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Thomas Magruder Will,

Warrenton August 16/53

Last Will & Testament of Tho^s Magruder,

In immediate view of natural death which awaits
all living in the name of God in a sound & disposing mind I do
humbly make my last Will & Testament

1st I will & bequeath to God my Saviour my soul & the souls of my
family,

2nd It is my will that I should a servant of mine whom I permitted to
something less than three years ago to go to Cal^a - you his return
it is my will that he should enjoy Manumission as perfectly as freed
Slaves are permitted to enjoy that right in Mississippi & that the white
man whom he selects is to be his guardian & protector, or he can re-
main in California & enjoy his freedom without interruption,

3^d It is my Will & desire, that my Negro boy John about 32 years
old, blacksmith, should after he reaches the age of forty five years, en-
joy manumission from Servitude provided my Executors deem him
to be a faithful servant or at the discretion of my Executors,

4th If my Wife Caroline E. Magruder, my daughter Sarah
Jane Magruder & my son William Thomas Magruder should
all live I want an equal distribution of my property both
personally real, believe them except that above specified, and
in case the Children should not live & that my wife Caroline E.
Magruder, should marry again, all my portion of the Negroes
not herein mentioned shall enjoy their Manumission & have pro-
-vision made for their partial education & provided with two
hundred dollars a piece for preparing for their freedom, whole
Money is to be placed in the hands of the American Colonization
Society with the view of their removal to Liberia, and in the
last place of neither my wife daughter & son should live, it
is my desire & Will that all the Negroes belonging by law to me
except those boys already specified, shall as the business of the
Estate can be allowed up be put in a training of education & moral
discipline with the view of their removal to Liberia, provided
they are willing to go & if they are not willing, they are to
select their own masters & be sold,

5th And lastly, It is my Will & desire, that my family should
reside as long as they think it desirable & practicable in my
present place in Madras County Miss^s & none of my property sold
to raise money to purchase other property, and looking to the
faithful administration of the Estate, I hereby appoint Ben-
jamin Magruder, my wife Caroline E. Magruder both of
Madras County and Mr John S. M^r Arthur of Warren Co. Miss^s
administrators & administrators to wind up & execute the matters
of this Estate, herein detailed and that when it becomes
necessary or the Contingencies herein specified should occur
they call to their aid the American Colonization Society to carry
out the Provisions of this Will This is my last Will and

Testament
 Witnesses E. M. Richardson } P. S. I Choose my wife to keep
 Joel Skelton } this will until the appointed
 J. J. McArthur } appear are qualified,
 In the Matter of a Certain
 instrument in Writing purporting } Probate Court of Madison
 to be the last Will & testament } County Mississippi
 of Thomas Magnolia Decd

Be it Remembered that at a Term of the Probate
 Court of Madison begun and held on the 2nd Monday in November
 A.D. 1833, Personally appeared in open Court J. J. McArthur, one of
 the subscribing Witnesses to the said instrument in Writing, purporting
 to be the last Will and testament of Thomas Magnolia, who being duly sworn
 deposed and said that he was present and witnessed the execution of said
 Will & testament, that he saw said testator sign said Will in the presence of
 deponent, and of the other subscribing witnesses and in their presence published
 and declared the same to be his last Will & testament, and that the
 deponent and the other two subscribing Witnesses each subscribed their
 names there as attesting Witnesses in the presence of the request of testator
 and in the presence of each other, and that said testator was of sound
 and disposing mind and memory and over twenty one year of age
 and he it further remembered that at the December Term 1833 of said
 Court, appeared in open Court, E. M. Richardson and at the January Term
 1834 of said Court, also appeared in open Court Joel Skelton each
 subscribing Witnesses to said instrument, and being each duly sworn
 at the respective Terms aforesaid did each depose substantially by
Veritas Mutuendis to the same effect with J. J. McArthur, whose
 testimony is above set forth, in full, and therefore the premises
 being fully considered It is ordered adjudged and decreed that
 said instrument in Writing dated "November August 16th 1833" be
 established as the true last Will and testament of Thomas
 Magnolia Decd, and that the same be Probated and admitted
 to Record. Witness my hand and seal this January Term 1834
 A. P. Hill Probate Judge Seal

