingle and Hugh A. M. Sawson & John St. Dalton my Executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament,

signed sealed and published as my last will and testament this the 21st day of February A.D. 1848

In Presence of
Nevad Douglas }
Thos Sanders }
Wm. M. M. Cherry }

Isaac Stewart Test

The State of Mississippi

Madrim County } We within last will & testament of Isaac Stewart deceased, being this day produced before the Court, for Probation, & allowance of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, to wit Nevad Douglas & Thomas Sanders, being also produced by duly sworn in, before Court, say respectively that they were present & witnessed the executing & publication of the said within last will & testament, by the testator, that said testator signed the same in

their presence & that they signed it in his presence in pursuance of each other & further that said testator was at the time of signing the owner of said property & was of sound mind & approved to a set forth of his own accord without the procurement of others, & is then ordered that the same be allowed established recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of said deceased,
April Term A.D. 1848, J. B. Howcott Judge of Probates

A. C. Gillispie's Will.

The last will & testament of Allen C. Gillispie of Madison County Mississippi knowing that death is certain, and believing that it is the duty of every individual to dispose of his property while his mind and body is sound. I therefore discharge this obligation, I will and bequeath unto my beloved Brothers William E. Gillispie and Thomas A. Gillispie equally, the whole of my property both real & personal of every kind and description whatsoever, and doth constitute and appoint my said two Brothers Executors of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal at Canton in the state of Mississippi on this 25th September in the year 1846
A. C. Gillispie

The State of Mississippi the foregoing last will & testament of Allen C. Gillispie Madison County & deceased being this day produced before the Court for probate & Record, and John Murray & John R. Simpkins being at the same time also produced as witnesses, after being duly sworn severally depose & swear that they were acquainted with the hand writing of said deceased, from having seen him write, & that the foregoing instrument as well as the signature thereto are in the hand writing of said deceased, & that at the date of said instrument he was of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be & the same is hereby allowed & established & ordered to be Recorded & filed in this Office as the last will and testament of said deceased,
May Term A.D. 1848. J. B. Howcott Judge of Probates

Charles Moore's Will.

In the Name of God, Amen,
I Charles Moore of the County of Madison State of Mississippi
this my last Will and testament
I first I direct that my body be decently interred on my own land, just at what place my wife shall direct, and all my just debts paid, and my worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:
I give and bequeath to my dear wife all the ready money I have on hand, all the household and kitchen furniture I have except two Bed room furniture, all my stock of horses Cattle Hogs & Sheep, except one Gray Mare Nashville. I give my wife three Eighths of land where my dwelling house is and all things appertaining thereto in section

Fourteen Township Eight Range Three, my Eighty acres of land lying in
Peash River Bottoms. Also to my wife, Susanna, Susann and all her
increase, Emma, Lewis, Clary, Saurb & Albert, my intent to Remain
to my adopted daughter Margaret C. Moore two Beds and furniture
and Gray Mare Nashville, An quarter Section of land in Section Two
Township Eight Range Three, Also to my daughter Margaret C. Moore
Cambridge, Rosanna and her increase, Clarissa, Henry, William The
Money that Col. Dixon shall owe me.

I Give and bequeath to
Sarah Bluffe Lucy, Provided she live with my wife till she
marries, and to E. C. Bluffe, if he live to the year of Maturity one
Horse Saddle and Bridle, The money I give my wife and daughter
is for the use and benefit of the family.

I do ordain and appoint Lewis Finley, and my wife my
Executors of this my last Will and Testament, this the 17th day of
March 1848,

Lewis Finley, J. M. Finley
Isaac W. Whitehead

Charles Moore

The State of Mississippi the within instrument being this day produced in
Madison County & open Court as the last Will & Testament of Charles
Moore dec'd. and at the same time Lewis Finley, Samuel W. Finley & Isaac W.
Whitehead subscribing Witnesses thereto being produced before the Court &
severally examined on oath touching the executing & publication of said
instrument, respectively depose that they were present & witnessed the executio
& publication thereof, that said Testator signed the same in their presence
that they signed the same in his presence, in presence of each other, and that
said Testator appeared to be of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time
of executing the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said
instrument be allowed, established, recorded & filed in this office as the last
Will & Testament of said decedent,

September Term A.D. 1848,

J. N. Howcott
Judge of Probate

Edward Wells' Will

In the name of God, Amen,

I Edward Wells, of the County of Madison, and State of Mississippi
being of sound mind, and of my own free will do on this twenty third day of
June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight,
make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, and do hereby
revoke and recall all other Wills, Edicts or other instruments of writing
whenever purporting to be my last Will and Testament.

Clause 1st - It is my wish and desire that all my just debts be paid
and my funeral expenses defrayed,

Clause 2nd - I leave to Nancy Wells, a Montalto girl about eighteen years
of age, whom I have raised and liberated, the sum of Three thousand dollars
to be raised from the sale of my property, also the Silver Watch worn by me
also my father bed,

Clause 3^d I leave to Harriet, a Mulatto girl about five years of age, daughter of Black Judy, the sum of One thousand dollars and in the event of her being her by said she is to be purchased, I also liberate her,

Clause 4th I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Mitchell the farm on which I live and reside in Madison County State of Mississippi known as Manns Springs containing six hundred and one more or less and in addition the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be raised from the sale of my property,

Clause 5th I wish Peyton and Mary (and two Mulatto Children) to sell to James D. Kester, or to Wright, B. Hendricks they to have the liberty of purchasing said Negroes at a fair price,

Clause 6th I give and bequeath to Sam Lewis Mitchell, daughter of my Nephew William Mitchell the sum of fifty dollars to be raised by the sale of my property,

Clause 7th The remainder of my property, I give and bequeath to my Nieces Sam Morton (wife of Albu. W. Morton of Richmond Virginia), Mary Elizabeth Mitchell and Margaret Gilliam Mitchell, and my Nephew William Wells to be equally divided between them,

Clause 8th I do hereby appoint my Nephew William Mitchell now residing with me, and General Patrick Henry of Madison County State of Mississippi, the Executors of this my last Will, Testament, and it is my wish and desire that they will act as such.

I now again declare that nothing and nothing all former Wills or Testaments, this to be my last Will and Testament, written on one sheet of paper, and signed on this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

In Witness whereof I now set my hand and seal

Edward Wells *testat*

We the undersigned Certify that the above last Will and Testament was signed sealed and given as last, by Edward Wells of Madison County State of Mississippi, on this twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, in our presence

Chas. D. Lewis

B. Wells

A. C. Steyer

Codicil to My Will and Testament made on the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight. I order that the money left over in the body of my Will for the Mulatto girls Nancy and Harriet shall be put into the hands of my Executors to invest in property or stocks for the benefit of said Nancy & Harriet respectively,

Witness my hand and seal

Edward Wells *testat*

We Certify that the above Codicil was this day signed and sealed in our presence this day being the twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Chas. D. Lewis

Berny Nichols

John H. Loyler

The within last Will Testament being this day produced in open Court, and at the same time Chas. S. Lewis, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto being also produced before the Court, who testified that he was present, and witnessed the execution & publication of the same by the testator as her last Will Testament that he subscribed the same in presence of the testator as witness, and in presence of the other subscribing Witnesses, that the other subscribing Witnesses subscribed the same in his presence, in presence of each other & of the testator, that said testator at the time of signing the same was of sound disposing mind & memory & appeared to act of her own free choice, It is therefore ordered, adjudged & decreed, that said Will be allowed, established, Recorded & filed in this office as the last Will Testament of said deceased.

New Term A.D. 1848

J. R. Howcott
Judge of Probates

Arcadia C. Blanton's Will

I Arcadia C. Blanton of the county of Madison State of Mississippi, being of sound & disposing mind & memory, but in feeble health do make and declare this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all others. To wit: I give devise and bequeath unto John Montgomery & Edward R. Anderson both of Canton Madison County Mississippi all the estate both real & personal of every kind and description of which I shall die seized and possessed, to have and to hold use and enjoy for and during the term of their natural life and the same to dispose of in such manner as they may think best for their own interest and at the death of said Montgomery & Anderson what part of said property may be remaining it is my will desire & ordain that the same shall be given to my Sister in law Mrs. Mary Burgess and her children forever And I do hereby appoint John Montgomery & Edward R. Anderson to execute & carry out this my last will and testament & do direct that my said Executors shall not be obliged to give security as Executors
Signed by the said Arcadia C. Blanton in our presence

by us in her presence this 6th January 1849 -

Lewis G. Henderson
J. L. Mitchell
D. Lomax

The State of Mississippi Court of Probate } The within instrument
Madison County } Feb'y Term 1849 } being this day produced
in open Court, and Lewis G. Henderson & J. L. Mitchell & D. Lomax
subscribing thereto appearing at the same time who severally
certified under oath that they were present and witnessed the
execution & publication of said writing as the last will & Testament
of Arcadia C. Blanton deceased by said testatrix that she
signed & published the same in their presence as her last will
& Testament that they subscribed their names thereto in her

presence & in the presence of each other & that said testatrix appeared to be sound & disposing mind & memory at the time & to act freely & of her own accord - It is therefore ordered that the said instrument be allowed established recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of said deceased,
 Feby 12th A.D. 1848
 John B. Howcott *Judge of Probate*

Jennepet Ribbe's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Jennepet Ribbe of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being mindful of my Mortality do this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following I desire that my real estate shall be disposed of by sale for the purpose of satisfying all debts that may be outstanding against me either singly or jointly, and that the residue of such sale shall be applied by my Executor for the best interest of my two daughters Francis and Isadora Augusta.

I also give and bequeath to them all my personal property to be equally divided between them. When they arrive at the age of Eighteen or days of their marriage which shall first happen, the same to be employed by my Executor so as to give each of them (my children) a good education and their maintenance respectively until their respective ages or marriages - and in case either should die before the age of eighteen or their marriage, then I give the share of her dying with the survivors of them, and if both should die before being of age or marriage, then I give and bequeath the whole of my property both real and personal unto my husband George W. Ribbe if he shall be then living and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my husband George W. Ribbe sole Executor of this my last will and testament, he being the natural Guardian of our children to so manage the property for the best interest of our common children.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Mary Ann Montgomery Test

Jennepet Ribbe *pro*

The above instrument of writing was at the date thereof declared to us by the testatrix Jennepet Ribbe to be her last will and testament, and she then acknowledged to each of us that she subscribed the same, and we at her request signed our names, here as attesting witnesses

E. J. Montgomery E. B. Curtis

The State of Mississippi The within last Will & testament of Jennepet Ribbe deceased Madison County, set & being in this 5th of January 1849 produced in Open Court & at the same time Etiska B. Curtis one of the subscribing witnesses who on oath stated that she testifies acknowledged to him of the other subscribing witness her signature to the within instrument & stated the same to be her last Will & testament that she was at the time of sound & disposing mind & memory & appeared to act freely & of her own accord & that he signed the same in her presence & of the other subscribing witness. And afterwards he put on the 24th day of January A.D. 1849 the other subscribing witness being also produced before me who testified that said testatrix

acknowledged to him & the other subscribing witnesses that she executed the within instrument & declared the same to be her last will & testament & that at that time she appeared to be of sound and disposing mind & memory & to act of her own free choice & consent that he signed the same in her presence & that of the other subscribing witnesses. It is therefore ordered & adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed & established & made effectual in this Court as the last will & testament of said testatrix.

Feb'y Term. A.D. 1864. J. B. Howcott Judge of Probates

Wm. M. Slaughter's Will

I William M. Slaughter of Madison County in the state of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and being mindfull of my mortality, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. It is my wish that all my just debts shall be paid, and also such as shall be necessarily incurred in becoming funeral expenses in the settlement & division of my estate as hereinafter directed,

I bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Slaughter in Case she shall survive me all of my Estate real and personal as follows viz. The Plantation on which I now reside Consisting of the following tracts or parcels of Land. The south East quarter of Section No Seventeen Except the North half of the West half of said quarter, The East half of the Southwest quarter, of said Section Seventeen - The East half of the Northwest quarter of Section No Twenty. The North East quarter of Section No Twenty except the North half of the West half of said quarter, and the North half of Northwest quarter of Section No Twenty one Containing 480 acres more or less and all lying & being in Township No Nine of Range No Three East in Madison County Miss. Also the following Negro Slaves to wit Mark - Lip. Ann. John Milly. Charles. Juniper, Jacob. Rachel, Nancy, Henrietta, William & George, & also my Stock of Horses, Mules, Hogs, farming tools, Waggon - for and during the Term of his natural life.

After the decease of my said wife in Case she shall survive me, and in Case she should not survive me after my death, it is my wish that all of my said estate shall become the property of my Children as follows, My son James M. Slaughter, to have the East half of the South west quarter of section No Seventeen aforesaid - The East half of the North West quarter of section No Twenty aforesaid, and one half of the South half of the West half of the North East quarter of Section No Twenty aforesaid to be so laid off as to include the Gin house & mill. And the following named Negroes to wit Mark Lip, John Milly, Ann, Nancy, Henrietta, and George & their increase, this property to the said and personal is bequeathed to said James M. Slaughter for use during the term of his natural life for the purpose of educating his Children now living, or to be born, and supporting himself and family, - and at his death to become the Property of his Children now living or that may hereafter be born, and within said land or the rents and profits thereof - nor said Negroes or what they may make by their labor or their increase shall be disposed of by said James M. Slaughter without an Order of the Probate Court, of said County & giving Bond for the investment of the Proceeds of sale in such other property as such Court may deem proper & beneficial to those Concerned, to which property when so purchased

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After the decease of my said wife in Case she should survive me, and if she should not survive me, at my decease, my son James M. Slaughter is to have and own one half of the balance of my lands above described, which are not hereinafter bequeathed to my daughter, Mr. Slaughter,

After the decease of my said wife in case she should survive me, or if she should not survive me, at my decease, my son Lewis G. Slaughter is to have and own one half of the balance of my lands above described, which are not hereinafter bequeathed to my son James M. Slaughter.

with the Proceeds of what may be sold shall be subject to the provisions of this Will. Nor shall any of the property herein bequeathed to my said son James M. Slaughter or the Proceeds or increase thereof, or other property which may be bought with such proceeds, be subject to sale under any execution commencing upon any decree or judgment of any Court that has hitherto been or that may hereafter be rendered against him, & after the decease of my said wife in Case she should survive me, or if she should not survive me at my decease my only daughter Elizabeth M. Davidson shall become the owner of the balance of my said lands not hereinbefore disposed of, and also of the following Negro Slaves to wit: Pompey Charles, Rachel, Miley, William, Harriet and Jacob, their increase. The property herein bequeathed to my said daughter shall belong to her for and during the Term of her natural life & no longer; and in Case of her death without issue of her body surviving her said property is to become the property of my said son Lewis and James, or their Children in Case of their death. If my said daughter should die before the decease of me, and the property bequeathed herein to my said daughter and the profits & proceeds thereof, not to be liable to sale under execution on any decree or judgment which has been or may be rendered against her husband. At the time when a division of property among my said Children is herein contemplated, shall be made, my said son James M. Slaughter, must pay to my said daughter Elizabeth the sum of two hundred dollars to make the entire amount of property and means received to be received by her equal to that of my said Sons-

My said wife shall, in Case she survive me, have power to dispose of all my household furniture, Watch, Clock, Silver Ware, and I bequeath to her the sum of Money due me in N. Carolina for the sale of a House & Lot in the Town of Salisbury for about four hundred dollars.

All of my Estate not herein before disposed of or which my said wife shall not dispose of in Case she survive me, shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in a Credit of twelve months; and the proceeds of sale when Collected shall be equally divided among my said three Children equally viz James M. Slaughter, Elizabeth M. Davidson,

I do hereby appoint my said son James M. Slaughter my Executor & request him to carry into effect the provisions of this my last Will & testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 20th day of February A.D. 1806

Test L. Maury Garrett } Wm. S. Slaughter
W. S. Slaughter }
W. S. Slaughter }

The State of Mississippi Court of Probates, February Term A.D. 1809
Madison County The within last Will & testament of William S. Slaughter deceased, being this day produced in open Court and at the same time L. Maury Garrett & Wm. S. Slaughter two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto also appearing who testified that they were present & witnessed the executing & publication thereof, as the last Will & testament of said deceased, that said deceased signed & sealed the same in their presence, that they attested the same in his presence, in presence of each other, that said deceased, was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing & publishing the same. It is therefore ordered, adjudged & decreed, that the same be allowed, established, recorded & filed in

this office as the last Will & testament of said deceased
 Feby 10th 1849

J. B. Howcatt

Judge of Probates

Codicil to W^m. St. Haughton's Will

Whereas I William St. Haughton of Madison County, in the state of Mississippi, did on the 28th day of February 1848 make a last Will and testament which was attested by L. Maury Garnett, W. D. Williams & W. Sadler: And Whereas, I being of sound and disposing mind, do wish to make some slight alterations in said last Will and testament, so far as the personal Estate therein bequeathed is concerned, I do therefore, do by this Codicil change at the said Will as follows. Viz The Negro Nancy & Henrietta bequeathed in said Will to my son James M. Haughton, I do hereby bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth St. Davidson upon the same terms & under the same guards and restrictions as are specified in said Will in regard to the property therein bequeathed, to my said daughter Elizabeth St. Davidson, And in Consideration of this alteration in my said Will my said son James M. Haughton will not be required to pay to my said daughter Elizabeth St. Davidson the sum of two hundred dollars to make the entire amount of property and moneys received and to be received by her equal to that of my said sons as specified in my said Will. With the exception and alterations in this Codicil contained it is my wish and desire that my said last Will and testament shall be and remain in full force

Witness my hand & seal this 20th Day of May A.D. 1849

Jest. L. Maury Garnett

W^m. St. Haughton

The State of Mississippi Court of Probates February Term A.D. 1849
 Madison County } The within Codicil to the last Will & testament of
 W^m. St. Haughton deceased being this day produced in open Court & at the same
 time L. Maury Garnett the subscribing Witness, also appearing, who
 testified under Oath that he was present & witnessed the execution & pub-
 lication thereof, as the Codicil aforesaid, that said deceased signed &
 sealed the same in his presence & that he attested the same in the presence
 of said deceased, and that said deceased was at the time of sound
 & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged decreed that
 the same be allowed, established & recorded filed in this office as the
 Codicil to the last Will & testament of said deceased,
 Feby 10th A.D. 1849.

J. B. Howcatt Judge of Probates

Mary Cameron's Will

It being the decree of an all wise Providence that the human family should depart from this world, therefore I Mary Cameron of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory, but weak of body, yet sensible of the uncertainty of human life, do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to wit: I do instruct my executor (hereafter to be nominated and appointed) to settle my funeral expenses and pay all of my just and lawful debts as soon as convenient after my decease -

I then wish the residue of my estate consisting of Negro Slaves horses & with some money that is due to me, to be collected, if not collected before my demise, to be collected by my Executor as soon thereafter as convenient, and then all of my available effects to be divided share and share in the most equitable manner among all of my Children or their issue, viz. My son Douglass A. Garrison the Children of my daughter late Catharine Montgomery, John C. Garrison, Abigail Garrison, the Child of my son late Philip St. Garrison, and the Children of my daughter late Sarah Ann Montgomery, said issue only deriving of their Mother or Father share as the Case may be, and to be paid over to said issue in the following manner, The share to the Children of my daughter late Catharine Montgomery to be paid over to W. P. Montgomery, (the husband of said Catharine) and to be appropriated in such manner as he may think serviceable and proper for her Children, by said Catharine, the share to the Children of my daughter late Sarah Ann Montgomery, to be paid to Andrew J. Montgomery, the husband of said Sarah Ann, and to be appropriated in such manner as he may think beneficial and proper for her Children, by said Sarah Ann, the share to the Children of my son late Philip St. Garrison now residing with his mother Lucilla Guice, in the State of Louisiana I wish to be paid over to my son, Douglass A. Garrison of Warren County and State aforesaid to be held by him in Trust for the use and benefit of said Child (believed to be named Catharine Ann) and to be paid over to her with all profits and accretions arising therefrom upon her marriage, or when she arrives at the age of twenty one year, but in case said Child should die without issue I then instruct said Trustee to distribute said share among my Natural heirs at Law share and share as above distributed.