Mr. B. Murphy's Will,

I Matthias B. Murphy of the County of Rutledge
 and State of Tennessee, do make and ordain this my
 last Will and testament, as follows, to wit, I will that all my
 debts be paid and for that purpose I authorize and empower
 my Executors hereafter mentioned to sell my tract of land on
 West Harpeth in Williamson County consisting of about one
 thousand acres, also the land on the North side of the road
 leading from Murphy borough, to McMinnville consisting of about
 twenty acres, a part of the tract in which I now reside, also
 my horse Pete Whitson, now at my residence also all or any

of my lands in the County of Shelby, Ky., and Ohio, in the West-
 ern District of Tennessee which I inherited from my father's estate also
 the tract of land I now own and Cultivate in the County of Maclain
 in the State of Mississippi Consisting of about Six hundred acres
 together with the horses mules Cattle Hogs, the Crop of Cotton Corn &
 Oats, made or growing, the farming and blacksmith tools, the household
 and Kitchen furniture on the same, my Executors have full power
 to sell all or any of the above described real and personal property at
 public or private sale, for Cash, or upon such terms as they may deem
 best for the interest of my Estate, they shall have authority also
 to borrow money at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per
 annum for the purpose of paying my debts, until they are enabled
 to realize a sufficient sum by the sale of the above described property
 and provided they are of opinion the interest of my estate would
 be promoted by borrowing the money upon such terms for that
 purpose; I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Ann Mur-
 free during her natural life or widowhood all of the tract
 of land in which I reside in the South side of the road leading
 from Memphis to north to Mt. Airyville including my residence and
 all its appurtenances, and Negroes Isham and his wife Biddy
 now in Mississippi; I also will and bequeath to my said wife my
 Carriage and horses, all the household and Kitchen furniture
 the Stock of horses (except Pete Whitstone and others hereafter dis-
 posed of) the Cattle Sheep hogs, Corn Oats, fodder, Provisions &
 tools at the Place of my residence Negroes, Big Tom, and his
 wife Ellen and Son Nat, Adaline and Selina now in Tennessee
 and Tom Deal and his wife Eddy and Child Biddy, and George
 (Amp son) now in Mississippi to her and her heirs forever; I will
 and bequeath to my daughter Mary Moore Sherman, the
 house and Lot in the Town of Memphis which - purchased
 of John Jones and in which she now resides, together with Negroes
 David about 53 years old, Cely about 45, her grand daughter Cely
 about 6, Austin about 14 years old, and Lucy Ann about 14
 years old, to her and her heirs forever; I will and bequeath to my
 daughter Martha Sarah Murfree a Negro girl Sylla, daughter of
 Ellen, about 8 years old to her and her heirs forever; I will and
 bequeath to my son William Sturdy Murfree a Negro boy Sam-
 arcus, about 18 years old to him & his heirs forever, I will and be-
 queath to my son Sturdy Murfree a Negro boy Manuel about
 17 years old, and a grey Mare Called Francis of the Colt to him and
 his heirs forever; I will and bequeath to my daughter Estlin
 Roberts Murfree a Negro girl Serena, about 13 years old to her
 and her heirs forever; I will and bequeath to my son Thomas
 Roberts Murfree, a Negro boy James about 15 years old, to him &
 his heirs forever; I will and bequeath to my son James Brickell
 Murfree, a Mulatto boy Jane about 11 years old to him & his heirs
 forever; I will and bequeath to my son Henry Clay Murfree, a
 Negro boy Peter about 8 years old to him and his heirs forever; I will

and bequeath to my daughter Fanny Dickinson Murfree a Mu-
 -latto girl Maria about 10 years old to her and her heirs forever -
 I will and bequeath to my daughter Anna Murfree a Negro girl
 Sarah about 11 years old, to her and her heirs forever, I wish my
 Executors to move all of my Negroes from the State of Mississippi
 to the State of Tennessee immediately after gathering the Crop grown
 during the year of my death, and then hire them out publicly
 or privately any where within the limits of said State from year
 to year until a division of my estate is effected. on the payment
 of my debts as hereafter directed, and the proceeds of said hire
 to be applied from year to year until said division takes place
 first to the payment of the necessary expenses of my said wife and
 to the education and support of the Children who remain with
 her during said time, and then the balance of said hire to be
 appropriated to the payment of my debts; so soon as my Executors
 shall have raised money enough from the sale of property or have
 the means to pay my debts, I wish all of my Negroes and land
 not disposed of to be equally divided among all of my Children
 to wit, Martha Sarah Murfree, Mary Moore Sherwin, William
 Hardy Murfree, Hardy Murfree, Esther Roberts Murfree, Thomas
 Roberts Murfree, Sarah Brockell Murfree, Edmy Clay Murfree
 Fanny Dickinson Murfree, and Anna Murfree, each account-
 ing however for the value of the advancements he or she may
 have received before coming in for an equal division of my estate.
 The division to be made in the manner following to wit; I wish
 my Executors to select three men to value all of my slaves not be-
 -queathed, and my Executors are then to set apart to each of my
 Children of 21 years of age or who may have married an equal
 share of my said Negroes, each accounting for the value of the
 advancements he or she may have received, and the rest of my said
 Negroes I wish hired out publicly or privately for the benefit of
 the rest of my Children who may be minors until any one shall
 arrive at the age of 21 or marries, and then I wish a like ap-
 -praisement and allotment to be made to that one, and so on to
 each as he or she respectively arrives to the age of 21 years or marries.
 I wish also for all the lands which may belong to my estate after
 the payment of my debts to be equally divided among all of my
 said Children by three persons appointed by my Executors or sold
 by my Executors if they think it best, to do so at public or private
 sale, and the Proceeds of said sales to be equally divided among
 all my said Children. I nominate and appoint my nephews
 David W. Dickinson and William S. Murfree, and my son
 William S. Murfree Executors to this my last Will and Testament
 and Guardians to my Children, and I do not require of them
 or any of them bond or security for the faithful discharge of
 their duties either as Executors or guardians to any Court or
 tribunal whatever, I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.
 In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and

affixed my seal this 29th day of January A.D. 1845, The Words "division" between the 4th and 5th lines of the 4th page, and "enough" between the 13th and 14th lines of the same page, interlined before signing.

Signed in the presence of and at the request of the testator
and in the presence of each other. Witnesses Present

M. B. Murphy 203

Joseph S. Duff. Will S. Sandeman

In the Name of God. Amen!

I Matthias B. Murphy, of Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee do make and publish the following as a Codicil to my last Will and testament executed and bearing date the twenty ninth day of January A.D. 1845. Item 1st. In lieu of the disposition made in my said Will of the tract of land in which I reside in Rutherford County Tennessee I dispose of it as follows, I devise to my wife Mary Ann Murphy the following portion of my said tract of land, to wit, Beginning at the North West Corner of my garden, running thence along the line of my garden and yard fences, and along the row of poplar trees in front of my house to the North East Corner of my yard, thence due East to the Eastern boundary line of said tract, thence South with said Eastern boundary line to the Mulberry, my South East Corner thence with the Southern boundary line of the tract to the Syracuse Corner above the Spring, thence with my line through the Spring to a stake twenty feet below the Spring, thence to a stake on the Manchester Turnpike road, being the point at which a line drawn due South from the beginning Corner would intersect said Turnpike road, thence North to the beginning, I have and to hold the same to the said Mary Ann Murphy during her natural life or widowhood.

Item 2^d The balance of my said land I hereby direct my executors to divide into suitable lots laying off such portions of said land as would be saleable in that way into town lots, running streets alley if whenever required for a favorable sale of the lots, and to sell said land divided as aforesaid for Cash or upon Credit as they may deem most advisable for the interest of my estate, and apply the purchase money of the said land to the payment of my debts. Item 3^d My Executors are hereby authorized to buy for each of my Children as may be under twenty one years of age at the time of the sale contemplated in the second item of this Codicil one or more lots of the aforesaid land for each of my said Children if they deem it advisable for the interest of said Children, their respective shares being chargeable with said lots at the settlement and division of my estate.

Item 4th My Executors are hereby directed to open roads or streets at least twenty feet wide from the gate of my front yard north to the Manchester road and West to the Manchester Turnpike road.

Item 5th It is my intention to make the share of all my Children my estate equal and therefore the property specifically given to in my will shall be held to be part of their respective shares in addition thereto, I Matthias B. Murphy do hereby make and order the foregoing as a Codicil to my last Will and testament.

and bearing date January 29th A.D. 1845, and do hereby confirm and ratify said last will and testament except as far as the same is revoked hereby, Given under my hand and seal this first day of day of January 1847. The words "now" interlined on 2^d page before signature, this first day of January 1847.

signed sealed and published by the testator M. B. Murphy
 in our presence and in presence of each other
 R. S. Currie & E. Williams Jr
 J. R. Gardner

State of Tennessee County Court November Term 1833.
 Rutherford County } This day in open Court was presented for probate the last will and testament of Matthias B. Murphy deceased whereupon James Manly being first sworn proved that Joseph J. Tugh and William Standeman the attesting witnesses to the will are both residents of Mississippi beyond the jurisdiction of this Court, and therefore the heard writing of William Standeman one of the attesting witnesses was proved by James Manly, and therefore James Manly also proved the death of E. Williams Jr one of the attesting witnesses to the Codicil to said will, and the heard writing of the said E. Williams Jr was proved by Theodore G. Jones Esq. - On this day Robert S. Currie a subscribing witness to the Codicil attached to the last will & testament of Matthias B. Murphy deceased came into Court and after being first sworn proved the execution of said Codicil, and John W. Thughton in open Court, upon oath having been first sworn proved that John R. Gardner one of the subscribing witnesses to said Codicil now resides beyond the limits of the State of Tennessee and that he was well acquainted with said Gardner his heard writing and that he believes the signature purporting to be his is genuine & was ordered to be Recorded