I do hereby appoint, constitute and ordain John C. Garrison sole Executor of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills and testaments by me in any wise before written or bequeathing, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament, and further I do not require any security of my Executor.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, signed sealed and delivered by the said Mary Garrison as her last Will and testament in the presence of us, who in her presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Let Lafayette Montgomery
John J. Green
A. Galbraith

Mary Garrison Exec^{ut}

The State of Mississippi In the Court of Probates August Term A.D. 1849.
Madison County } The within last Will & testament of Mary Garrison deceased being produced before the Court by the subscribing witnesses thereof being duly sworn & examined touching the execution & publication thereof, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the examination of said witnesses severally, that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication of said last Will & testament that the testator signed the same in their presence that they attested it in his presence & in presence of each other & further that said testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory, at the time the same was executed as aforesaid. It is therefore ordered & adjudged that the same be allowed established & recorded.

filed in this Court as the last will & testament of said deceased August Term A.D. 1869

J. B. Howcatt
Judge of Probates

James Licks Will

State of Louisiana Fifth District (East of New Orleans)
Succession of James Lick

Last Will - Probated & Filed 23rd March 1869

No varietur - (signed) A. M. B.

I James Lick of New Orleans, State of Louisiana make this my last Will and testament, annulling all former Wills, dispositions and testaments -

I give and bequeath to Anne Jane Todd my niece, wife of John B. Wallace of New Orleans, and to her heirs the following property, to wit: The lot and buildings thereon, running from Union Street to Perdido Street in the Second Municipality of the City of New Orleans, and which formerly belonged to Townshy, Triner & Co.

I did convey to my said niece and her husband by act before Lucien Hermann Notary Public a property situated at the corner of Carondelet Street and Perdido Street in the said Municipality and City of New Orleans, which was in satisfaction of the legacy left to her the said Anne Jane Todd by my late Brother Nathaniel Lick, as I have and do confess in the said act, receipt of said legacy well be given to my estate by the said Anne Jane and her husband, under penalty of annulling and rescinding of the above legacy by me given of the said property, from Union Street to Perdido Street,

2nd I do also give and bequeath to the said Anne Jane Todd, my niece and wife of John B. Wallace, and her heirs forever, three thousand two hundred acres or thereabouts of land situated on the Arkansas River, or near thereto, and opposite the plantation of Tom Smith Esq. usually called the Colorado tract,

I also give and bequeath to said Mrs Anne Jane Todd, my niece wife of John B. Wallace, and her heirs, about two thousand eight hundred acres of land situated in the State of Louisiana, for part of which I have patents, and for the more full description whereof I refer my said dear niece to Henry R. M. Hill who has cognizance of the tract, and the paper relating thereto.

To my niece Sarah D. Todd wife of William B. Parlee of New Orleans and to her heirs I give and bequeath

My Plantation commonly called "The Mistake" Plantation near Satastia Yazoo County State of Mississippi, with all the Negroes, horses, Mules, Cattle, Buildings, and farming utensils that may be found on the said estate at the time of my death and belonging to me,

I give and bequeath to the said Sarah D. Todd and to her

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heirs about six thousand acres of land situated in this State and entered by E. Lawrence and Prashers in my name, this bequest is made to Sarah D. Todd wife of William B. Parlee upon the following Conditions, to wit: The

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penalty in case of non compliance of any of all the above property. The first of said Conditions is, that the said Sarah D. Todd, wife of the said William B. Partee, shall within the next ensuing months after my death pay to Miss Elizabeth Calhoun of Murray County, State of Tennessee, and to Nathaniel Calhoun, and to Christopher Calhoun her brothers, Children of Margaret Todd wife of Charles Calhoun and residing in Murray County Tennessee, the sum to each of Twelve thousand dollars. That is to say, to Miss Elizabeth Calhoun the sum of Twelve thousand dollars, to Nathaniel Calhoun Twelve thousand dollars, and to Christopher Calhoun twelve thousand dollars. and in the case of death of either or any of them without issue, then the sum or sums coming to said deceased parties or their heirs to be given to the survivor or survivors in equal proportions.

The second of said Conditions is, that the said Sarah D. Todd her heirs shall pay to Christopher Todd and to Sarah his wife, my sister, ten thousand dollars per annum during the life of either payable as they or the survivor may require it,

I give and bequeath to Susan H. Todd, wife of A. M. Looney and to her heirs the sum of Twenty five thousand Dollars -

All my interest in lands back of Helena, in the State of Arkansas, and containing five thousand acres more or less. I give and bequeath to my said Niece Susan H. Todd, wife of A. M. Looney as aforesaid and to her heirs,

I do likewise give and bequeath to the said Susan H. Todd, wife as aforesaid and to her heirs, all and several the tracts of land owned by me in Colbert County State of -

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Arkansas and containing about three thousand five hundred acres more or less -

I do also give and bequeath to my said Niece Susan H. Looney wife of said A. M. Looney and to her heirs a lot of ground owned by me near Memphis, State of Tennessee, and containing about seven and a half acres - and for the above bequests to the said Susan H. Looney wife of A. M. Looney, I do nominate constitute and appoint as Trustees, the said A. M. Looney and Edmund Bellahuntly of Murray County, Tennessee, giving them power, sole and ownership in TRUST to retain, possess, invest and sell and remove the same at their discretion, and the fruits, products and interests thereof to pay over at the end of every year to the said Mrs. Susan H. Todd, wife as aforesaid, whose receipts shall be in full satisfaction thereof, and this Trusteeship to continue during the lifetime of the said Susan H. Todd; and in case, and in the event of the demise of the said Edmund Bellahuntly, previous to the demise of the said Susan, then the said Trusteeship to be continued with the said Looney and - - - when I shall constitute and appoint in his place and stead,

I give and bequeath to my Niece Mary R. Todd wife of Shelby H. Lester and to her heirs Forty thousand Dollars, and appoint as Trustees to invest the same and pay to her after receipt thereof the interest annually my friends James Lea, M. Law and William B. Partee, or either of them in case of migration or death of the other,

I also give and bequeath to my said Niece Mary R. Todd wife of Lester and to her heirs all my lands in Lake County State of Mississippi being Five thousand acres more or less, and all the lands owned by me in Madison County State of Mississippi. And in testimony of my love and affection I do make the following bequests viz. To Miss Cornelia Payne Five thousand Dollars.

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To Miss Sally Atkinson residing in Louisville Five thousand dollars -
To Miss Virginia Atkinson her sister also residing in Louisville daughter of Anna Atkinson
Five thousand dollars,

To my friend N. Redmond of New Orleans. One of my watchmen,

To the Right Reverend the Bishop James Anderson of Georgia my other watch,

To Robert N. Helms residing in Virginia, the proceeds of all the Stock in the Bank
of Louisiana standing in my name; the said Stock to be sold by my Executor
and the monies to be remitted by him to the said Helms, and I do give and

bequeath the following Annuities, To Mrs George Dick residing in Tyrone County
Ireland I give and bequeath One hundred pounds Sterling.

To Mrs Fulton residing in Baltimore I give and bequeath Two hundred and fifty dollars.

To Mrs Anna Atkinson residing in Louisville Five hundred dollars.

To my Servants Joe and Anna, and the Servant One hundred and fifty dollars

all and each for their natural lives and during said space of time, and for
each and all Henry R. M. Hill is Constituted Trustee and authorized to receive
sufficient amount from my estate to pay and satisfy the same,

I do likewise will and bequeath to Jane Wray M^{rs} White residing with the
family of H. R. M. Hill aforesaid the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars
which I hereby authorize said Henry R. M. Hill to retain for her from my
estate, to be delivered to her on her marriage or when she becomes of age,

I do likewise will give and bequeath to John Dick residing in Yazoo County,
Mississippi the sum of Five thousand dollars.

I do give and bequeath to Elizabeth Calhoun and

End of the 4th Page No Varietur (Signed) A. M. B.

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To her two Brothers residing in Murray County Tennessee the further sum
of Five thousand dollars each -

I bequeath my Car and Horses to M^{rs} Hill, wife of Henry R. M. Hill
And my Will as follows - That all the legacies which I have made and
give in Money and not Charged upon any particular fund is not demandable
from any person whatsoever for the term of two years after my decease no shall
interest be Claimed for the same from any person whatsoever and particularly
from Henry R. M. Hill of New Orleans, and my late partner, whom I do hereby
nominate Resubstitute and appoint my residuary Legatee, giving and bequeath-
ing to him the said Hill and to his heirs forever all the balance of my
estate of whatever nature or kind whether real or Personal, requiring him
or his heirs to pay to the said Legatee, interest on these legacies at the rate
of Seven per Cent per annum after the lapse of two years until the expiration
of Seven years from my decease during which time my said Legatee shall
not Claim or demand from the said Hill the Capital of the said legacies
under penalty of losing and forfeiting their respective legacies as they may
attempt to violate this my Will,

I do neverthless except from this Provision Miss Annha Byrne
Miss Sally Atkinson and Miss Virginia Atkinson only in Case as they should
be married when their respective legacies shall become due,

And I do nominate and appoint Henry R. M. Hill aforesaid my
Executor of this my last Will and testament giving him full power and

do remain of my estate, and the term of seven years to act as such Executor with
said and detain as aforesaid. And should any legatee endeavor by
act of any kind or nature before any Court in any State to break up or de-
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said dispositions the bequest or legacy to such person or persons is annulled and re-
scinded by me - The legacies of Twelve thousand dollars each to Eliza-
bette Calhoun, Nathaniel Calhoun and Christopher Calhoun may be paid by Sarah
D. Todd, wife of William B. Sartis in the following manner Viz -

To Elizabeth Calhoun on the day of her Marriage and to Nathaniel and
Christopher - when they become of age - upon Condition that she said Sarah D.
Todd pay to the said legates annually interest at seven per Cent upon their
respective legacies after she comes in possession of "La Mistake" plantation
New Orleans March 13th 1849 (Signed) James Dick,

Signed in presence of (Signed) R. M. Estlin
(") M. R. May
(") R. N. Black
(") B. D. May
(") D. R. May

We Certify the foregoing 5th page was on the 13th day of March 1849 presented
to us by James Dick, declaring to us that it was his last Will and testament
which he had caused to be written out of our presence, and that the said Will
was read by one of Witnesses to the rest of us in the presence, and hearing
of the testator who then signed his name to the said Will all in our presence

(Signed) R. M. Estlin
(") R. N. Black
(") D. R. May
(") B. D. May
(") M. R. May
(Signed) A. M. B.

No Varietur
State of Louisiana }
Fifth District Court of New Orleans } I Prosper Le Blanc, Clerk of the Fifth District
Court of New Orleans, do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy from
the original last Will and testament of the late James Dick, filed in this
Court on the twenty second day of March eighteen hundred and forty nine
in the Matter of the Succession of the said late James Dick, opened in the aforesaid
Court under the Number 2127, of the docket thereof.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of the said Court, at the City of New
Orleans this twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and forty nine, and in the
twenty fourth year of the Independence of the United States of
America
P. Le Blanc
(Sd)

I George Strawbridge sole Judge of the fourth District Court of New Orleans
having acted in the absence of the Honorable Alexander McKenzie Duchesneau
sole Judge of the fifth District Court, of New Orleans do hereby Certify that
Prosper Le Blanc is Clerk of said Fifth District Court of New Orleans, and

That the signature "P. LeBlanc clk" to the foregoing Certificate is in the proper hand writing of him. The said Clerk to his official acts as such full faith and Credit are due and owing. And I do further Certify that his attestation is in due form of law,
 Given under my hand and seal at the City of New Orleans on this twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine,
 Geo Strawbridge
 Judge 4th D.C.

United States of America
 State of Louisiana By Isaac Johnson Governor of the state of Louisiana: This we to Certify that George Strawbridge whose name is subscribed to the instrument of writing herein annexed is and was at the time of his signing the same Judge of the fourth District Court of New Orleans State of Louisiana, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and Credit,
 Given at New Orleans, under my hand and the seal of the State this seventeenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty nine and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy fourth
 By the Governor Isaac Johnson
 Charles Gayarr Secretary of State,

Elizabeth Henderson. Municipal Will,

Madison County, Miss July 31st 1849

A few days before the death of our Mother Elizabeth Henderson, who died on the 28th Inst, she desired us to take notice, that it was her will and desire that W. A. Henderson should have his Negro girl named Mamah aged about eight years, and at the time of making this bequest she was in her proper mind, entirely Composed and fully sensible of the near approach of her death. In testimony whereof we have signed this Memorandum, this day above written.

Lewis D. Henderson

Mary G. Henderson

I acknowledge notice of presentation of of the within this 10th September 1849

Geo W. Henderson

Lewis D. Henderson

W A Henderson

The State of Mississippi
 Madison County

In the matter of the Municipal Will of Elizabeth Henderson Deceased.

Mary G Henderson

We the undersigned hereby acknowledge notice of the Motion to establish the said Municipal Will in the Court of Probates of Madison County and advise Citation required by Law.

Lewis D Henderson

Witness 15th Nov 1849 Spid

Geo W Henderson

Mary G Henderson

W A Henderson

The State of Mississippi
 Madison County

On hearing the testimony of Lewis D Henderson, Mary G Henderson the Petitioner to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the Municipal last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Henderson late of the

County deceased. It is ordered adjudged and decreed by this Court, that the said instrument of writing be and the same is hereby admitted to Probate as the true valid and original last will and testament of the said Elizabeth M. Deane dec'd, and that the same be accordingly filed & recorded in this Court according to the provisions of the statute in this behalf. Nov^r 27th 1849

J. D. Howcatt, Judge of Probate

J. M. Heames Will.

Monday Morning. Mr. Magistrate Sir. I got drunk yesterday to my shame and disgrace, I lost my saddle and Bridle & took your this Morning to go and hunt for it. I will send you saddle horns this morning as I have disgraced my self in the eyes of all men so materially I will leave the Neighborhood. I go to Mr. Gulpers a remote place for a few days.

Yours truly

J. M. Heames

J. M. Heames

Cause of my death

J. M. Heames

I have a woman to disbarber, that don't love me. She is prople. I got drunk at Camp Mubins. No decent men will look at me. I was saved humbly by me decently Mr. Magistrate. pay all my debts, give the balance to Gulpers. Oct 18th 1849

J. M. Heames

The State of Mississippi the foregoing instrument in writing being this day produced Madras County. In Open Court, and at the same time John A. Magister & Adam Thom with witnesses, who being sworn depose that said instrument is another & executed in the hand writing of J. M. Heames dec'd. that they have seen true copy of that the signatures as well as the body of the instrument is in his hand writing. It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed by the Court that said instrument be allowed established & recorded & filed as the last will & testament of said J. M. Heames deceased.

J. D. Howcatt

Dec^r Term A.D. 1849

Judge of Probate

Richard Coons Will.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I know all men that I Richard Coons of Madras County State of Mississippi being of sound mind make and declare this to be my last Will and testament.

I will that all of my property that may remain after the payment of my debts shall belong to my Dear Brother William Coons of Madras County State of Mississippi. In Witness whereof I have signed this day the twenty first of September Eighteen hundred and forty nine do here set my hand and seal.

Witness Geo. Boddie Joel B. Williams &

Richard Coons

The State of Mississippi
Madras County

The within last will and testament of Richard Coons being this day produced before the Court for Probate & allowed and at the same time Geo. Boddie & Joel B. Williams subscribing witnesses being

also produced before the Court who being sworn say that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication of the within instrument in writing as the last will & testament of said Dec^d. that said testator signed the same in their presence & they in his presence of each other, and that said testator at the time appeared to be of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed, established & recorded & filed as the last will & testament of the said Rich^d Coover.

Sec^d Term A.D. 1829

J. P. Stewart
Judge of Probates

Isaac St. Perkins Will

In the name of God Amen,

I Isaac St. Perkins of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but in feeble health of body and aware of the uncertainty of life, and wishing to dispose of what worldly effects I possess, do make and Publish this my last Will and testament in the manner following to wit,

- 1st It is my will and desire, that after my decease my body shall be decently interred,
- 2^d I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as practicable out of my Estate,
- 3^d I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate of every kind and description to my Nephew Peter Brown, now of Madison and his heirs as assigns forever.
- 4th I hereby appoint Peter Brown Executor of this my last Will and testament, and wish that no security be required of him as Executor as aforesaid,

Signed sealed Published and declared to be the last will & testament of said Isaac Perkins this 3rd Day of April A.D. 1828 in the Presence of John T. Coover, John Montgomery

I Isaac St. Perkins Seal

The within instrument being this day produced in open Court, and at the same time John Montgomery & John T. Coover the two subscribing Witnesses thereto being also produced before the Court, who in oath testified that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication of the same by Isaac St. Perkins as his last will & testament, that he signed the same in their presence and they in his and that they signed the same in his presence and in presence of each other, and that the testator appeared at the time to be of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed established & recorded & filed in this Court as the last will & testament of Isaac Perkins Dec^d.

Term 10th 1830

J. P. Stewart
Judge of Probates

Walter C. Hendersons Will,

The State of Mississippi

Madison County In the Name of God, Amen.