State of Tennessee } John Woods Clerk
 Rutherford County } I John Woods Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the last will & testament & Codicil thereto of Matthias B. Murphy dec'd of the Probate thereof as the same remains on file and of Record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court at office at Murfreesboro this 18th Day of November 1833.
 John Woods Clerk

Seal

Augustus Saddle's Will.

In the Name of God Amen!

I Augustus Saddle of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being at present in usual health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory but satisfied that it is appointed unto man once to die; and realizing the uncertainty of life and wishing to dispose of the worldly estate wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to enrich me, do make Publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament hereby revoking annulling and making void any and all former wills by me at any time heretofore made,

1st I Commit my soul to Almighty God who gave it. and my body to the earth from whence it was taken,

2^d I desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon as the same can be conveniently done after my decease

3^d Having heretofore given to my Children Emily Finch and Owen R. Saddle each two young Negroes about twelve years of age. I desire that each of my remaining Children (except Martha Ann Gullett) shall on marrying or arriving at lawful age receive two like young Negroes between the age of twelve and sixteen years or thereabouts together with one Bed and furniture, one horse saddle and bridle, two Cows, Calves, two sheep and a good sow and pigs, the foregoing provisions to be carried out so far as to grant each of my daughters two Negro girls, and to my sons each a boy and a girl. To my daughter Martha Ann Gullett I have as yet given but one young Negro, for the reason that her husband Benjamin Gullett is indebted to me in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars or thereabouts, and I retain the other Negro intended for her until said sum be paid or arranged to my satisfaction, and whenever the same is so paid or arranged, then my said daughter is immediately to receive another young Negro such as directed to be given to each of my other Children, and in consequence of my retaining said Negro I charge no interest on said debt, But if said debt be not paid or satisfactorily arranged the same shall in a final division of my estate be charged to and deducted from the share of my said daughter,

4th After setting apart to each of my Children as they may marry or arrive at age the Negroes and other property herein before provided for, I desire that all the rest and residue of my estate be kept together until the youngest Child becomes of age or marries, when a general division of my estate is to take place among all my Children reserving to my beloved wife Lucretia C. Saddle one fifth part of my Personal Estate to be apart for her own use and benefit as soon as the same can be conveniently done after my decease, the same to be divided of by her as she may think proper, and I do hereby authorize her to select her share of the Negroes to which she may be entitled her slaves according to law. — I desire that while I

property so given as aforesaid to my Children is kept together that my Children who are under age or unmarried shall be supported from the proceeds thereof in a decent and economical manner without extravagance or ostentation

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Amos R. Sadler Executor of this my last will and testament,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd Day of August A.D. 1833
 signed sealed acknowledged published and declared to be his last will & testament by the testator in our presence and signed by us in his presence and in presence of each other on this second day of August A.D. 1833

Augustus Sadler Seal

John J. Cannon

P. R. Allen

W. J. Cannon

The State of Mississippi, In the Probate Court of said County at the Madison County, October Term 1833, then and there.

In the matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Augustus Sadler, Be it Reminded that 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 of October 1833. Personally appeared in open Court, John J. Cannon P. R. Allen and W. J. Cannon subscribing Witnesses of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Augustus Sadler late of said County deceased bearing date the 2nd day of August 1833. who having first been duly sworn depose and says that said Augustus Sadler signed sealed, published and declared said instrument as his last will and testament in presence of these deponents 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 deponents subscribed said instrument as Witnesses thereto at the instance and request in the presence of said testator, and also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid,

Given under my hand, and seal this Oct 10th 1833

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probates

Louisa. E. Sutherland's Emancipative Will,

The verbal Will of Mrs Louisa. E. Sutherland, as spoken to us the undersigned Witnesses on this Eleventh day of August Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and fifty three and reduced to Writing by us and Subscribed as witnesses on the Seventh day of August, 1833. The said Verbal Will having been made by her during her last sickness in the County of Madison State of Mississippi, and about ten hours before her death: Which Will was as follows " I wish my property to be equally divided between my Children, except my son Johnson. My wish is, for my said property to remain in the hands of my husband Peyton R. Sutherland, to be by him managed as he thinks best, for the use and benefit of my Children until they become of age or marry and as they become of age or marry, I wish him to give each one his or her equal part. Witness our hands and seals the seventh day of August A.D. 1833