I Walter C. Henderson, of the County and State aforesaid, being in feeble health of body, but of sound and disposing mind, and realising the uncertainty of life, and being desirous of disposing of the property, which I own, in the manner most satisfactory to myself, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former Wills by me at any time made,

1st And First it is my desire, that after my decease, my body be decently interred, according to my Condition in life,

2^d Secondly, It is my desire that as soon as the same can be conveniently done after my decease, that all my just debts be paid out of the funds on hand or debts due me,

3^d Thirdly- I will and bequeath to my two Nieces Margaret and Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of my Brother Lawson D. Henderson, and their heirs forever, the following Negro Slaves viz George and Jimmy and the Children that Jimmy now has, or may hereafter have (except he youngest Child I am usually called Jimmy) I also give to my said Nieces Margaret and Elizabeth, my Negro boy Jim to them and their heirs forever,

4th Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my Niece Emma Henderson the daughter of my Brother Geo. W. Henderson, and her heirs forever, my Negro girl named Jane (and usually called Jimmy) together with the future increase of said girl Jimmy Jimmy,

5th Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Benjamin Crockery Henderson the son of my Sister Mary G. Henderson, and his heirs forever, my Negro Slaves Spencer, Bob and Noah,

6th Sixthly. I give and bequeath to my Brother Wallace A. S. Henderson my tract of land in Madison Parish in the State of Louisiana. As little paper as is in the hands of Deeds J. S. Pugh - and the description of the land not remembered - But it is the only land I own in that State, and was entered by me at the land office at Monroe Louisiana,

7th Seventhly. It is my will and desire, that all the rest and residue of my estate of every description, together with my interest in the Estates of my Father and Mother, be equally distributed, after the payment of my debts, amongst my Nieces Margaret & Elizabeth, Emma Henderson, and my Nephew Benjamin Crockery Henderson, and my Brother Wallace A. S. Henderson, Share and Share alike,

8th Eighthly. I will and desire, that my Executor hereinafter named take Charge of the Negroes and other property herein bequeathed to my said Nieces and Nephew, and appropriate the proceeds of their labor for their benefit without the trouble and expense of taking out Letters of Guardianship for them, And it is my desire and I hereby direct that my Gold watch and Chain be given to my Brother Wallace A. S. Henderson,

Lastly. I hereby appoint my Brother Lawson D. Henderson Executor of this my last Will & testament, and request that he will Carry out my wishes as above expressed. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 10th Day of January A. D. 1850.

signed sealed acknowledged and published as the last Will & testament of Walter C. Henderson in our presence on the day above written
A. G. Lancaster, John A. Montgomery, John D. Lamine

W. C. Henderson

The State of Mississippi Probate Court Term AD 1850.
 Madison County In the Matter of the last Will & testament of Walter C. Henderson
 deceased. The foregoing last Will & testament of Walter C. Henderson
 was this day being January 17th day of January AD. 1850. produced in a law Court
 and at the same time was also produced before the Court. J. B. Linn, Justice John
 N. Montgomery, John I. Garrison, subscribing witnesses thereof, who on oath testified
 that they were present & witnessed the execution and publication of said last
 Will and testament, that they saw the testator sign his name thereto, that
 they signed it in his presence & in presence of each other, and that said testator
 was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time. It is therefore ordered
 adjudged & decreed that said Will be allowed established & recorded & filed in
 this Court, as the last Will & testament of said Walter C. Henderson deceased.
 J. B. Linn
 Judge of Probates

Spencer Suddeth's Will.

State of Mississippi In the Name of the Most Holy and undivided Trinity.
 Madison County Father, Son and Holy Ghost - Amen,

I Spencer Suddeth of the State and County above written
 being weak as to body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do
 hereby declare and ordain this instrument of writing comprising five articles
 to be my last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others
 which by me may have been heretofore made,

- 1st Article First I give and bequeath to my beloved Son George Suddeth the
 following named Negro Slaves for life "to wit" Lucy, Rose and her youngest
 Child John, Joe, Maria and Jane, together with their increase forever.
- 2nd Article Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Henry Suddeth
 the following named Negro Slaves "to wit" Fanny, Penina, and her youngest
 Child Sarah, Jesse, Charity, Mary and Ruby Ann,
- 3rd Article Third, It is my Will that my Wagon and horses Cows and Hogs
 Corn and potatoes House hold and Kitchen furniture, and all other perishable property
 of which I may die possessed, to be kept together by my two sons George and
 Henry, and by them to be kept used and enjoyed by them until they may wish
 a division of the same, in which case alone it is my Will that the property
 mentioned in this third Article of this instrument, together with all other per-
 ishable property of which I may die possessed be valued by three disinterested
 persons by my two sons to be chosen, which three persons shall make a fair and
 equal division of said perishable property, and it is my wish that said division
 should be final and binding on my sons -
- 4th Article Fourth, I give and bequeath to my daughter Celiza Dennis and her
 Lindsay Caroline Wallace, and Sabina Vann each ten dollars to them or their
 representatives to be paid by my said Executors herein before mentioned -
- 5th Article Fifth I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son George
 Suddeth Executor to this my last Will and testament hereby authorizing and giving him
 a full execution of all its Provisions. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto
 annexed my name and affixed my seal this the 17th day of
 November Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and fifty and
 Witness my hand
 Spencer Suddeth

Thos. R. Southland
Esq. B. Moore
Wm. Davis Jr

The State of Mississippi the within instrument being this day produced in open Court and at the same time two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to wit Wm. Davis Jr & John B. Moore being also produced before the Court who both said in oath that they were present & witnessed the execution and publication of said instrument by Spencer Suddeth as his last will & testament, that he executed the same in their presence by making his mark there, that they signed their names thereto in his presence in presence of each other & the other subscribing witnesses that said testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time, It is therefore hereunto adjudged & decreed that said instrument be allowed established recorded & filed in this Court as the last will & testament of said Spencer Suddeth deceased.

J. P. Hancock
Judge of Probates

Lucy Dickinson's Will,

I Mrs. Lucy Dickinson, widow, of the County of Madison State of Mississippi being seized and possessed of property in my own right, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me made or published.

I recommend my soul to the God who gave it and my body to the earth. I will and devise that all my just debts be paid and my property there divided as follows to wit,

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Margaret L. Sawyer wife of William C. Sawyer during her natural life, a Certain House and lot in the Town of Canton Madison County, More particularly described in a deed made to me by Lewis G. and Lucinda Maughlin, it being the same now occupied by William C. Sawyer, also one Negro boy, Study, and at the death of my said Grand daughter, said house and lot and Negro to descend to the children of the said Margaret, to them & their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth A. Galloway wife of Charles D. Galloway two Negroes to wit George & Jane and their future increase during her natural life and at the death of my said grand daughter, said Negroes and the future increase shall descend to the children of the said Elizabeth to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lucinda Whitman daughter of Louisa Malvina Barrington two Negroes to wit Luchia & Sarah & their future increase, the said Luchia is to be held and remain in possession of - for the use and benefit of Louisa Malvina Barrington wife of Richard Barrington until the said Lucinda shall arrive at full age or marry said girl Sarah to be hired out for the use and benefit of the said Lucinda until she arrives at age or marries.

I give and bequeath to my grand son John Dickinson son of Louisa D. Galloway, one Negro boy to wit (Little William) to him & his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah L. Dickinson two Negroes

to Wm. Muthwy his Child and their future increase to her & her heirs forever -
 I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Branch during her natural
 life the following named Slaves to Wm. John. Potts, Pummy, Emily & Lucinda
 and their future increase, at the death of my said daughter said Negroes
 and their increase shall descend to and belong to the Children of said Sarah Branch

I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Slaughton during her
 natural life the following Negro Slaves to Wm. Caroline. Bob. Guff & Charles
 and their future increase during her natural life, and at her death, said
 Negroes and their increase to descend to and belong to the Children of the said
 Lucinda Slaughton,

I give and bequeath to the Children of my grandson James A.
 Dickinson one Negro to Wm. Stilliard, said Negro to remain in possession of
 the said James A. Dickinson during his natural life for the maintenance of
 said Children, and at his death to descend to and belong to the said Children

I will and direct that my Executor spend three hundred dollars in
 the purchase of a Negro for my Grand son Rufus Dickinson, son of Lewis
 Dickinson, to be seized out of any money due me or that I may have or hold
 at my death, which said Negro when so purchased shall remain in the
 hands or possession and under the Control of my son Lewis Dickinson
 until my said Grand son shall arrive at full age or marriage, and in the
 event of the death of my said Grand son without any lawful Children
 then said Negro shall descend & belong to his own Brothers and Sisters,

I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Louisa Slaughton
 daughter of Lucinda Slaughton, wife of Lewis G. Slaughton one Negro girl
 to Wm. Mary (she being Caroline Child), if my said grand daughter should
 die before she marries or arrives at age, or should she die without
 any lawful Child or Children said Negro with her increase shall des-
 cend to and belong to the Brothers and Sisters of the said Louisa, said
 Negro is to remain in the possession and under the Control of my said
 daughter Lucinda until my said grand daughter arrives at age or marries

I give and bequeath to my Grand son James Dickinson son of Ab-
 M. Dickinson a Negro boy by the name of Jims, in the event my said
 Grand son should die before he arrives at age, or marries, or should
 he die without having any lawful Child or Children, said Negro shall
 descend to and belong to the Brothers and Sisters of my said Grand son, said
 Negro is to remain in possession of and under the Control of the said Ab-
 M. Dickinson until my said Grand son arrives at age or marries -

I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Cynthia D. Dickinson
 the wife of my son Ab- M. Dickinson, during her natural life, if my
 said son survive her, if not then during her widow hood after his death
 the following real and Personal property to wit all my real estate, in the
 County of Madison and State of Mississippi about 1320 acres be the
 same more or less, or part of which I now reside - all the provisions of
 every kind and Character and in fact all my Personal estate not otherwise
 bequeathed in this my last Will and Testament including the Crops
 that may be in the place at the time of my death whether growing
 or gathered, together with the following named Slaves, Sam. Jacob
 Tom, Lunidas, Edmund, Bell, Mat, Harriet, and Jerry, and at the death

of said daughter in law, said Negro land and other property herein mentioned shall descend to and belong to my son Abel S. Dickinson if he be living if not then said Cynthia shall hold the same during her widowhood and when she marries again or dies then said property shall all descend to and belong to the children of said Abel Dickinson and Cynthia his wife jointly by lot.

All money or debts due me that may be in hand at the time of my death not otherwise disposed of shall be equally divided into four shares to wit Lucretia Matrona Burdington wife of Richard Burdington, Sarah S. Dickinson, John Dickinson jointly to receive one share Sarah Bronck to receive one share, Lucinda Haughton wife of Lewis S. Haughton to receive one share, and Abel S. Dickinson to receive one share. The four last words on other page was marked a scrip and others inserted before being signed.

I hereby nominate appoint and constitute my son Abel S. Dickinson my sole executor of this my last will and testament and request and desire that he shall not be required to give bond and security for the performance of his duties as executor, and further that he shall not charge or receive any compensation for his services as such executor, but he shall be allowed all expenses incurred in the execution of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed and published this 20th Sept 1849
In presence of James W. Russell Lucy Dickinson Wm. Gates

The State of Mississippi The within last will & testament, being this day produced in Madison County in open Court, and at the same time was also produced before the Court, James W. Russell and W. Gates two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn state that the said testator acknowledged to them that the within was his last will & testament, that he executed the same & signed his name thereto, they further state that they & the other subscribing witnesses signed their names thereto in his presence and presence of each other & that said testator was at the time of doing and disposing of said money & is therefore declared & adjudged & decreed by the Court that said will be allowed, established, & accordingly set in this Court as the last will & testament of Lucy Dickinson deceased.
January 14th 1850
W. Gates
Judge of Probates

John Yates Will.

State of Mississippi I John Yates of the County and Madison County State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament - I do hereby authorize and empower Abel S. Dickinson Esqr of Canton, to act as executor in carrying into effect this my will, I desire that the Plantation shall be kept in full operation until the present crop is made, and gathered, and that afterwards it shall be sold, viz the Cotton Crop to be sold in Gazoo City or such other market as may be judged most advisable by my said executor The Corn fodder, Horses, Mules, Oxen, Cattle and other property belonging to the Plantation, together with the household and furniture

furniture &c. to be sold as is usual in such Cases The Land to be sold in a Credit of twelve Months to the highest bidder, security of approved Character as is Customary to be given, and I request that the Crop and other Property to be sold as above mentioned together with the Proceeds of the Land shall be Charged with the payment of my lawful debts and also with the equalising of bequests hereafter to be stated, after which the balance not required to the payment of my debts and being over and above the amount necessary to equalise the payment of my bequests, shall be divided equally between the Legates below mentioned,

1st I bequeath to my Sister Sally and her Children Henry

Marriot Senior, and Billy her infant Child, Deceased and Dead,

3rd I bequeath to my sister Nancy - Esther, a girl,

4th I bequeath to my sister Rebecca and her Children Sally & James two girls,

5th I bequeath to my sister Ellen and her Children Cynthia Dinah Thoma and Anne,

6th I bequeath to my sister Catharine - Marriot Senior,

7th I bequeath to my Brother Hugh - James,

8th I bequeath to my Brother Andy - Selby,

9th I bequeath to my Brother Luther - Amy,

10th I bequeath to my Brother Samuel's daughter Samuel Catharine Aruanda a girl for the separate use and benefit of said Samuel Catharine, and would request my Brother Luther to act as Guardian for Samuel Catharine until she becomes of age or marries,

11th After the Payment of my debts by the sale of my Crop, Stock &c. as set forth and also by the sale of my land, now or after the sale aforesaid there shall be a balance over. My will is that my Brother Andy shall receive the sum of Three hundred dollars, and also that Samuel Catharine the daughter of my Brother Samuel deceased shall also receive the sum of Three hundred dollars, and if there shall not be a sufficient amount to satisfy these bequests that they shall receive each a proportionate amount, - If there shall be a balance over these bequests, it shall be equally divided between all the legates, including said Andy and said Samuel Catharine, who shall be entitled equally with the other legates, notwithstanding the bequest to each of them of the sum of three hundred dollars, which is intended to place them on an equal footing as far as may be with the other legates and is not intended to prevent them of having an equal distribution of the surplus over and above the specific bequests above named,

An erasure was made on the second Page on the eighth line from the top and the word Andy, written before signing this instrument, signed sealed and delivered this third day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

In Presence of John J. Lemmes

John Dale

Montgomery Little

Jonathan Coleman

Seal

The State of Mississippi Personally appeared in open Court, John J. Sumner of Madison County & Montgomery Little two of the above named subscribers Witnesses to the last will & testament of John Tate deceased, who on oath state that they together with Jonathan Colman the third subscriber Witnesses thereto were present when said Tate executed & published the same as his last will & testament & that he signed his name thereto in their presence & that they signed their names thereto in presence of said testator & of the said Jonathan Colman the other subscriber witnesses & that he signed the same in their presence & in the presence of the testator & that said testator was at the time of executing & publishing said last will & testament of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged by the Court that said last will & testament be allowed established & recorded & filed in this Court as the last will & testament of the said John Tate deceased.

April Term A.D. 1850,

J. P. Howcatt

Judge of Probates

Timothy Anderson's Will.

In the Name of God Amen, I Timothy Anderson of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being greatly afflicted in body, and knowing that man is to die, and with so much afflicted as I am, yet have all my reasonable faculties, and of sound and disposing mind, and being desirous to arrange all my affairs so as to suit my own views before my final exit from this world, of sorrow, trouble and affliction, make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place, I commit my Soul to my Creator God who gave it, and who is not only able but willing to receive it if offered upon his own Terms, which I trust have been complied with. My body I leave after death into the hands of my family and friends to be disposed of according to their own wish.

In the first place, I wish
 1st my funeral expenses and Physicians bill to be paid
 2^d In the second place, I wish all my just debts to be paid, out of the Proceeds of the Crops made on my Plantation, Provided after making two Crops my debt shall be so reduced that the balance shall be so small as to be perfectly manageable, if not I desire such of my slaves or Slave to be sold that is not connected with family on the plantation as shall be sufficient to extinguish the whole debt. Moreover if any Slave that is connected with family shall so conduct himself as not only render him or herself disagreeable to his or her family but to my own family, I desire that such Slave shall be sold in preference to those not connected with a family.

After my just debts are all paid I desire the remainder of my Property both real and personal to be divided with my beloved wife and Children, except a Negro girl by the name of Aminda, which I give to my wife, said division and desire to be as follows, First the whole property to remain undivided until my debts shall have all been paid, after which as a Child shall become of age or if a female shall become married, then and in that case

such child shall be entitled to his or her portion of the Personal property, the land or plantation shall not be sold or divided until my youngest child shall become of age or married, then I desire that the Plantation of lands shall be sold for Cash, or on twelve months Credit as shall seem best, and the Proceeds of such sale be equally divided between all alive including my wife and Children, unless however it may be deemed proper to sell the land at an early day by some unforeseen Circumstance now unknown to me, and in such an event not then unless by advice and Consent of the following friends to wit, William L. Balfour, Stephen S. Howard, Wm. J. Houston, and Wm. Pack or such of them as may be alive when a child shall become of age, or of a female married, and shall receive its portion of the personal property, the remainder to be undivided as to my wife and Children until a second, and so on until the youngest shall be entitled to its portion, my object in this is for this purpose, that my Children shall be raised and educated, but if however my friends shall deem it necessary to sell the land, then an equal division shall take place of the whole property at once after receiving the money for the sale of the Plantation.

Lastly

I desire my wife to carry out this my Will as Executrix, The property received by my daughter shall be hers for life, and then to three Children if they have any - if not to revert back again to the family and divided as if they had not drawn it. It is my desire, that my wife Timna J. Anderson appointed above as my Executrix to carry out this my will shall not be bound to give security for the management of my estate, unless my friends as above shall discover a disposition to waste the estate, then and in that case they upon information of them to the Court or proper authority shall be required to give sufficient security to guard against such waste, Given under my hand and seal this 31st day of April A.D. 1805

Witnessed to this 3rd page the Words "which I give to my wife"
 1st line 2nd page "her" before signing and sealing
 done in Presence of Witnesses L. B. Crawford
 J. L. Howard Wm. L. Balfour

J. Anderson Executrix

In the Matter of the Last Will & Testament of Court of Probate, May Term A.D. 1800
 Timothy Anderson Decd

The last Will & Testament of Timothy Anderson deceased being this day produced before the Court for Probate, & allowed and at the same time also William L. Balfour one of the subscribing witnesses thereto appearing, being examined on oath touching the execution thereof, and it appearing to the Court by the testimony of said witness that the other two subscribing Witnesses are dead, and that said Balfour was present & witnessed the execution & publication of said last Will & Testament, that said Testator signed his name thereto in Presence of said Witness in presence of the other subscribing Witnesses, that said Witness subscribed the same in presence of the Testator, of the other subscribing Witnesses, that they signed their names thereto in his Presence, in Presence of the Testator, and that said Testator at the time of executing & publishing the same was of sound mind & memory, It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said Will be

allowed established Recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of said
deceased. May 14th AD 1850.

L. B. Sweett
Judge of Probate

Norval, R. Greenberry Will

State of Mississippi, I Norval, R. Greenberry being weak in
Mudlow County & body, but strong in mind, knowing

that in the Providence of God life is uncertain therefore I do make
and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following

1st First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping
and believing in the redemption of my sins by the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ, and my body, I commit to the earth to be buried
at the discretion of my friends,

And my worldly estate, I give and bequeath as follows

First that all my just debts be paid, and that my estate remain
undivided until all of my debts shall have been paid,

I give and bequeath to my oldest son L. J. Greenberry, a certain
Negro Slave named Solomon aged ten years, also my Work Case, and
Library and one Bed, Bedstead and Clothings

Also I give and bequeath to my son W. B. Greenberry so soon
as he has finished his education, one Saddle horse worth eighty dollars,
I further give him a certain Negro Slave named Oliver aged eight years, I
also will that his expenses be paid out of my estate, until he shall have
completed his Collegiate Course, Also I give him one bed, bedstead and Clothings,

I Give and bequeath, to my oldest daughter J. S. Greenberry two
Negro Slaves named Minrod and Easter, I further give unto her one bed
bedstead Clothing and one stand of furniture, also I give her my Dugger
one horse and one of the Burreau, the horse and Burreau to be set apart
by the Executors,

I give and bequeath, to my daughter, C. G. Greenberry two
Negro Slaves, named Robert and Harriet, I further give her one
bed, Bedstead, Clothing and one stand of furniture to be set apart by
the Executors, I also give her one Burreau,

I Give and bequeath to my youngest son A. N. J. Greenberry
one Slave named Minny, I further give him one horse, Saddle and Saddle
worth one hundred dollars, also one bed, bedstead and Clothings,

Also I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter A. A. Greenberry
two Slaves named Hobe and Mary, I further give her one bed bedstead
and Clothings, to be set apart by my Executors,

I will that my daughters receive a liberal English education
and that all their expenses be paid until they ^{become} become of age out of the
proceeds of the Crops raised from year to year by my estate, I will that
my youngest son W. B. J. Greenberry receive a Classical education, provided
in the judgment of my Executors the means in hand will justify it, and
that his entire expenses be paid out of the proceeds of the Crops raised from
year to year by my estate until he is of age, I give and bequeath to

my three sons mentioned above, the whole of my landed estate described more particularly in my several deeds Recorded in the Clerk's office at Canton. I also give them my horses, Waggon, Cattle, Hogs, household and Kitchen furniture, farming tools and all other property not otherwise disposed of, I authorize my two oldest sons at any time after they shall have both become of age to sell all the property which I have given to them and their younger brother jointly the sale to be on such terms as they think best, and the money arising from said sale is to be equally divided between my three sons,

I do hereby appoint my brother Geo. B. Greenbury and my oldest son L. J. Greenbury Executors to this my last will and testament,

I do hereby appoint my oldest son L. J. Greenbury Guardian of the Person of the Children until they marry or become of age. He is to pay their annual expenses and pay no hire for their support, until they marry or become of age,

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty nine,

Read a acknowledged signed in the Presence of

N. R. Greenbury

W. H. Spenser, A. S. Baker,
S. M. Huley, L. W. Smith

The State of Mississippi In the Court of Probates May Term A.D. 1850
Madison County

The foregoing instrument being this day produced before the Court for Probation & allowed, as the last will & testament of N. R. Greenbury deceased, and W. H. Spenser, A. S. Baker & L. W. Smith, three of the subscribing witnesses thereto appearing also at the same time, who on their oath solemnly state, that they were present & witnessed the execution & publication of said instrument by the testator as his last will & testament, that he signed the same in their presence - that they signed the same in the presence of the said testator and in presence of each other, and that said testator appeared at the time of signing and publishing the same as aforesaid to be of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore ordered and adjudged & decreed, that said instrument is the last will & testament of the said N. R. Greenbury dec'd, & that the same be allowed, established, Recorded & filed as such in this office
May 13th A. D. 1850,

J. B. Howcott

Judge of Probates

Margaret Ann Thompson Will,

Know all men that I, Margaret Ann Thompson, of town of Canton state of Mississippi being in full health though of sound and disposing mind & memory, and in view of the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby appointing & making void any and all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I direct that among & from my body be decently interred and that such worldly goods or estate as it has pleased the almighty to interest me with

I dispose of the same as follow to wit. First I direct that all my debt and funeral expences be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate. Secondly I give bequeath to my beloved husband William S. Thompson all my household & kitchen furniture of every description also all my negroes consisting of the following to wit. Ardenia a woman aged about twenty four years Mary about twenty two years her child Sherah aged about three years Meahala aged about ten years and Anna a girl aged about five years with their increase forever. And I do hereby make and ordain and appoint my beloved husband (the said William S. Thompson) executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I Margaret Ann Thompson the Statute hereunto this my will set my hands seal this the thirtieth day of July. 1850

M. A. Thompson

Signed sealed and published & observed in presence of us who have subscribed the same in presence of each other

James M. Faustus

J. S. Smith

In the matter of the last will and testament of Margaret Ann Thompson deceased. In the Court of Probate of the County of Madison State of Mississippi. At the term of said Court held at the City of Natchez on the 10th day of August 1850. The within instrument being this day produced & opened in open Court & appearing to be the last will and testament of Margaret Ann Thompson deceased and appearing also at the said Court James M. Faustus Thomas & Smith the subscribers being witnesses thereto and being sworn stated that they submitted the execution publication by the testatrix of said instrument as her last will and testament that she signed the same in their presence that said witnesses subscribed their names thereto in her presence in presence of each other and that testatrix appeared to be at the time of said execution of said will in full and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered & adjudged that said will be allowed established & executed & put in force as the last will and testament of said deceased.

At the term of said Court held at the City of Natchez on the 10th day of August 1850.

J. B. Sawcatt

Judge of Probate

E. Graves Will

In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Graves of Madison County State of Mississippi being at present weak in Body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and testament to wit

I Recommend my Soul to God in hope of a glorious Resurrection in and through the merit of our blessed Redeemer and my body at my death I Recommend to a Christian burial

As to my worldly estate it is my desire that it be disposed of in the following manner that all my personal estate remain in the Possession and Care of my husband John W. Graves till my children may arrive at an age to draw their respective shares at which time as each one arrives at age it is to receive its legal share and that my husband is hereby authorized at his discretion to sell my real estate as he may think most advantageous I constituted and appoint John W. Graves my Executor to this my last will and testament and is not to be required to give any bond and security

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 27th day of September in the year 1818-9

In presence of
Geo. W. Sturges
H. C. Bennett
B. W. King

E. Graves Seal

In the matter of the last will and testament of Court of Probate
E. Graves dec'd
Term 1818-9

The within last will & testament of E. Graves deceased having been read at a former term of the court for probate & allowance and an examination of Henry C. Bennett at the last now term of this court: see W. Sturges at the term they being two of the subscribing witnesses that in the execution & publication of said will and it appearing (with satisfaction of the court) by the testimony of said witnesses that said will was duly executed & published by the testator in presence of the subscribing witnesses & that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence & in presence of each other & it is further appearing that said testator was at the time of execution and publishing the same of sound & perfect mind & memory it is therefore ordered & adjudged decreed that said will be allowed and established and shall be given in full effect as the last will & testament of said deceased

June 22nd 1830

J. B. Hancock
Judge of Probate

Richard Bucks Will

The State of Mississippi } I, Richard Buck of the state and County
Madison County set & aforesaid of lawful age and of sound and
disposing mind and memory being about to leave and depart from the
said state for the distant territory of California and taking to mind
the imminent hazard and risk of life attending such an adventure
and being desirous of disposing of such estate as I may possess
in the state aforesaid (of Mississippi) do make publish and declare
this my last will and testament that is to say

I give and bequeath to my much esteemed Aunt Eliza H. Vandy of the county
of Madison & State of Mississippi all my estate of every name character
kind and denomination wherever the same may be found at my death
in the state aforesaid and especially do give and bequeath to my
aforesaid Aunt Eliza H. Vandy the sum of Three thousand dollars the
same being a specific legacy to me given by my worthy relative

George W. Lightham late of the County of Calhoun in the state
of Mississippi deceased to be paid to me when I should attain the age
of twenty one year which period has arrived & which said legacy is
now due me all of which estate I give to the said Aunt Eliza H. Vandy
for her own proper and individual use and benefit in consideration
of the many kind offices done me during my minority and I
do hereby make and ordain my worthy uncle Remond H. Vandy of the
county & state aforesaid Executor of my last will and having full
confidence in his integrity & trustworthiness to carry out this will do hereby
release and discharge him from the necessity of executing any bond
as Executor of this my will. I testify whereof I, Richard Buck
the testator have to this my last will subscribed my name and
affixed my seal the 12th day of March Anno Domini eighteen hundred
& forty nine

Signed sealed published and declared with last will & testament of the testator in the presence of } Richard Buck testator

J. S. Worthington
W. Vaine

John H. Cochran }
Probate Court } The within last will and testament of Richard
July term - 1830 } Buck deceased being this day produced before the
Court for probate & allowance and at the same time
also appearing the subscribing witnesses thereto who on oath testify that they
were present and witnessed the execution & publication of said last will and
testament by the testator that he signed & published the same in their
presence that they subscribed the same as attesting witnesses in presence
& at the request of the testator & in presence of each other and that
said testator was at the time of said and disposing mind & memory
It is therefore ordered by the court that said will be allowed established
recorded & filed in this office as the last will & testament of Richard
Buck deceased July 5th 1830

V. B. Hawcott
Judge of Probate

Susanna Gastly's Will,

The last Will and Testament of Susanna Gastly.

Be it known by these presents, that I Susanna Gastly of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being deeply impressed with the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being warned by my advanced age and feeble health of my approaching dissolution, though sound in Mind and memory and desirous of making some disposition of my worldly estate after my decease, do make and publish this my last Will, Testament in manner and form as follows, viz.

First I wish to be decently buried and all expenses thereon incurred to be paid out of my estate,

Secondly I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joseph P. Davis two Negroes, Sandy, Alusk and Little Peter,

Thirdly I give to my Grand Daughter Mary Jane Dalford, a Negro Colored Female and a girl called Ann, with their increase, and one Feather Bed,

Fourthly To my Grand son William Gastly, I give a Negro boy called Little Joe, and a girl called Serena, with their increase,

Fifthly I give to Mary Louisa and Eliza Foster daughters of Henry A. and Martha Foster a girl called Sissy and her increase, for their joint use & benefit,

Sixthly I give my daughter Susan Davis my Carriage and a pair of horses

Seventhly I bequeath to my Grand Daughters Elizabeth and Susan B. Brown two Negroes each, namely to Elizabeth, I give a Negro boy Phil and a girl called Celia, with their increase, and one feather bed, to Susan B. I give a boy called John and a girl called Harriet and their increase

I further give and devise to my Grand daughters Elizabeth and Susan B. Brown their heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land purchased of William Shepp (Brother) known more fully as the South half of section thirteen of Township Ten of Range 1st Town East, it being the tract of land on which John Brown now resides, containing three hundred and twenty six acres, more or less lying and being in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi to be divided equally between them,

Eighthly I give to the heirs of the body of Martha Brown my daughter four Negroes namely Aaron, Kitty, Elbert and Claiborne, and their increase to be equally divided between them after the demise of the said Martha Brown.

And lastly As to all the rest, residue & remainder of my personal and real estate, goods, Chattels of whatever kind and nature, do give and bequeath to my four Children viz Susan Davis, William Gastly, Martha Brown and Elizabeth Dalford, to be equally divided amongst them, the land to be disposed of they may think best promotes their interest, all the property falling to the lot of each of my four Children above named, I wish to descend to their Children, and in case of death the property to go to the nearest of kin, and should it so happen that any one of the Children die without brother or sister or Children of their own, then the property is to revert to the nearest of kin by the Grand Mother's side. It is my earnest desire that my Daughter Susan Davis, shall take charge of the property given to my Daughter Martha Brown, and my Grand Daughters Elizabeth and Susan B. Brown and manage the same as she may think will best promote their interest

For the purpose of carrying into effect the Provisions of the foregoing Will

I hereby appoint William Gaulty and Robert W. Davis my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament,

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, signed sealed published as for the last Will Testament of Susanna Gaulty Susanna Gaulty in presence of the Writors interlined in the 12th line in this paper from the top. was done before saying Wm. "Daughter Martha Brown and my" John Murray, O. H. Lupton, Wm. Vassony,

Codicil to the Last Will Testament of Susanna Gaulty of the State of Mississippi
 Madam Courty & Thomas J. Susanna Gaulty, of the County estate aforesaid, did make my last Will Testament, dated twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, and Mrs. A. Susanna Gaulty being of sound mind & disposing Memory do make this my Codicil to my last Will Testament, as aforesaid dated on 22nd day of November A.D. 1842, as above mentioned.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Elizabeth G. Brown two Slaves Angelina aged about four years & a man named Sim aged about thirty years.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Susan M. Brown, a woman named Mourning & the daughter Caroline & the future increase of the said William Brown the foregoing bequests to my two Grand Daughters Elizabeth G. Brown & Susan M. Brown being additional to those already given by my said last Will Testament.

Item I give and bequeath all my Stock of Sheep & Cattle that I may own at my decease to my Grand Children Elizabeth G. Brown & Susan M. Brown to be equally divided between them in addition to previous bequests.

Item I give to my Grand son Lewis Gaulty two Slaves, Jeff a boy aged about five years & Susan a girl about five years old.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand son Lewis Balfour one thousand dollars & the interest thereon due me from his Father William L. Balfour by promissory Note dated December 30th A.D. 1837.

Item To my Daughter Martha Brown I give and bequeath ten dollars.

Item It is my Will & desire & so direct that the residue of all my estate not previously disposed of by my last Will & Testament or this Codicil shall be divided into four equal Shares. One Share to be given to my son William Gaulty, One Share to my Daughter Susan Davis, One Share to my daughter Elizabeth D. Balfour & the remaining Share to be equally divided between my three Grand Daughters Elizabeth G. Brown Susan M. Brown & Mary Jane Brown. And it is my desire, that my daughter Susan Davis shall take Charge of the property bequeathed by me in this Codicil to my Grand Daughters Elizabeth G. Brown Susan M. Brown & Mary Jane Brown and manage the same as she may think well best provide there interest in the same manner that I have hitherto directed that she should do in reference to the property bequeathed previously by my last Will & Testament, dated 22nd November A.D. 1842 to Martha Brown my late Grand Daughters Elizabeth G. Brown Susan M. Brown.

Lastly I hereby ratify & confirm my aforesaid Last Will & Testament dated 22nd

November A.D. 1842, as also the disposition made of my property in part by said bequest date the Seventeenth day of May A.D. 1844, so far as they may be consistent with such other my most Conflict with the provisions of this Codicil. Given under my hand and seal this Twentieth (20) day of November A.D. 1847.

and published by the Testator's declared
 to be the Codicil to his last Will & Testament
 in her presence
 Susanna Gantley
 A.P. Hill
 G.B. May
 J.R. Lewis

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of Susanna Gantley Dec'd.

The last Will & Testament, and the Codicil thereto of the late Susanna Gantley deceased being this day produced in a free Court for Probation & allowance and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, from the testimony of subscribing Witnesses thereto, that said Will & Codicil were duly executed & published by the testatrix in their presence, that they signed the same as subscribing Witnesses in her presence, and it further appearing to the Court by the testimony of said Witnesses that said testatrix was at the time the same of sound & disposing mind & Memory, It is therefore said Will & Codicil be allowed established, Recorded & filed in as the last Will & Codicil of said deceased

October Term A.D. 1850

J. B. Howcott
 Judge of Prob.

William Magruder Will.

I William Magruder of the County of Wetlow in the State of Mississippi, but now of the Town of Sparta, in the County of White in the State of Tennessee being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind and Memory and Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly substance as I have pleased Almighty God to bless me with, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit.

It is my Will and desire that my Executors pay all my just debts and burial expenses out of any moneys I may have on hand at my death or which may come to their hands of my estate,

and It is my Will and desire, that the balance of my estate after educating my Children shall be equally divided between my beloved wife Mary Ann Magruder, and my three Children Georgia, Caroline, and Anne William Phillips, and Henry Magruder Share and Share alike, Except my Watch and Bible which I give to my son Henry in addition.

I hereby nominate, Constitute and appoint William H. Cannon and my beloved wife Mary Ann Magruder of the County of Wetlow in the State of Mississippi Executors and Executrix to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and setting aside all Wills & Testaments by me at any time or manner heretofore made,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 29th Day of

August 1850. Signed sealed and published in the presence of N. Alderman
G. G. Libbrell
John D. Vase

William Magnolia Esq

State of Tennessee } At a Court begun and held for the County
of White before the justices of said Court in the Court House in the Town
of Sparta on the first Monday being the fourth day of November in the year
of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty and in the seventy fifth
year of American Independence, Present and holding said Court the Honorable
David Snodgrass Esq. Chairman, Joseph Gist, Joseph W. Glenn and
Edward Glendon Esquires Justices, It is remembered that the following
Proceedings was had in said Court to wit: "This day was exhibited in open
Court a paper making purporting to be the last will and testament of William Magnolia
late a Citizen of the County of White in the State of Mississippi and
and the due execution and publication thereof as such was sworn in to per-
form by the Oaths of John D. Vase and George G. Libbrell two of the subscribing Witnesses
thereof for the purpose thereof certified, and at the same time made oath in
due form of law that the said William Magnolia at the time of signing the
same was of sound and disposing mind and memory, said will being suf-
ficiently proved is ordered by the Court to be recorded, and certified under
the seal of this Court as prescribed by law,

State of Tennessee } George G. Libbrell Clerk of White County Court hereby
White County } Certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of all
the proceedings had in said Court relating to the Probate of the foregoing will
as appears upon record now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
the seal of said Court at Office in Sparta the 8th day of November
A.D. 1850.

G. G. Libbrell Clerk
of White County Court

State of Tennessee } David Snodgrass Chairman of the County Court of
White County } hereby Certify that George G. Libbrell Esq. whose name is subscribed
to the annexed Certificate as Clerk of White County Court was then and now is Clerk
of said Court Constitutionally elected and legally sworn, that his attestation
is in due form of law, and the proper officer, that his official acts are
entitled to full faith and credit; and that said Court is a Court of Record
having a seal which is the one thereto attached,

Witness my hand and seal this 8th day of November 1850
David Snodgrass Chairman
of White County Court

State of Tennessee } George G. Libbrell Clerk of White County Court hereby
White County } Certify that David Snodgrass Esq. whose genuine signature appears to the
above Certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same Chair-
man and Presiding Justice of the County Court of said County, duly elected
and sworn, that all of his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and
credit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court at Office in Sparta the 8th day
of November A.D. 1850

G. G. Libbrell Clerk of White
County Court

Seal

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of William Magruder deceased & said last Will & Testament of said deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Will has been duly & legally proven before the proper Court in the State of Tennessee and properly Certified to this Court, as required by Law, It is therefore Ordained & decreed by this Court do the hereby order a duplicate of decree that the same be allowed established & recorded & filed in this Court as the last Will & Testament of said deceased
 January Term A.D. 1851 J. B. Howcott Judge of Probate

MunICIPALITY BILL of Ellen C. Comfert Sec. D.

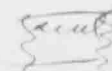
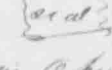
The undersigned John Montgomery, Clerical Parson residing in the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi was on the 7th day of January of the Present Month at the habitation of Ellen Comfert a resident of said County and since deceased who was then and had been for several days previously afflicted by bodily illness, that the said Ellen Comfert was then afflicted with a Malady of a dangerous and alarming character, and being apprehensive of approaching dissolution, did at or about the hour of Six O'clock P.M. of the day aforesaid, call upon the persons who were present at her bedside, among whom were the undersigned and expressed her desire of making her Will and did then and there call upon the undersigned to take notice and bear witness, that what she was then about to say was her will in words to the like effect, and did then and there utter the following testamentary words, to wit—

- 1st That her son Joseph Comfert should have a Negro boy named Henry
- 2nd That her daughter Elizabeth should have a Negro girl named Ceciline,
- 3rd That her daughter Catharine, should have a Negro girl named Peter,

that the above bequests were in consideration of her indebtedness to her said Children as their Guardians, and that the balance of her personal property should be equally divided between her Children viz in Number viz her M. Son David, Joseph, Elizabeth, Catharine, that said testatrix was at the time of uttering the said testamentary words, and afterwards until her death in view of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding

The undersigned being advised of the nature of the will of said testatrix reduced the said testamentary words to writing on the 13th day of January four days after the death of said testatrix, of which the foregoing is a full true and complete statement, as the same were uttered by the testatrix,

In testimony whereof the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals this 13th day of January A.D. 1851

John Montgomery 
 Clerical Parson 

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of Ellen Comfert Sec. D. & a paper writing being this day produced in open Court signed by John Montgomery, Clerical Parson purporting to be the Municipal last Will & Testament of Ellen Comfert deceased; and the witnesses thereunto reduced the same to writing being sworn on oath touching the bequest therein made of the disposition of mind of the said testatrix at her Capacity

to make said will. Stated that said paper writing contains the true last will & testament of said deceased, as stated & published to them by said decedent at the date therein specified & during his last illness, shortly before his death, that the testator was at the time of sound and disposing mind, memory & of free age to make said will; and it further appearing to the Court, that the heirs entitled to notice of the presentation of said will for Probate having acknowledged notice and waived the time to which they are entitled by law (as appears by Exhibit marked A). It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said paper writing by the same is hereby allowed, established as the last will & testament of said deceased & ordered to be recorded & filed.

Sammy Lewis Att 1851.

J. R. Stewart Judge of Probate

Wallace, A. S. Henderson's Will.

I Wallace, A. S. Henderson of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being in weak health, out of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say

1 After all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister Mary Graham Henderson, with the reservations and exceptions hereafter mentioned, all my real and personal estate, all my notes and accounts, Choses in Action, Contracts and agreements made for my benefit or in which I may be interested,

2 It is my will that the following named property shall be sold to wit, a Negro girl called Alpha and her child, about eleven months old a House and Lot in the Town of Lincolnton North Carolina, being the only lot I own in that place and my share in the Backe gold mine in the Haystack County North Carolina. And the money arising from the sale of the said property I wish placed at interest in some safe investment for the equal benefit of my Nieces Margaret Quay and Ann Elizabeth, the Daughters of my Brother Isaac Henderson, and Emma and Charles Colworth the infant children of my brother George Henderson,

3 And whereas Mrs Elizabeth McCulloch now resides in a small house in the Corner of my said lot in Lincolnton, it is my wish and will that she shall remain if she so please, in that house during the term of her natural life, and no sale made under the 2^d bequest above shall operate to divest her of possession of the said house or render her liable for the payment of rent, and the purchaser at the said sale shall take with this reservation, And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend E. G. Henry of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty,

It is my will that my land in Tennessee

Known as Lots No 3, 6, 7 of the N^o of 27th the S^o of 27th Sec 21 of the T^o of 6th Sec 28. all in Township 17. of Range 10 containing 304³/₄ acs is to be included in bequest 2^d and sold with the property and for the person named therein signed sealed published and declared by Wallace, A. J. Henderson Teste Wallace A. J. Henderson the above named testator as and for his last Will and testa-

ment, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses that

Henry H. Coulter
Mr. C. Quincy
John H. Thompson,

In the matter of the last Will & testament of Wallace, A. J. Henderson deceased & a paper writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Wallace, A. J. Henderson being this day produced in a probate court, for Probating allowance, and at the same time also appearing before the Court the subscribing witnesses thereto to wit Henry H. Coulter Mr. C. Quincy & John H. Thompson, who being duly examined on oath severally stated that they were present & did witness the execution & publication of said paper writing by decedent as his last Will & testament - that decedent signed & published the same in their presence, that they at his request subscribed their names thereto in his presence, and that said decedent appeared at the time of executing the same as a person to be of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding of legal age to make his last Will & testament, It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last Will & testament of said decedent & that the same be Recorded and filed.
Jan. 15th A.D. 1831. J. B. Howell all Judge of Probate

A. Barry Moore's Will

The State of Mississippi

Madison County

In the name of God - Amen;

I, A. Barry Moore, of the State and County aforesaid being sound in mind and desirous of disposing of my estate, do make certain and publish the following as my last Will and testament to wit,

In the first place it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid, Secondly & lastly, I devise and bequeath my whole estate, both real and Personal to my sister Amanda M. Henderson,

and Sarah Pennit G. M. Henderson & Nicholas Callihans Executors of my estate In testimony whereof I affix my hand and seal

A. B. Moore Teste
W. W. Lewis, Royal Kopley, A. Kopley

In the Probate Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi January 2nd 1831.

Alfred C. Consettator of the Petition of Simon J. Henderson for Probate of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of A. Barry Moore deceased, and for letters of administration with said Will annexed, after hearing the allegations and proofs thereupon, the Court being satisfied that said instrument is fully & legally established as the true and original last Will and testament of said A. Barry Moore

and that said testator was at the time of declaring and publishing the said last Will and Testament of soundly disposing mind, memory, understanding, of the lawful age, to make the same, and of right, in law entitled to make said last Will and Testament. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the said Court, that the said instrument of writing be and is hereby declared, established to be the last Will and Testament of the said A. Barry Moore, and that the same be admitted to Probate, & recorded as the true and original last Will of said testator. It is further ordered and decreed that letters of administration with said Will annexed be granted to the Petitioner. Lawrence D. Strickland on his taking the oath and writing out Bond in the penal sum of Eight thousand dollars with Henry H. Conley, John Murphy (D) his Sureties according to the Statute in such case provided.

Made and signed this 13th January 1851

J. D. Hancock

Judge of Probate

Stephen Lowe's Will,

In the Name of God. Amen,

I Stephen Lowe of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, Considering the Certainty of death, and uncertainty of the time thereof; and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st First - It is my Will and desire, that my Executors hereinafter named, shall out of any money I may have at the time of my decease or out of the first proceeds of my estate, pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts as they mature.

2^d Second - To my beloved father John Lowe, I give and bequeath the tract of land known as the "Grave tract lying in District Account, State of Mississippi, containing two hundred acres, the limits and bounds of said tract are not remembered,

3^d Third - To my beloved wife Sarah A. S. Lowe, I give and bequeath the plantation known as the "Upper Douglass place" where I have resided for the last five years, and which my father bought of George S. Douglass, and the Union Bank of Tennessee in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six, said plantation contains fifteen hundred acres of land, and is bounded on the North by the "Lower Douglass place", on the West by my father's McRea plantation, on the South by John Simmons plantation, and on the East by - McCall's plantation, all of which will be more fully shown by reference to the deed of said land, which may be found in the proper Court of Record of Deeds and Conveyances. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah, the following Negroes to wit. Lavy, Lemmy, Sarah, Joe, Wesley, Mary, Jane, Eveline, Arthur, Anarchy, Nancy, infant, Dill, Eddy, Emily, Alfred, Meranda

June, Edwinton, Cherry, Yellow Washington, Margaret, Penina, Andrew
 Rapau, Heywood, and two, names not recollectd, Bob. Ediz, Henry,
 Rasett, Sammak, Martha, Henderson, Anthony Harry, Cealy, little Ediza
 Ann, Milly, Joe, Ailsay, Hudson, Lydia infant, Horace, Patsy, Sam.
 Master, Robert, Tom, Jim, Sarah, Ned, Leamy, Ben, Black Jack -
 Perry, Luly, Charles, Ismael, Reuben, Lempe, Allick, little Elusht.
 Lealy, Cynthia, Sprout and infant, and all others on said plantation
 not mentioned above, I also give and bequeath to my wife Sarah
 A. D. the residue of my estate, Consisting of horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep,
 hogs farming utensils, house hold and kitchen furniture, and all
 other property of every description personal, real or mixed, including
 money, Notes, Bonds, Drafts, To have and to hold the said portions
 of land Negroes and all other property to her and her heirs forever
 4th Fourth - I do hereby nominate, Constitute and appoint my
 Wife, Sarah, A. D. my sole Executrix of this my last and testament
 and I request that she do faithfully and diligently carry out
 the foregoing provisions of this will.

And Lastly - It is my Will and desire, that no security
 of any kind whatever shall be required of my said Executrix, but
 that she be required to make out and furnish to the Probate Court
 of Madison County, Mississippi, to be Recorded in the Clerks office
 of said County a full and complete Inventory of all my estate
 of every kind real as well as personal, and that she be required
 to make annual settlements of her accounts, as Executrix with the
 said Probate Court; that no appraisers shall be appointed to appraise
 my estate; but that my Executrix make an Inventory only, and
 continue her annual settlements with the Probate Court till all
 my debts are settled.

In Witness Whereof the said Stephen Lowe hath here-
 unto set his hand and affixed his seal this 30th day of March A.D. 1857
 signed, sealed, published, declared by the
 said Stephen Lowe as for his last will &
 Testament in the presence of us who at his
 request, in his presence, and in the
 presence of each other have subscribed our
 names as witnesses thereto -

Wm. Linn, Leroy, G. Lesly, Joseph D. West
 B. O. Crowell, Dr. Robinson, Sarah Robinson

The State of Mississippi. The within last will & testament being this day
 Madison County & Produced in open Court for probate & allowed
 and Benjamin, O. Crowell, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto being also
 produced before the Court & examined on oath touching the execution, pub-
 lication thereof, who testified that said will was exhibited to him &
 the other subscribing Witnesses by the testator & declared by him to be
 his last will & testament, and that said will & the other subscribing
 Witnesses thereupon subscribed their names thereto as attesting Wit-
 nesses, in presence of each other, that said decedent at the time of

so publishing & declaring said will was of sound & disposing mind memory & judgment. It is therefore ordered, adjudged & decreed, that said will be allowed established Recorded & filed, in this Office, as the last will & testament of said decedent.

L. B. Howcott
Judge of Probate

Copy of the last will of

Eliza C. Nicholson } I Eliza. Caroline Nicholson of the County of Halifax and State of N. Carolina being of legal age of sound mind and memory and believing that I must soon or later die do hereby give as my last will and Testament, I give to my wife Sarah Ann Hardiman my Slave Carter and her increase, to my wife Catherine Hardiman my Slave Betty and her increase, to my niece Endress C. Hardiman. I have retained her services, the above negroes are now in the State for the want of the death of either of my sons of course the specific legacy given to her shall belong to the survivor & all the same take place as my legal executor. And as that the latter shall take place before mine or after. I give to my Brother Thomas C. Nicholson my share of the land and plantation, I give to my sister Martha M. Willcutt my share of the land and plantation.

I will that my debts be paid by my Brother Thomas C. Nicholson and that he erect at his own expense some Stone or Slab over the graves of my Father Mother Brother and my own. I give to my Brother Thomas W. Nicholson all the residue of my negroes in the State except Slave Sarah. I will that my portion of the Slaves in Mississippi be divided into two equal parts one which I have to be equally divided between the children of my sister Sarah C. Hardiman which money to be paid at her death and absent of such as may have died leaving issue at the death the issue of any deceased children representing her share in the division.

It is further my will that my sister Sarah C. Hardiman shall during her life have the sole separate and exclusive use of that part of Slaves from from any control of her husband so as not to be liable for any of her debts now or hereafter to be contracted.

I will further that all my property in the State of Mississippi except my Slaves be sold by my executors upon such terms as they shall think proper and the money arising therefrom together with my portion of the proceeds of the value of the Slaves sold by my Brother Thomas W. Nicholson and all other money which may be due me in the said State of Mississippi after paying all claims incident to the management of property there shall be divided into equal portions and the interest of one portion be annually paid over to my sister Sarah. A. Hardiman during her life to be held and enjoyed by her in the same manner as the Slaves were given to her and after her death the principal money be divided in the same manner as the

Said slaves are devised to be

I will that the other equal lot of my Slaves in Mississippi and the other equal portion of money as aforesaid together with slaves I have now in this State shall belong to my sister Martha Yellowly but if she should die without issue or grand children living at her death then at her death my will is that all the property I have given to her be divided equally between my Brother Thomas M. Nicholson and all the children of my sister Sarah. A Wardward that may be living at death the issue of such as may have died leaving issue at her death the issue of such deceased child or children to stand in the place of their parents and to take such share as the parent would if the parent were living. In the event of the death of my sister Martha Yellowly without leaving issue as aforesaid the property given to her shall be divided so as to give to my Brother Thomas M. Nicholson one half thereof and the other half to my sister Sarah. A Wardward children and grand children in the manner before specified I give to my Brother Thomas M. Nicholson all money that may be due for the hire of my slaves in this State

I hereby constitute my Uncle M. S. H. Egger and my Brother Thomas M. Nicholson my executors of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of August 1841

Wm. S. H. Egger
Thos. M. Nicholson

Elija Corbin, Nicholas & Co. Secy

Notary Public for Halifax County, N. C. The foregoing paper writings purporting to be the last will and testament of Elias Corbin, Nicholson & Co. I found proper and the same being duly proved by oath of the subscribers witnesses Wm. S. H. Egger, Thos. M. Nicholson & Thos. P. Matthews I extend to be recorded wherefore Thomas M. Nicholson one of the executors named is duly qualified as such the Grant with all the said Thomas M. Nicholson's estate of the said decedent

State of North Carolina, Halifax County, I William W. Daniels of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of which it purports to be together with the probate thereof as aforesaid of record in my office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office this 21st day of October 1841

William W. Daniels Secy

State of North Carolina, Halifax County, I Row B. Price Chairman & presiding magistrate of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Halifax and State aforesaid do hereby certify that William W. Daniels aforesaid appears signed to the foregoing certificate and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in which I preside and that his said certificate is in due form of Law. Given under hand and private seal having my public seal of office this 20th day of September 1851

(Sift, am) Row B. Price Chairman

In the Probate Court of Madison County November term 1861
 upon hearing the petition of Thomas W. Nicholson filed in this court for the admission
 to probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be a copy of the last will
 and testament of Eliza Evelyn Nicholson deceased the original of which was admitted
 to probate by the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of the County of Raleigh in the
 State of North Carolina when said testatrix had her demised at the time aforesaid
 and this Court being satisfied that said copy being the same which that court
 probate is written is a duly authenticated copy of the original last will and testament
 of said Eliza Evelyn Nicholson and that the same was duly admitted to probate
 in the State of North Carolina. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the
 said authenticated copy be and is hereby admitted to probate and recorded in this
 Court to be a duly authenticated copy of the original last will and testament aforesaid.
 And it is further ordered adjudged and decreed that letters testamentary be granted
 to the said Thomas W. Nicholson for the purpose of settling his rights and credits of or
 belonging to said testatrix in the State of North Carolina and taking the oath
 prescribed by law.

Wm. S. Sumner Judge

Bersabee Deceased will & the last will and testament of Bersabee Deceased in
 the County of Madison and State of Mississippi
 I Bersabee Sumner considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being
 of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament
 in manner and form following (V)
 First I give and bequeath unto John Blakely thought my nephew the following
 property and negroes to wit. A negro boy about the age of thirty & 1/2 years
 in about thirty five Blakely his wife and three child I want that my wife and
 I mean by it that in case Wm Blakely thought shall be deposed that he before such
 time as the part or portion of him to be given shall come payable there and in
 such case the part or portion of him shall go to my son William Blakely thought his sister
 Also I will that three hundred and twenty five dollars be paid to Thomas
 Blakely out of the above named property in consideration of a debt due him by
 my wife and other just and reasonable expenses I make and explain
 Thomas Blakely my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament in
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of
 February AD 1845
 Bersabee Deceased
 J. A. Cocher hand

A. P. Porter J. S. Wardlaw
 A. Cocher to the above will I do certify that Thomas Blakely is not bound
 to give any bond or security for carrying out and executing the above
 mentioned will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 the day and date above written
 A. P. Porter J. S. Wardlaw
 Bersabee Deceased

In the Probate Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi November term 1831

Upon application duly made for the probate of the foregoing instrument of writing as the last will and testament and Codicil thereto of Berchard Demmes late of said County deceased and the said Court having heard and duly considered the testimony of A. B. D. [unclear] one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally executed as the true, original last will and testament and Codicil thereto of the said Berchard Demmes deceased and that the said Berchard Demmes was on the day of the date of said instrument of writing of lawful age to execute the same and of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding and of legal and in law entitled to make said will. It is therefore ordered and adjudged, released by the Court that the said instrument of writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and recorded as the true and original last will and testament of said Berchard Demmes deceased.

J. W. Sumner Judge

James G. Gamble's Will

I James G. Gamble, of the County of Talbot and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all others which I have heretofore made,

1st After bequeathing my soul to God who gave it & in giving his pardon love and mercy. I desire that funeral expenses be paid - next the prompt payment of my just debts,

2nd I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Ann Gamble my executrix, and do so and direct if it be consistent with the Statute of Georgia that she be sworn in as such executrix, but that no bond be required of her as such.

3rd I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Ann Gamble and to my and all children which may hereafter be born of her to me all of my estate both real and personal to be distributed to and between them according to the Provisions of the Statute of the State of Georgia in Cases of intestacy, and in the event that my said wife should survive me without issue or prospect of issue then and in that case I desire that my whole estate both real and personal, rights and Credits of every description whatsoever do and be my said wife alone, and I hereby bequeath the same to her in absolute right without reservation or Condition.

4th And I do hereby nominate and appoint George W. King of Talbot County Alabama a joint executrix with my said wife upon the same terms and Conditions.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the nineteenth day of March A. D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty and of course signed sealed published and declared in public view the 14th day

of the last day of the last will and testament in presence of us John D. [unclear] Geo W. King John A. [unclear]

James G. Gamble

The State of Mississippi
Madison County vs The State of Mississippi
To Luke Lumsden Esquire of the County of Tallapoosa
State of Alabama Greeting,

Know ye, that trusting to your fidelity, conscientiousness and
circumspection, we have appointed you a Commissioner and by these presents
do request and authorize you to examine upon oath or affirmation to
be by you administered, John Postock, George W. Harberry and John A. Ford
Subscribing Witnesses to the instrument of writing hereto annexed purporting
to be the last Will and testament of James G. Gamble deceased now depend-
-ing in the Probate Court of the County of Madison State aforesaid for Probate
to specially require the said Witnesses or either of them to state distinctly
upon oath or affirmation as aforesaid whether the said testator James G.
Gamble signed and Published the said instrument of writing as his last
Will and testament, or whether some other person signed it by his direction
Whether the said testator was of sound disposing mind and memory
when signing the said instrument; and whether the said Witnesses sub-
-scribed the said instrument in the presence of the said testator, and at
his request, and to solemnly and distinctly set in writing and testify
under your hand and seal the examinations and to return the same
to our said Court together with this writ, and the writing annexed, en-
-closed.

Sub

Witness the Honorable Isaac M. Simmons Judge of the
Probate Court of said County the second Monday
of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty one and seal of said Court
Spent the 5th day of January A.D. 1852.

John S. Sumner Clerk

The State of Alabama
Tallapoosa County } Depositions of John Postock, George W.
Harberry and John A. Ford witnesses sworn and examined the
second tenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hun-
-dred and fifty one under and by virtue of a Commission issued out
of the Probate Court of Madison County in the State of Mississippi
for the purpose of proving the execution of the Will of James G. Gamble
deceased, formerly of the County of Talbot in the State of Georgia.

The said John Postock, George W. Harberry and John A.
Ford being duly sworn and examined do severally depose and
say as follows, That the said James G. Gamble deceased signed
and published the writing attached to the said Commission and
now shown to them as his last Will and testament, and that
the signatures thereof "James G. Gamble" is in his own handwriting,
that at the time he signed the same he was of sound and disposing
mind and memory, and that at the request of the said James G. Gamble
in his presence and in the presence of each other they subscribed
their names as witnesses thereto

Examination taken reduced to writing
Subscribed and sworn to this 17th day of January
A.D. 1852 At witness my hand and seal

John Postock
John A. Ford
Geo W Harberry

Luke Lumsden Commissioner Sub

The State of Mississippi Probate Court February Term A.D. 1852,
Madison County

Ordered by the Court, that the foregoing writing
be established as the last Will and testament of James G. Gamble de-
ceased, and that the same be Recorded and filed.

J. M. Simmons Judge of
Probates

John R. Bradley's Will

State of Mississippi In the Name of God, Amen, I John R. Bradley
Madison County of the County and state aforesaid, being of sound
and disposing mind but of feeble health of body, do hereby make
and Ordain this my last Will and testament that is to say,

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my friend Henry Erickson, who has been
my apprentice, a full set of a Carpenter's Bench tools to be selected
by him out of the tools which I may have on hand at the time of
my death. I also give and bequeath to the said Henry all my
right title Claim & interest in and to a Certain Storey set in the
Town of Jackson, Mississippi I contracted to purchase from Elisha Crockett
in which I built the house now occupied by the said Henry's Mother,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my dear wife Susan M. Bradley all my
property, goods Chattels rights and Credits of all kinds whatsoever held
or possessed by me at the time of my death, except the bequests above
specified and it is my wish and direction, that all my property
of whatsoever kind shall be sold and all debts due me collected or
paid if deemed advisable by my Ex^r cutors, for Cash in hand as soon
after my death as possible, and it is further my wish and desire
that my said wife shall as soon as practicable collect the Proceeds
of said property after paying my just debts, if any shall remain
due and owing, mine with one Child to the residence of her Father
Rufus C. Hancock in the State of Tennessee,

Item 3rd I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Susan M. Bradley
the sole Ex^r cutors of this my last Will and testament, and inas-
much as I do not intend or expect to have any just debts against
me at the time of my death, I further wish and desire that
Letters Testamentary may be granted to my said Ex^r cutors without
requiring any security from her whatsoever,

Item 4th I further desire and direct that my Negro Woman Peggy shall
be sold by my Ex^r cutors at private sale, and I desire that said slave
shall be permitted to choose her future Master or Mistress, provided
that in so doing a reasonable Price can be procured for her.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

this 24th day of September 1851

Witness J. L. Duffer

John R. Bradley Ex^r

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County at the Special Term 1852
Madison County In the Matter of a Certain instrument to Wit

purporting to be the last Will and testament of John R. Bradley deceased
 Be it remembered that at a Term of the Probate Court of the County of Madison
 aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in the Town of Canton in said
 County on the 2nd Monday of April 1852. Personally appeared in open Court
 J. B. Tupper Notary Public who testified that he saw the said John R. Bradley
 deceased sign the within instrument and that he was of disposing mind, and
 John Bole who makes oath that the signature aforesaid stands is the true and
 genuine signature of the said Bradley deceased. It is therefore decreed
 that the above Will be Recorded as proven. This 4th April Term 1852
 J. M. Simmons Judge of the Probates

Joseph Sherricks Will

In the Name of Almighty God. Amen,
 I, Joseph Sherricks of Madison
 County State of Mississippi, being of sound mind & memory, do by these
 presents make & publish this as my last Will & testament to wit,
 I order & direct in the first place the payment of all my
 just debts & funeral expenses,
 Secondly, I give & bequeath all my estate both real & personal to my two living
 Sisters to be equally divided between them including all my estate in the
 State of Mississippi in the State of Ohio,
 Thirdly I appoint Wesley Deane Executor of this my last Will & tes-
 tament. in Give under my hand & seal this fifteenth day of March
 A. D. 1852. Witness my hand & seal, all done in the presence of us as witnesses,
 J. J. Smith, D. A. Lee, Council, St. Albans & J. Sherrick Executor

In the Matter of the Estate of
 Joseph Sherrick Deceased } This day was proved in open Court a Certi-
 ficating purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joseph Sherrick
 deceased, and Thomas J. Smith, Council, St. Albans and D. A. Lee the sub-
 scribing Witnesses stands being also produced in open Court, and being
 duly sworn proved the due execution and publication of said last
 Will and testament, and that said testator was at the time of making
 and publishing the same of sound and disposing mind and memory and
 under no undue influence or restraint. It is therefore decreed
 that the said paper mentioned be established as the last Will and
 testament of said decd, and that the same be Recorded and filed in
 this Court. April 12th 1852 J. M. Simmons Judge
 of Probates.

Figanus Lown's Will

The last Will and testament of Figanus Lown of the
 County of Madison State of Mississippi
 I Commend my Soul to God its Author,
 I direct that my estate be kept together, and covered till my
 debts are paid, provided they be paid within the year Cross year next.

ensuing after my death; and during the time that my estate is so appropriated to the payment of my debts, I desire that my beloved wife Ann Maria may enjoy my residence with all privileges necessary for her Comfort & support, herself and family with provision from the farm, and during that time I direct my Executors to pay her annually the sum of Six hundred dollars,

- Item 3^d I give an vested interest to be enjoyed on the payment of my debts my estate as follows, To my beloved wife all my household and kitchen furniture, Books, Linen and her watch - Except the silver spoons which belonged to my first wife, these with my watch I give to my dear daughter Sarah Ann, To my wife also I give my Carriage harness and watch of Carriage harness, my boy Bob whom I purchased of William R. Clark of N.C. - all the Slaves except Austin which I obtained from her in our marriage together with all their increase, since that time up to my death - also I direct the Carpenter this last one during her life.
- Item 3 To my Nephew Bartholomew Rogers Moore Jr I give my Slave Austin and his wife Mary & her Children already & hereafter to be born -
- Item 4 To my Nephew George Boddie Moore, I give my Slave Isaac & his wife Manning and her Children Susan, Blount & Barbara & all that may be hereafter born,
- Item 5 To my Niece Lucy M. Moore I give my boy Madison,
- Item 6 To my Niece Ann Maria Moore I give my boy Lewis,
- Item 7 To my Nieces Ann Maria Moore and Sarah Moore her sister I give my Slaves Jimmy Crowell and her Children now and hereafter to be born - If either of my Nephews or nieces afore named should die during my life, or afterwards before the age of eighteen or marriage, my Will and desire is that the property so given to the deceased shall be equally divided between the survivors and their other Brothers & Sisters if any,
- Item 8 To Florida Powell I give Girl Annabella and all the Children that may be born of her,
- Item 9 To Martha Powell I give girl Caroline Child of Missouri & all her issue hereafter born of her,
- Item 10 To Sarah Powell I give girl Mary Brown and all the Children of her hereafter born,
- Item 11 To Charity L. Powell I give Girl Fering Child of Mary Whitstead and all issue of her hereafter born, And if either of the last four named Legates should die during my life, or afterwards before the age of eighteen or marriage, my Will and desire is that the property so given to the deceased shall be equally divided between the survivors of their Brothers and Sisters,
- Item 12 If at the end of four years after my death as before provided for my debts are not paid, I direct that they be paid out of such of my Parishable estate not given away specially, as Crops, Stock & and the property which I bought in December 1849, of my Brother Bartholomew P. Moore, excepting the Slaves which are specifically bequeathed away, or paid out of any other property given to my daughter as she may elect,

Nov 13 I give the payment of my debts, or at the end of four years, which sooner may first happen, I give during her life to my beloved wife my household and its appurtenances, including the Chand parcels of land near the general grove, and the full privilege of getting firewood & timber for a farm, upon the entire tract, and also during her life as much of the Chand land on the tract as her slaves bequeathed by me can cultivate,

Nov 14 At the same time, I give to my beloved wife, her Mules of medium quality, and Plows and other farming implements suitable and sufficient for her husband's work, five yoke of oxen, her Chorea Milk Cows, with their young Calves and her head of Stock Cattle, medium quality, her Sows with their Pigs or Poles as the Case may be, my best Wagon and Cart with their Mules & bodies, also Mest Horn, fodder, Cows, Hens enough for her security for one year, and my Smith Valentine is during her life to do her farm work without charge, I also give her my Sheep,

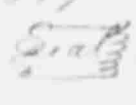
Nov 14 I give to Alfred M. Moore, of Wakeley County N.C. during the joint lives of himself & wife, and to the Survivor during his or her life, and afterwards to Mary Moore, his daughter all my interest in the property now in his possession bought by me at his last sale,

Nov 15 To my dear daughter, Sarah Ann I give devise and bequeath to her and her heirs all the residue of my estate of whatever Nature or Kind,

Nov 16 All my debts due me and Money or bond are to be applied to the payment of my debts in the first place,

Nov 17 I hereby constitute and appoint my friends Stephen Lewis and William J. Powell my Executors.

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of December 1849

signed sealed published and declared in our presence
 Elijah Dodder, Samuel J. Higgins & J. L. Lorne 

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County at the Auditors Office & May Term thereof,

In the Matter of a Certain instrument the Notary Public being to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Lewis deceased, Be it remembered, that at a Term of the Probate Court of the County of Madison aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in the Town of Center in said County on the 2nd Monday of May 1852, Person-ally appeared in open Court Elijah Dodder and Samuel J. Higgins wit-nesses who testified that they heard the said Thomas Lewis acknowledge that he signed the within instrument for the purposes therein specified and that he was of disposing mind. It is therefore ordered that the above will be recorded as Proved this May the 13th 1852

A. M. Simmonds
 Judge of Probates

Copy of
 Rosanna H. Crawford's last Will & Testament Probated 12th Decem-ber the 13th Aug 1850.

The State of Alabama I Rosanna Crawford of the County of Greene and Greene County & State of Alabama, do make this my last Will & Testament: I give and bequeath to my Son in Law Gabriel W. Davis

of the County and State of said the following named Negro Man to wit
Milly, a woman aged about twenty seven years, Nellis a boy aged
about five years, and Eliza aged about nine years, with all the increase
of the female, in Trust for the separate use of my daughter Caroline
Allen, the wife of Jacob Allen, now of the County of Pickens, during
his life, and after her death, then for the use of the said Jacob Allen
for his life so as not to be responsible for any of his debts, and at the
death of the said Jacob, then to be equally divided amongst the Children
of my said daughter Caroline who may then be living share share
alike,

I give to my daughter Emeline Lewis wife of
Gabriel Lewis my Negro boy Nellis aged about twelve years and
my Negro Girl Scinda aged about ten years, with the increase of
the female, to her and her heirs forever.

I desire my other Property to be equally divided amongst
my Grand Children who shall be living at my death

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son in
-law Gabriel Lewis Executor of this my last Will and Testament
with full power to execute it fully, and do revoke all other Wills
by me made,

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 2nd day of September A.D. 1841.

Signed sealed, Proven and declared Rosanna Crawford Test
by the Testatrix, to be her last Will and Tes-
-tament, in our presence, who in the Presence of Testatrix and of each other
have subscribed our names as witnesses, My Graham
J. J. Chapman
John B. Thompson

The State of Alabama
Sumpter County, Probate Court, August Term 1830

At said Term the following Will was admitted to
Probate on the Depositions lawfully taken of My Graham J. J. Chap-
-man son of said Subscribing Witnesses, now on file with the papers of
said Court, said Witnesses having deposed to the effect that they saw
the said Rosanna Crawford above named, subscribed to the foregoing
Will, which of sound disposing mind & memory sign seal published &
declared the same to be her true last Will, Testament, which was
done in the Presence of John B. Thompson the other subscribing Witness
and that said Witnesses subscribed their names as witnesses to said
Will in the Presence of the Testatrix, in the presence of
each other on the day & year mentioned in said Will.

Given under my hand at Livingston this 12th August
A.D. 1832 Attest Ben. J. St. James J. P. C.

The State of Alabama & Benjamin J. St. James Judge of Probate for said
Sumpter County do hereby Certify that the foregoing pages
mentioned from Ben to Marie Coulter a true and perfect copy of
-last Will & Testament of Rosanna Crawford dec'd as fully and com-
-pletely as the same appears of Record on file in my office,

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand at office &
Test seal of office in the Town of Livingston this the 23rd day of May A.D. 1832
Attest Ben. J. St. James J. P. C.

Fabius J. Olive's Will

I Fabius J. Olive of sound and disposing mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life, do now make & constitute this my last will and testament in manner & form as follows-

After my decease, it is my will that my land and my interest in the present growing crop being one half, and all my Negro Slaves to wit, Ned, Henry, Jack, Samson, Bell, Joe, Jesse, James the Childen Lucinda, her Child Martha, & my interest in Negro woman Celiza, My Stock of all all kinds, Plantation tools, shall all be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, and that the nett proceeds thereof after paying all my just debts be equally divided between my Brother, Young B. Olive, my Sister Celiza E. Sutherland and her son Johnson, G. Sutherland, and lastly I hereby appoint my Brother Young B. Olive, and Peyton S. Sutherland Executors, to this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the twenty eighth day of June Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty two,

Witness John C. Boyd. J. J. Olive Seal
John Sutherland
Wm Davis Jr

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County of the Madison County August Term 1832 thereof,

In the Matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Fabius J. Olive deceased,

Be it Remembered that a term of the Probate Court of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi began and held at the Court house in the Town of Canton on the second Monday in August 1832. Personally appeared in open Court William Davis Jr and John Sutherland subscribing witnesses to a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Fabius J. Olive deceased. bearing date the 28th day of June 1832 who having first been duly sworn deposed and said that Fabius J. Olive deceased signed sealed and published and declared said instrument to be his last Will and testament in the presence of three deponents, on the day of the date thereof, that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory more than 21 years of age, and that three deponents subscribed the same as witnesses thereto at his instance and request, and in the presence of the testator, and also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid Sworn and subscribed in open Court the 9th day of August 1832

J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probate

L. The C. Hallway Will

The last will and testament of L. The Caroline Hallway of Madison County in the State of Mississippi

I, L. The Caroline Hallway being of sound and disposing mind and understanding do hereby and publish this my Last Will and Testament as follows to wit First I give and devise to my beloved husband Samuel Hallway one hundred and sixty acres of ~~land~~ tract of land lying and situate in the County aforesaid on which no river is known as the West half of the North East quarter the East half of the South West quarter and the West half of the South East quarter in Section twenty one Township twelve Range four east containing two hundred and sixty acres more or less which said one hundred and sixty acres I give and devise to the said Samuel Hallway his heirs and assigns to be located on such part of the aforesaid tract of land as he may choose I also give to my said husband the privilege of using the balance of said land for cultivation and if at any time he may wish to sell said one hundred and sixty acres also devised to him I do hereby authorize and empower him to sell the balance of said tract of land with it and the proceeds of the whole he may keep and use as his own if he think proper to do so

Secondly It is my will and desire that my husband Samuel Hallway shall have and use all the estate both real and personal that I am or possess and am here specially devised for his use and benefit during his natural life and my care thought and prudence to remove said personal property to any part of the country or that he may think proper and should he die having any child or children living I give and bequeath all said property real and personal to said child or children which he may have at the time of his death and if he shall die having no child or children in that case I do give and bequeath all said property real and personal to Mrs. The Missions Caroline Nicks Mildred Virginia Shipps and Mary Frances Seago to be equally divided between them

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved husband Samuel Hallway Executor of this my last will and testament and do authorize and empower him to act as such without giving any bond or security for the performance of his duties hereby revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments and delivering this as my whole and only Last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of April AD 1852

L. The C. Hallway

Signed sealed published and declared by the said L. The Caroline Hallway as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto this twenty sixth day of April AD 1852

- Thos. B. Halton residing in Lattaloo County Mississippi
- A. Carsons residing in Monroeville
- Wm. Penley residing in Madison

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said at the September Madison County Term AD 1852 This is the matter of a certain

Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Letha G. Halloray declared to be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County of said term begun and held at the Court house in the town of Canton in the County aforesaid on the second Monday in September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two personally appeared in open Court Thomas B. Watters and Nerval Carson subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Letha G. Halloray late of said County decedent bearing date the 26th day of April A.D. 1853 who having first being depose and say that Letha G. Halloray signed and sealed and published declared said instrument as her last will and testament in the presence of these deponents on the day of the date thereof that said testatrix was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and that these deponents subscribed the said instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance and request and in the presence of said testatrix and also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid In witness whereunto and subscribed in open Court.

The 14th Day of September 1852

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

James Bell Will

It is my wish that George Bell my son to take all my property held it for me as his provided that I should die of Sept - term to take to hold it as my property in the above named piece land of land and land man and my crop to dispose of as he thinks proper. June 16th 1852

Witness

James Bell Senior

A. C. Steyer

The State of Mississippi

November Term 1852

Williamson J. J. Madison

County of Madison

Thomas Casey

Personally appeared in open Court A. C. Steyer, William Williamson, J. J. Madison whose names are subscribed to the foregoing Manuscript or the being sworn deposed and said that they were called upon by the testator James Bell he has witness to the disposition he wished to make of his estate after his death which he thought was then about to take place the foregoing contains a true statement of his wishes at that time that the said testator was at the time of a sound disposing mind and that said will was affixed at the last illness of testator a short time before his death in this County

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

George Calhoun Will

Being of sound mind but on the verge of death and being physically unable to write my signature I make this my manual written Will

1st It is my will that my Slave place of the real estate attached to the same including the wood land and my servants & other personal estate such as money

of term of Years and such other personal Estate as shall be necessary for
keeping up the said necessary supports of the family to kept together
in full, not to be sold if possible but that my Executors shall sell upon
such terms as they may deem most advantageous to the Estate all my
out lands especially a tract of land known as the Pine tract about 8 miles
from Leicester and some lots I own in Leicester my Executors shall be the
Judge of what portion of my ^{personal} estate shall be sold first

3rd After my debts shall have been paid off it is my wish that my
personalty real & personal shall be divided between my wife & children upon
equitable terms or principles

3rd It is my wish that my friends William S. Bailey Jr. Mr. J. M. Rice
Alexander. H. Standly My wife Lavinia Leathorn, and Solomon
Leathorn shall act as Executors of this my last will & testament and that
they should not be required to give bond as such to the Probate Court when
they qualify as such.

I hereby revoke all other wills made by me, publish this as my
last will & testament

Published as the last will of George Leathorn in the presence of the undersigned
Witness who signed the same, in the presence of the testator and in the presence of
each other at his residence the messuage of the town of Leicester
the 23rd day of November 1852. at the Clock P. M.

Thos. Shucklerford
Abner Hatch
W. M. Derrick

We hereby certify that the above named George Leathorn did on the 23rd day
of November 1852. at Clock P. M.

Thos. Shucklerford
Abner Hatch

in the matter of the Probate of the newcapation last will and testament
of George Leathorn &c

This day was produced in open Court newcapation
last will and testament of George Leathorn &c and Thomas & Thomas
Shucklerford and Abner Hatch two of the subscribing witnesses thereto were
produced before the Court; who being duly sworn depone and said that
they was present at the utterance of the words of said will that said
wills constitutes said will at the time & very shortly thereafter received
the writing by Thos. Shucklerford and of said deponents that said will
after being written out was signed by those deponents together with
Wm. M. Derrick the other subscribing witness who all signed their names
as witnesses thereto in presence of each other that said testator called
upon by testator to take notice of the words he was then about to utter as his
last will & testament and that said testamentary words were spoken by
the testator at his own residence during his last illness and very shortly
before his death and Lavinia Leathorn, Solomon Leathorn and Solomon
S. Leathorn John Leathorn George Leathorn Charles Leathorn Wm. Leathorn
& Walter Leathorn the children and heirs of said decedent having been
called to appear and could not said will came out. It is therefore ordered ad jud
quod that said testamentary words so returned be admitted as a personal
will published as the last will & testament of said George Leathorn due

And admitted to probate and issued in this court that letters testamentary thereupon be granted to Marchant J. McNamee of the Executors named in said will without bond or security being required of them according to the provisions of said will Louisiana Custom. Mr. St. Mandy J. P. Daily and sold. Goddard the other executors named in said will having renounced their right of administration in the estate of said deceased.

Jesse Stancels Will

Non-occupator will of Jesse Stancels

A short time before his death Mr. Stancels called in his friends and informed them that he desired to make a will being asked what disposition he wished to make of his property he remarked I wish Samuel S. Ridley to have my Box of tools he was then asked what he wished done with his money his answer was he wished it to go the same way he was again asked if he was in his proper mind he remarked that he was. he then asked if he was satisfied that he would die he said he was. He was again asked if he wished Mr. Ridley to have the whole of his effects. his remark was that he did after all his expenses were paid.

A short time afterward he was asked in the presence of other friends if he wished Mr. Ridley to have the whole of his effects he remarked that he did. This occurred on Monday 12th of July 1852. Attest July 15th 1852

W^m A. Simmons } In Madison Probate Court September term 1852
Rudew E. Laabaw }

A. G. Simmons } In the matter of the petition of Samuel S. Ridley executor
of the last will and testament of Jesse Stancels as a non-occupator will
On hearing the testimony of Rudew E. Laabaw and William A. Simmons
two of the subscribing witnesses to said non-occupator will which is duly
announced and feeling to appear and make any objection to the
probate of said will and the court being now satisfied that said instrument
of writing is the true and genuine last will and testament of said testator
It is ordered adjudged & decreed that said instrument of writing be and is
lawfully admitted to probate as the true valid and original last will &
testament of said testator and to filed and recorded in this court according
to the provisions of the Statute in such case made and provided It is further
ordered that letters of administration with a copy of said will be
granted to said petitioner or his assignee and according to law the personal
sum of two thousand dollars with R. E. Laabaw, W. A. Simmons executors
J. M. Simmons judge of Probate

Sept. Kelly, Testimony of Jesse P. Brown Deceased

The State of Mississippi

Meadow County } I Jesse P. Brown of the County and State
aged said being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind
nursing the uncertainty of life and long desiring to dispose of the
mouldy estate I possess, do make ~~publish~~ and declare this my last
Will and testament in manner and form following to wit

First - I desire that my body be decently interred after my decease
Secondly - I desire and direct that all my just debts and liabilities
be paid out of my effects, as soon as the same can conveniently be done
after my decease,

Thirdly - I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate (after
the payment of my debts) of my land and description and all personal
property to my Friend Benjamin A. Richer for his own use and benefit
forever, and to be disposed of by him as he shall see proper.

Lastly - I hereby appoint Benjamin A. Richer sole executor of this my
last will and testament and do not intend to be bound by any
assurances as aforesaid. And I do hereby revoke and annul every and
all former wills by me at any time heretofore made

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this 21st day of October 1852, Parish One Thousand eight hundred
and fifty two

signed sealed Published and declared
by the testator as his last will and
testament in our presence

J. P. Brown {

John J. Cameron

Callum Pearce

Wm. Merrill

The State of Mississippi } In the Probate Court of said County of the
Meadow County } January term thereof

On the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of Jesse Brown deceased - Be it remembered
that at a term of the Probate Court of the County in the State aforesaid
beginning and held at the Court House in the Town of Canton on the second
Monday of January, 1853, personally appeared, in open Court John J.
Cameron, Callum Pearce and Wm. Merrill subscribing witnesses to a
certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament
of Jesse P. Brown, deceased, bearing date 21st day of October 1852 who
having first duly sworn depose and say, that said Brown
signed sealed and Published and declared said instrument as his last
will and testament, in the presence of aforesaid on the day of the date
thereof that said testator was then of sound disposing mind and
memory, gave them thirty one copies of said will and that the said
deponents, subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance
and request of the testator in and at his request, in his private and
in presence of each other, on the day and year above written

term 1853.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day
of January 1853
J. M. Simmons Judge Probate Court

The Last Will & Testament of Isaac Mayfield

In the year of God Anno

- First I desire that all my Personal & Real estate all my earthly effects be divided & disposed of after my death, among my natural heirs according to the following distribution order
- Item 1st I desire that all the Property that I have heretofore given to my children be considered to all intents & purposes their property, as if that all the possessions which any of my heirs now hold by gift from me are valid
- Item 2nd I desire that the Honorable Probate of the County of Madison appoint as soon as may be lawful after my death a Board of Commissioners to set apart my beloved wife during in the tract of land, or in the farm or other premises embracing the present residence for her during her natural life time to dwell, with them, in the same, with full power to convey by deed such lifetime in her own or their right provided that the proceeds from the disposition of the same to execute, should amply all my natural heirs except the heirs of my Daughter Diana Wilkerson died that my beloved wife Eliza Mayfield, be allowed at my death, one thousand dollars in cash for the purpose of purchasing my Wife coat that she have during her lifetime the possession use of the following negroes viz. James, Mary, infant, Alice Bonister, George, Emily, also that she have as much of my household & kitchen furniture as she may think proper to use for her own use during her life - To have a certain Gray Horse & Bridle & Cows, calves & Poultry such for many instances as the Commissioners may award her with provisions for and care of suitable for her & her Wife as the Commissioners think proper
- Item 3rd I desire that all my negro property of which I am now possessed, that is all not heretofore given to my children or to my wife to be disposed of as follows among my children & grand children
- First To my son Isaac P. Mayfield I give bequeath, my Negroes Nancy, Jeff and my first daughter also an equal proportion of all my other property not herein appropriated
- Second To my Daughter Hannah J. Lambeth I give bequeath the Negroes Saml & John, with an equal share of all my property not herein appropriated
- 3rd To my daughter Octavia P. Foygett I give bequeath, the Negroes Susan and Sam with an equal share of my other property not hereby bequeathed
- 4th To my son Isaac K. Mayfield the Negroes George, Stewart & Charles with an equal share of my other property not hereby bequeathed
- 5th To James H. Mayfield, my son, I give bequeath, the following negroes viz. Andy, Nancy, Lewis
- 6th To William S. Mayfield, my youngest son I give and bequeath the following negroes Jack, Birdy, Martha, with an equal share of all my other property not hereby bequeathed
7. To the heirs of my Daughter Diana Wilkerson deceased I give bequeath the following property after the following order, viz. To Mrs Sarah E. Hall I give bequeath also a certain negro girl Patsy & my other negroes of my estate To Mary M. Wilkerson I give and bequeath, my first daughter to be retained for in possession of my wife until my wife's death then in possession of one of my sons as her guardian until said

My wife shall be married should either of said grand daughters die without children said property shall be sold and divided equally among my natural children.

8. To Thomas S. Wilkinson, George S. Wilkinson, William W. Wilkinson sons of my Daughter Diana S. Wilkinson I give & bequeath as their full & entire share of my estate both real & personal six hundred dollars in cash to be equally divided between the said three boys that is to say I desire that my son William S. be constituted the lawful guardian of said three boys that he receive the six hundred dollars hereby bequeathed to said boys & his land the same at interest for them as they severally arrive at ^{the} age of twenty one year when he shall account to each for the same.

Finally

I desire that the above division of my property shall not be made until the first day of January 1854 though I do not desire to that time that the proceeds of my real & personal estate be sold at Public Auction and a credit of twelve months that the proceeds arising from said sale be appropriated to the payment first of all my just debts that the remainder be equally divided among all my ^{own} children not in any more than my grand children.

Amey, lastly

I hereby constitute appoint my Wife Ellen Mayfield, my son Isaac H. Mayfield as my lawful executors for the purpose of faithfully executing the above will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 8th day of December A.D. 1853

Lyzard signed, delivered & published
by W. Fugate

Isaac H. Mayfield Seal

Wm S. Walker

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Isaac Mayfield dec'd upon the application of Ellen Mayfield and Isaac H. Mayfield Executors named in said will for Probate of the same as the last will and testament of Isaac Mayfield dec'd, late a resident of this County and for lifting his testamentary power and on taking the testimony of W. S. Walker and W. Fugate subscribing witnesses thereto the said instrument the said Walker being lawfully sworn and examined at the March Term 1853 and the said Fugate at the May Term 1853 of the Probate Court of Madison County Miss and the Court after hearing all and signing the juror and affidavits adduced and being fully satisfied that said instrument is fully & legally established as the true and original last will and testament of the said Isaac Mayfield dec'd, and that the said Isaac Mayfield was on the day of the date of said will that is to say on the 8th day of December 1852 of lawful age to devise and end of sound disposing mind memory understanding and of right and in law entitled to make a will.

It is therefore considered entered, adjudged and decreed that the said instrument of writing be admitted to Probate and recorded as

The true and original last will and testament of Isaac Mayfield, died, and it is further considered, ordered, and decreed on motion of said Ellen Mayfield, and said Isaac R. Mayfield that their testimony be granted to them of said last will and testament on their putting the cash prescribed by statute and entering into bond in the sum of forty thousand dollars with as their securities

Audit is further ordered that Ephraim Dutton, J. C. Jones, James Whites, John L. Sumner, and J. L. Mink be appointed appraisers to value and appraise the goods chattels & Personal estate of said testator and that a warrant issue in this behalf according to the statute
 May 4th 1853. J. M. Simmons and Judges Pro. Ex.

Orville Carson will

The last will and testament of Orville Carson of Madison County, State of Mississippi

I Orville Carson considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do hereby give and bequeath unto my dear brother Robert Carson all my right title and interest in and to the following described land being a half mile long and situated in the aforesaid County of Madison known and designated as the East half of south west quarter and the south east quarter of section nineteen and the west half south east quarter and east half of east half of south east quarter and the North half of west half of North east quarter and the North half of east half of south west quarter and the east half of North west quarter of section thirty James Co. Range first east to hold to him the said Robert Carson his heirs and assigns forever

I do further give and devise unto my said Brother Robert Carson my negroes Dublin Bob Jim Sam Charles Mary and Lechin and the future increase of the said Mary and Lechin and all my household and kitchen furniture horses cattle hogs &c

And lastly as to the residue and remainder of my real and personal estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever of which I may be possessed or entitled to at my death I will and bequeath unto him my said brother Robert Carson whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last will and testament hereby writing all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of April A.D. eighteen hundred & thirty three
 Orville Carson seal

The above instrument consisting of four sheets was subscribed by Orville Carson the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will & testament; and we at his request signed our names thereto as attesting witnesses
 W. Smith
 William Hart
 Wm. G. Jones

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The State of Mississippi In the matter of certain instrument of writing
Madison County purporting to be the last will and testament of
Orville Carson Decary

It is remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of said County of
in the State aforesaid began and held at the Court house thereof in
the Town of Canton in and for said County on the second Monday
of July 1853 personally appeared in open Court, William Davis Jr
J. B. Smith and William Hart, subscribing witnesses to a certain
instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Orville
Carson Decary bearing date 21st day of April A.D. 1853 who having
first having duly sworn depose and say Orville Carson
signed and published and declared said instrument to be his
last will and testament in the presence of the deponents and in the
presence of such other on the day and date thereof that said
testator was then of sound mind and memory and more than
21 years of age and that deponents, subscribed said instrument at the
request of said testator and in presence of said testator and in presence
of each other, on the day and year aforesaid done in open Court on the
11th day of July 1853. J. M. Simmons Judge Probate

Last Will and Testament of Thomas N. Green

In the Name of God Amen
I, Thomas N. Green of Madison County State of Mississippi being of sound mind do declare this to
be my last will and testament
1st I will that Elisha B. Laman shall act as my Executor
2nd I will that all my just debts be paid
3rd I will and bequeath to my wife Rebecca C. Green my Bay
stereo and Buggy. I will that all my property which may
remain after the payment of my debts, shall be kept together and
used for the benefit of my wife until my youngest living child
shall become of age. 4th I will that should I appear to Elisha B.
Laman and my wife Rebecca C. Green advisable to unite my voice
and that of the said Elisha B. Laman upon any former such
junction may take place

I will that no security be required of my Executor.
In Witness whereof I do this Fourth day of August in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three
set my hand and seal. Thomas N. Green

We the undersigned Certify that the above will and testament
was signed and sealed in our presence and in the presence
of one another, and in the presence of the Testator on the day and
date aforesaid.

Allen Taylor,
Cyrus B. B.,
L. M. Cook,

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County at the September
 Madison County Term of AD 1853. In the matter of a certain instrument of
 writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas H. Gunn deceased, do
 I Remondy Hunt at a term of the Probate Court of the County of Madison
 in the state aforesaid begun and held at the Court House in and for said County
 on the second Monday in September, 1853, personally appeared in open Court
 Mr. Clark one of the subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument purporting
 to be the last will and testament of Thomas H. Gunn late of said County
 deceased, bearing date on the fourth day of August, 1853, who having first
 been duly sworn depose and say that the said Thomas H. Gunn signed
 sealed and published and declared said instrument as his last will and testament
 in the presence of the deponent, on the day of the date thereof that said testator
 then of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one
 years of age and that the deponent's recollection said instrument by witness
 Hunt at the instance and request and in the presence of said testator
 and also in the presence of Clark other on the day and aforesaid
 I Give under my hand and seal this 12th Sept 1853.
 J. M. Simmons Judge Probate Court

Lucy Waymider Will Thursday 16th June 1853
 In the Name and Fear of Almighty God
 I Lucy Waymider being of sound mind and memory
 through Conscious of my weak condition from age and disease
 Do make and declare this my last will and testament
 First I wish that my two grand Daughters Lora B. Cassile and
 Lucy Ellen and that inherit my property in the manner as follows
 To the first Lora I give my two servants Charity and her child
 Mary. To the second I give my two servants Fanny and her son
 Ira and to my son Samuel Waymider I give seven hundred
 Dollars to be raised out of the debt due, to become due to me for hire
 of Negroes 24th and if the said amount is not due me after paying my
 my debts of any sort then I desire and it is made a part of this will
 that the residue up to the sum of five hundred Dollars shall be
 paid to my said son out of the negroes before mentioned which are
 willed to my grand daughters Lora and Lucy by their Charities
 or heirs, (as they are minors) after which their title to said negroes
 and will be perfect and complete

In the above and foregoing recited
 I dispoise of all my earthly effects except my old and faithful bond
 Daphny who I desire shall live the remainder of her life time with my
 son Thomas Waymider who will provide for her.
 I desire that my son Benjamin Waymider will act and qualify as
 my Executor if it is necessary to comply with any legal cause to
 carry out this my last will &c but I hope that it may be fully
 arranged without expense and without recourse to law. I hereby
 revoke and annul all wills to testament in any manner differently before

of the property then is herein designed to be done.
 attested
 Edw. South, 18 Dale the Registrar, Given under my hand and seal
 the State of Mississippi
 Madison County, In the Probate Court of said County, at
 the September Term thereof, 1853. In the matter of a certain
 instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of Jany Magnum, deceased. And reminding that at a term
 of the Probate Court of the County of Madison state of said
 laws and held at the Court House in and for said County and
 State of said on the second Monday in September 1853,
 Personally appeared in said Court, Edmund H. Powell one of
 the judges of said Court, and a certain instrument of writing purporting
 to be the last will and testament of Jany Magnum, deceased, and
 deceased bearing date the 10th day of January 1853, who being
 first duly sworn depared and said that the said Jany Magnum,
 signed and published and declared said instrument as his last
 will and testament in the presence of the deponent on the day and
 year aforesaid that the said testator being then of sound mind
 and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one
 years of age and that the deponent subscribed the same as witness
 at the instance and request of and in the presence of the other
 subscribing witnesses and in presence of the testator on the day and
 year aforesaid
 Given under my hand and seal this 12th
 1853
 J. M. Simmons

Wm Sanders. Will

State of Mississippi In the name of God Amen
 Madison County, I Wm Sanders of the
 County and State aforesaid being weak in Body but of sound and
 disposing mind do make and publish this my last will and testament
 Thus I will and desire that after my decease my body shall
 be decently interred that my funeral expenses and all my just debts
 shall be paid out of my property by my executor, hereafter to be named
 I am I am and leguath herein to my beloved wife Mary
 Sanders the following named slaves, personal property old land
 and her Abigail, their daughter Mary Sopham and her wife
 and their three children Lurina Miles, Phillip also Andrew, Brog
 also my personal Carriage and the Carriage also for and during the
 term of her natural life the following land to wit east half of
 section thirty five and the East half of the black half of same
 section Township ten Range one east in the County of Madison
 aforesaid and at the death of my said wife I will and bequeath said
 land to my son Richard L. Sanders and he is to pay the fourths of
 the value of the said land at the time of his mother's death to his
 sisters and in the event of the death of either of them then the children

of the one that happens to die is to receive the share due to deceased parent
 Item 3 I give and bequeath to my son Richard Sanders and his heirs
 forever the West half of the West half of section thirty five Township ten range
 six east in said County his heirs and assigns forever

Item 4 I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my real estate to my four
 children to be equally divided between them to wit Mary Mans wife of Robt Davis
 Sister Ann wife of Jackson Warren Jane wife of John W. Eggett & Richard
 P. Sanders

Item 5 I have this day given by deed of gift and delivery to Richard C
 Sanders three negro boys James George and John children of Melvin
 I have also heretofore given to my said children both land and
 negroes and they all have possession of their land & negroes except Jane
 Eggett she has not possession of the negroes I have heretofore set a
 part for her, I now give and bequeath the following Negroes heretofore
 given but not in my possession to wit Harriet and her three children
 John Esther, Adeline and also a negro of the name of George

Item 6 I now give and bequeath the following Negroes heretofore
 given but not in my possession to wit Harriet and her three children
 John Esther, Adeline and also a negro of the name of George

Item 7 I now give and bequeath the following Negroes heretofore
 given but not in my possession to wit Harriet and her three children
 John Esther, Adeline and also a negro of the name of George

Item 8 I give and bequeath to Richard Sanders the following names
 slaves Taylor, Francis Alfred George Scott, Sam

Item 9 I give and bequeath to John Eggett, Sam and his wife Fannie
 Susan the child Lewis Isaac Henry, Eliza daughter of Francis

Item 10 I give and bequeath that all my property after the first giving to my
 wife that which is being given to her and that which has been heretofore
 set apart for her to wit Harriet, her children, George and these boys
 given by and to my son Richard shall be kept together and worked on my
 farm until one crop is raised and gathered and sent off after my
 death and then that each of my said children receive the negroes
 herein given, their natural increase commencing with Item 7 and ending
 with Item 10 inclusive and that the negroes so given to each one at that time
 be valued and each one's negroes as herein given shall be made to equal the
 value of the negroes of the other by my executor by paying up out of the proceeds
 of the crop to such as have a lot or lots of negroes of less value than the
 others.

Item 11 It is my will and desire that the rest and residue of my personal estate
 be equally divided between my wife and my said children in equal parts,
 giving each one of the said things I have named herein and
 constitute my son Richard Sanders sole executor of this my last
 will and testament and request and desire that letters testamentary may be
 granted to him without his being required to give any security as executor
 Signed sealed and published as the last will and testament of Hugh
 Sanders this Fifth day of February 1853.

Hugh Sanders

Signed by us in presence of the testator
Hugh Sanders and he subscribed his name in our presence and we
retained the same at his request

Test D. A. H. Sanders

James H. Dunbar

Henry W. Patrick

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County at the
Madison County September Term 1853 In the matter of
a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Hugh Sanders deceased Do hereby certify that
at a term of the Probate Court of said County of Madison
appearing before and held at Court House in and for said
County on the second Monday of September 1853 personally
appeared in said Court James H. Dunbar one of the subscribing
Witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Hugh Sanders deceased late of said County
bearing date the 6th Day of February A.D. 1853 who having
just been duly sworn refused and said that the said
Hugh Sanders signing and publishing and declaring said
instrument to be his last will and testament in the presence of the
deponent on the day of the date hereof that the said testator then
of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than
twenty years of age and that the deponent subscribed the same
as witness thereto at the request and request and in the presence of
the other subscribing witnesses and in presence of the Notary and
on the day and year before written

Witness under my hand and seal this 12th 1853

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

James H. Sanders Will

Georgia Wilkes County July 12th 1853

In the name of God Amen

I James Sanders of the state of Mississippi do hereby make and declare
this to be my last will and testament

Item first I give to my beloved Mother during her natural life
my negro Girl Mary also three thousand dollars during her life
and at her death it to be equally divided among my brothers and
sisters I also give to my sister Eliza five thousand dollars for her
use and also to Brother Francis I give three thousand also to
Brother Falkner three thousand dollars also to Brother Thomas
three thousand dollars also to Brother John two thousand
dollars also to Brother Benjamin one thousand dollars also
to sister Coraline two thousand dollars also to sister Howells
two thousand dollars for her use separate and distinct from her
husband to be put into my mother Mrs Coraline Sanders hands
and the proceeds to be given to her and at my mothers death

then my other person my Brother my appoint as Trustee for her without
 my will can be carried out since I assign to my sister Judith Johnson
 her the thousand dollars I assign to Mr. Jacob Jones for his care and
 attention to her during my illness fifty dollars. There is also note I had
 against William Deering fully due in the hands of Samuel Burrows Esq of
 Washington Georgia calling for said note thousand dollars is my will
 that this note to be given to the daughter of Mrs. John Deering I
 also want Lewis Rader Smith to have two hundred dollars as a portion to
 my what he please with the balance and remainder of my estate both personal
 and real I give to my Brother William S. Deering and he is hereby appointed
 my sole Executor and I don't want any security to be required of him nor
 do I require any opinion from under my hand and seal in the presence
 I also give to my sister Ann H. Bradley five thousand Dollars for her com-
 use and the balance as above to William S. Deering Executor as of course
 I give under my hand and seal in presence

Samuel Truitt
 Gilchrist Jones
 James R. Truitt
 Esq. Trustee

State of Georgia In Chancery August 5th 1853.
 Wilkes County I Permanently appointed before me J. G. Sherman ordinary in and
 for said County Gilchrist Jones & James R. Truitt two of the trustees of the
 within will of Jesse Deering do I after being duly sworn depose and say
 that they saw the Testator Jesse Deering sign and seal and acknowledge
 the same to be his last will and testament at the time of his ordering
 his will of record as passing sound memory that he signed the
 same Voluntarily that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and
 his request together with Samuel Truitt

Subscribed before me } Gilchrist Jones
 August 5th 1853. } James R. Truitt

Georgia } Monday September 5th 1853.
 Wilkes County } The Honorable Court of Ordinary in for the County of
 Wilkes put according to law I went to the Honor J. G. Sherman Ordinary
 the last will and testament of Jesse Deering deceased being provided in
 vacation by the estate of Gilchrist Jones & James R. Truitt two of the
 subscribing witnesses to said will on objection being made you motion
 to admit said will to record. It is therefore considered that said will is
 a suppliant and it is ordered that said will be admitted to record.

Georgia } I John S. Dugan Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in for
 Wilkes County } said County do hereby certify that the annexed and
 foregoing true copies are true copies taken from the records in my
 office
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and the seal of said Court at my office in Washington
 this 6th Day of September 1853.

Seal } John S. Dugan Clk.
 State of Georgia } J. G. Sherman Ordinary in and for said County
 Wilkes County. In witness whereof the Court of Ordinary is seated

By the Laws Constitution of said state. do hereby Certify that John
 D. Ozeau whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate was at the
 time of making said Certificate of the Court of Ordinary of said County
 as he is then represented to be that his said Certificate is indeed genu-
 inely the proper Officer and that the above signature purporting
 to be his is genuine. Witness my hand of private seal bearing
 my seal of office this 21st day of Sept 1853. J. G. Johnson Clerk
 Review Examined and ordered to be Revis'd Sept 20th 1853
 J. M. Timmon Judge of Probates

Daniel Sutherlands Will
 Madison County Mississippi
 In the Name of God Amen,

I Daniel Sutherlands last being of
 sound mind memory and understanding and impressed with the great
 uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death and being desirous to
 dispose of my temporal affairs so that after my death no contention
 may arise relative to the same. I bequeath my body to the dust
 from whence I came and my soul to God who gave it hoping for
 a happy immortality through the atonement made for sin by Jesus
 Christ the savior of the world. My desire is that my body be buried
 in the graveyard at my residence secondly that all my just debts be
 paid out of my personal and real estate by my executors and executor
 hereafter to be named

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth the
 following property to wit all house hold and kitchen furniture
 together with Henry Botten Nelson Sister and Lydia and two
 Children during her natural life and at her death she can dispose
 of the same as she may see proper, except Lydia and her two Children
 which gave to my son Henry with her niece

Fourthly to my beloved and affectionate daughter Sarah I leave
 Tom and Perry and other negro property to make her equal
 with my Daughter Elizabeth in a division of land which was
 common to the said Elizabeth which amounted to twenty six
 hundred and forty dollars each

Fifthly I bequeath to each one of my heirs except Sister Children
 so as to divide them equal in value

Sixthly I bequeath to my beloved wife the buggy and man Mary
 Seithy. My desire is that all my property personal and real be to remain
 as I now until all my debts are paid

Seventhly my desire is that my house stand upon the equally divided
 between my four youngest Children to wit Henry, James M., Daniel,
 Henry

Eighthly My desire is for my son Daniel to have Sammak and Daniel
 in consideration of the line of his boyhood

Ninthly My desire is for my son Daniel to have...

Jacob Hollingsworths Will,

Williamstown Madiran County State of Mississippi

November the twenty Eighth in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty eight,

I know all men by these presents that I Jacob Hollingsworth, being in sound and disposing mind, do make and establish this my last Will and testament according and revoking all former Wills Codicils and instruments of all kinds -

I first bequeath, my soul to god,

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my wife Sarah the Negro to wit, one Man named Evans and one Woman named Rose, and one small boy named Robert, and I also give and bequeath to my wife Sarah two Eighths of land, one the Eighth on which I may be living at the time of my death together with all houses and appurtenances thereto belonging, and one Eighth adjoining the same, and I also give and bequeath to her all the household and kitchen furniture, and I will that at my death, that all my horses, and stock of every description whatever, that I may possess shall be equally divided between my two sons John & Isaac, and my wife Sarah and all the other property not willed to my wife Sarah that I may own or possess, at the time of my death after paying all of my just debts shall be equally divided between my two sons John and Isaac

Signed Sealed and Published in the Presence of
William W. Smith seal Jacob Hollingsworth seal
Willie J. Smith seal
Mrs J. Willoughby seal

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court of said County
Madiran County } at the October Term thereof 1848 -

In the Matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Jacob Hollingsworth late of said County deceased,

Be it Reminded, that at a term of the Probate Court of said County of Madiran and State of Mississippi begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Jackson in the County aforesaid on the second Monday of October 1848 Pursuantly appeared in Open Court Wm W. Smith and W. J. Smith, subscribing Witnesses to a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Jacob Hollingsworth deceased bearing date November the 28th 1848, who having first been duly sworn deponee says that Jacob Hollingsworth signed sealed published and declared said instrument as his last Will and testament in the Presence of the Testator and in the presence of themselves and Mrs J. Willoughby the other Witnesses on the day of the date thereof, that said Testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than 21 years of age, and that these deponees subscribed said instrument

as Witness thereto at the instance and request of said testator on
the day and year aforesaid. Witness in Open Court this 15th Oct
1833. D. Mc Simmons Judge of Probate

Thomas A. Smith's Will

In the Name of God. Amen
I Thomas A. Smith of the State of Mississippi, County of Madison
being of sound & perfect mind and memory, do this the twenty seventh day of
August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three
make & publish this my last Will & testament following, that is to say
I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Jane Smith her life-
time all of my Estate, Consisting of Twenty Seven Negroes, Six hundred
- Eighty acres of land More or less, Eight Mules, three horses, thirty
head of Cattle, fifty head of Sheep, One hundred Head of Hogs
two Wagons, One Buggy, farming utensils, Money on hand five hundred
dollars, Notes & accounts - at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jane Smith
my estate real & personal shall be equally divided among my six
Children, J. A. Smith, C. E. Smith, G. J. Smith, W. D. Smith, M. G. Smith
& E. J. Smith. I appoint my wife Elizabeth Jane Smith my Executor
and request that no bond or Security shall be required of her.

In Witness Whereof I the said Thomas A. Smith have to this
my last Will & testament, set my hand & seal the day & year aforesaid
written.

Signed Sealed Published & declared by the said T. A. Smith Executor
Thomas A. Smith the testator as his last Will
& testament in the Presence of us who were
present at the time of signing & sealing thereof
this the 27th day of August 1833.

J. A. Tucker, J. B. Locke

Jno. Whitworth

The State of Mississippi Probate Court then of Nov^r Term AD 1833
Madison County

Be it remembered, that at a Term of the
Probate Court of said County, begun and held at the Court
house on the 2nd Monday in November AD 1833. Personally appear-
ed in Open Court, on the first day of the Term thereof, to wit the
14th November AD 1833, John S. Tucker, Jno. Whitworth and J. B.
Locke, Witnesses to a certain instrument in writing purporting to
be the last Will and testament of Thomas A. Smith dec^d. bearing
date the 27th day of August AD 1833, who being duly sworn de-
posed, and said that said Thomas A. Smith signed sealed and
declared said instrument as his last Will and testament in
the presence of the said deponents, on the day of the date thereof
and that said deponents, subscribed their names as Witnesses
thereto in the presence and at the request of said testator and in

The presence of each other on the day and year last aforesaid and that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and over twenty one years of age at the date thereof. It is therefore ordered and adjudged and decreed that the said instrument be legally established as the last will & testament of said Thomas A Smith and that the same be admitted to Probate and Recorded.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th November A.D. 1833
A.P. Hill
Probate Judge

Joseph W. Hickman Will,

In the Name of God, Amen: I Joseph W. Hickman of Madison County State of Mississippi, in view of the uncertainty of my life being continued, do make and ordain this my last will and testament,

First; It is my desire that all my just debts be paid, especially my funeral & testamentary expenses, & for that purpose I desire all my personal estate not hereinafter specifically bequeathed to be sold except provisions in hand, which provisions are to be consumed by my family, and are not to be carried into Inventory by my Executor, hereinafter named,

Secondly. I give to my wife Mary Jane Hickman all my Negro Slave Property to wit; one Negro Woman named Nancy aged about twenty seven years and her Child Sucky aged about four years; and her other Child Judy aged about 2 years, also a Negro boy Jack aged about ten years: To have and to hold said Negroes - and all my other estate after payment of my debts during the life and widowhood of my said wife. But at the death of my said wife, or upon her marriage with any person after my death, It is my will and desire that the said Slaves and their increase together with any other personally not consumed by the use or taken to pay my debts or otherwise lost, together with its increase shall go to and belong to my Children Jesse, R. Hickman, J. W. Hickman & Mrs R. Hickman as joint & equal owners. And it is my particular desire that all my personal estate, especially said Negroes shall be kept together for the support & education of my said Children

Thirdly. It is my desire and intention that the bequest herein made to my wife shall be in lieu of her dower in my Estate

Fourthly. I nominate & appoint Eze Hickman of Madison County Mississippi Executor of this my last will - and require of him no Security. In Witness Whereof. I have set my hand and seal this first day of July A.D. 1833

Joseph W. Hickman
signed sealed published & declared by the said Joseph W. Hickman as & for his last Will & testament in our presence, who at his

his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other he has subscribed our names as Witnesses thus on the date of the execution thereof as above written

J. G. Austin
J. W. Berry
Ephraim Wallace

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

In the Probate Court of said County at the
October Term 1833, Whereas,

In the Matter of a Certain instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joseph W. Stickman deceased.

Be it Reminded that at a term of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in the Town of Jackson in Madison County aforesaid, on the second Monday in October 1833. Personally appeared in open Court, Ephraim Wallace, and J. W. Berry subscribing Witnesses to a Certain instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joseph W. Stickman late of said County deceased bearing date the first day of July 1833, who having been first sworn depared and said that the said Joseph W. Stickman deceased late of said County signed sealed published and declared said instrument to be his last Will and testament in pursuance of these deponents on the day of the date thereof and in the presence of the other subscribing Witnesses that said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than 21 years of age, and that these deponents signed said instrument in the presence and at the request of the testator also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this October 18th 1833
J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probates

Gustavus Lockett's Will,

State of Mississippi
Madison County

I know all men by these presents, that I Gustavus Lockett of the County & State aforesaid being of sound mind & memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament (revoking all others heretofore made by me) hereby dividing and disposing of my property both real and personal in the manner following to wit:
First - My will is first above all things that I live in the love and fear of God, so that I may inherit after death eternal happiness with him in Heaven, hoping all through the Merit of Jesus Christ our Saviour,

Second - I commend my wife & Children to the Care & protection of Almighty God, begging that he may direct them in the use of what I have to leave them, to his Honor & glory & to their Salvation, after thus disposing of myself, wife & Children for as in men lies, I next proceed with my estate

Third - I will that my Executors pay all of my just debts as soon as possible,

Fourth - I will all of my Estate as above spoken

Nancy and to all of my Children jointly share share alike.
 I think Sixth - As soon after my death as possible I will my Estate to be appraised for my Executors to set off to all of my Children that are of age or married each his own one Childs part, deducting from it such sums as I may have given off to them in my lifetime the remaining or remainder of my estate to be kept together for the joint use of my Wife & my Minor Children until the most oldest Child becomes of age & then appraise the Estate set off the Childs part so of age & the balance of the Estate to remain together for my wife & the Minor Children & as a Child becomes of age appraise set off the part as in first & second Cases, the remainder of the Estate being kept together until the youngest Child becomes of age & gets his or her part leaving my wife Nancy her ~~own~~ Childs part to will & to do with as she may please,

I think Seventh - I will so much of my property as set forth in this item, to my wife Nancy over and above her own Childs part to wit, my Carriage & Carriage Horses, & all of my household furniture & the Kitchen furniture, this much is to be her own & above her own Childs part & not to be appraised as part of my joint Estate,

I think Eighth - My will is in Case of the death of one of my Minor Children that my Estate be appraised as though the said deceased Child had become of age & that her part be so set off & that each of my Children that is of age & settled with, gets his or her Childs share of the deceased Childs part & the remainder of the deceased Childs part to go back into my Estate for my wife Nancy & the Minor Children designing by my will that my wife and each of my Children gets an equal share of my Estate,

I think Ninth - I appoint my wife Nancy my true & lawful Executor to carry out my will as above, and I now give her full power to do so without any accountability to the Courts of the Country. In Witness Whereof I now set my hand & seal this day July 14th 1833

Gustavus ^{his} Suckett Execr
 Mark

In Presence of
 Thomas Simmes,
 Theodore Dewees,
 Donald A. Lee
 Roger L. Simmes

The State of Mississippi Probate Court then of,
 Madison County. Be it remembered that at a Term of the Probate Court of the County of Madison and State aforesaid begun and held at the Court house thereof, on the second Monday in November A.D. 1833. Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Simmes Theodore Dewees and Donald A. Lee, subscribing Witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Gustavus Suckett deceased late of said County, bearing date July 14th 1833, who having been first duly sworn deposed and

said, that said Justice Suckett on the said 4th July A.D. 1833. directed Thomas Sumner, one of the Witnesses, to affix his name to said instrument, and that the Name of the said testator was signed by the said Thomas Sumner in presence of the said testator, and by said testator expressed, directed, and by said testator published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of said Witnesses, and also in the presence of Roger L. Sumner. on the day of the date thereof, and that said Witnesses and one Roger L. Sumner, each subscribed and affixed their names to said instrument as Witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator, and in the presence of each other, and at said testator's request, on the day and year last aforesaid. and that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one year of age, It is therefore declared, adjudged and decreed that the said instrument be and is truly legally established as the true and original last will and testament of the said Justice Suckett and that the same be admitted to Probate and be Recorded.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of November A.D. 1833. A. P. Hill Probate Judge

Nancy Curtis's Will,

In the name of God Amen, I Nancy Curtis of Madison County in the State of Mississippi do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made. my personal expenses, including those of my last illness are first and promptly to be paid, and then my just debts out of monies that will be due me at the end of the present year, for the hire of my African

1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Thompson my Negro girl Polly Ann and all my Stock of Cattle,

2^d And to my Son James M. Curtis, my Negro Woman Anica of the tract of land on which I now live, my Horse & Puggy, Stock of Hogs, Household & Kitchen furniture, and all other property belonging to me

3^d And it is also my Will, that my daughter Rebecca Thompson and my Son James M. Curtis, will pay my live grand daughters, Frances Ann and Esadine Kibbee each one of them twenty dollars out of their portions of my Estate,

4th I nominate my son James M. Curtis Executor of this my last Will. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the Tenth day of November A.D. 1833. at the City of Natchez Mississippi. The Tenth line from top was erased before signing - Signed in Presence of Nancy Curtis

W. D. Houston J. D. Scott
The State of Mississippi Probate Court this 22nd December A.D. 1833
Madison County Do it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of said County begun and held at the Court House in Canton on

the 2nd Monday in December A.D. 1833. Personally appeared in open Court
 William D. Houston and J. D. Scott, subscribing witnesses to a certain
 instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
 Nancy Curtis Decd. and dated on the sixteenth day of November A.D.
 1833, and said deponents being first duly sworn, stated that said
 testatrix did in their presence and on the day of the date thereof sign
 said instrument and publish and declare the same to be her last
 will and testament in the presence of these deponents and attes-
 and that said deponents did sign their names thereto as sub-
 scribing witnesses by the direction and in the presence of the testatrix
 and in presence of each other on the day of the date thereof,
 and deponents further state that the said testatrix was of sound
 mind and disposing memory on the day at the time of its execution
 and more than twenty one year of age, and was a married woman.
 And also appeared at a subsequent day of the term A.D. 1833. Stevens
 who being duly sworn stated that she was present, at the time of
 the execution and signature of the said instrument, and said instru-
 -ment being shown to her she said she recognised it as the same signed
 by the testatrix, and deponent also stated that she said said tes-
 -tatrix sign said will and declare the same to be her last will
 and testament, that she signed said will and made said de-
 -claration and publication in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
 Wm D. Houston and J. D. Scott, and also in the presence of this deponent
 and that at the time of the signature of said will by said testatrix
 she was sitting behind said testatrix and at her back, assisting testatrix
 - to set up whilst she subscribed the same, and she further states
 that she said the other subscribing witnesses affixed their names in
 the presence of the testatrix of each other, and of this deponent,
 and that said subscribing witnesses knew the fact that this deponent
 was present, and deponent also states that she knew the fact that
 said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory
 and over twenty one year of age, and was a married woman.
 Thereupon all the foregoing testimony being duly considered by the
 Court, It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said instru-
 -ment be and the same is hereby established as a valid last will
 and testament of said Nancy Curtis so far as it disposes of
 the personally mentioned in said last will and testament, and
 that the same be probated and admitted to Record as a valid
 testament of the personally therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal this
 day of December A.D. 1833

J. P. Hill Probate Judge Seal