M. S. McKie
J. D. Olive
J. M. Ward

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

Do it Remin beuch, That at a Term of the Probate Court begun and held at Canton in said County and State on the 2nd Monday in December 1833 Personally appeared in open Court J. D. Olive and J. M. Ward subscribing Witnesses to a certain instrument in Writing purporting to contain the Emancipative last Will and Testament of Mrs Louisa. E. Sutherland as reduced to Writing six days thereafter and signed by said Witnesses and M. S. McKie; and the said deponents being first duly sworn Stated on Oath that they were present at the then temporary residence of the testatrix at the Artesian Springs in the County of Madison on the Eleventh day of August A.D. 1833. and that said testatrix had resided at said place for ten days next preceding her death, and that she was then in her last sickness, from which she never recovered, and that Louisa. E. Sutherland did on said 11th day of August A.D. 1833 at the place aforesaid Call upon these deponents and on M. S. McKie the other witness whose name is subscribed to said paper, to take notice that what she was about to utter was her last Will or words to that effect, and that she did in the presence of these deponents and M. S. McKie utter the testamentary words contained in said paper, purporting to be the said Emancipative Will, and that afterwards, within six days after said testamentary words contained in said paper purporting to be the said Emancipative Will and that afterwards and within six days after said testamentary words were spoken viz on the 17th day of August 1833. The said testamentary words and also the Statutory Company them were reduced to Writing by A. R. Diergott under and by the direction of the said deponents and M. S. McKie and were signed by them and said McKie. And the

said paper now offered to the Court as the emancipation Will of said Louisa E. Sutherland Dec^d is the identical paper containing the said testamentary words Certified signed sealed by deponents & said McKie; And said deponents further stated that said testator at the time of uttering said testamentary words was of sound and disposing memory and over the age of eighteen years and a Married Woman the wife of Peyton R. Sutherland, and by said husband P. R. Sutherland was presented and assented to the said testamentary words as aforesaid and agreed thereto at the time of their utterance. Given under my hand & seal this 17th day of December A.D. 1833.

A. P. Hill

Probate Judge

Barister Wells, Mill,

In the Name of God Amos, In Witness whereof I have signed these presents this 19th May 1849

J. M. Lewis Clerk

I Barister Wells of the State of Mississippi and the County of Madison, being now of a sound and disposing mind do will and bequeath unto my wife Mary Wells all the right and title which I have to the following property to wit: The tract of land in which I live in Madison County containing one thousand and thirty acres more or less. Also a tract of land lying and being in Scott County on Shochoke Creek containing four hundred and eighty acres more or less; also one tract of land lying and being in Leake County on the East side of Boloveta Creek containing five hundred and fifty acres more or less. also a tract of land lying and being in Leake County on the West side of the Boloveta Creek containing seven hundred and eighty acres more or less. also a tract of land lying and being in Leake County on Semiarh Creek containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, also one tract of land lying and being in Leake County on the East side of Yocavokany Creek containing eight hundred and eighty acres more or less - also all of my Slaves to wit: Isaac, Patsy and all of their increase, also Polly and all of her increase, also Washington and Stephen and all of their increase, also Patience and all of her increase, also Mimmy and all of her increase, also Caroline and all of her increase; also Jacob, Phillis, and Emeline, also all other Slaves or Slaves that is not mentioned in this last Will and Testament to which I have any right or title in equity or law also all of my Stock of horses & Mules, also all of my Stock of Cattle, Dogs and goats, also all of my Household and Kitchen furniture, also all of my farming utensils of every description, and all other species of property not mentioned in my last Will and Testament

It is also my will and desire that my wife Mary Wells should administer on my estate and Carry on the farm as before except she should wish to do otherwise, and no security shall

In requint of her, In testimony of which I have set my hand and seal to this declaration or Will in a Christian County this 7th of October 1845.

attest Wm. J. Sulaway
D. C. Gillespie

Barister Wells }
deceased }
No. 1874 - done in open Court May 19th 1849
John M. Lewis Clerk

Filed May 18th 1849 J. M. Lewis, Clerk

And afterwards to wit on the 14th day of February AD 1851 was included by his Honor Roland Jones Judge of the 17th Judicial District in and for the Parish of Caddo and State of Louisiana a final judgment in said Cause wherein Mary Wells is Plaintiff and J. W. Hardwick et al. are defendants No 1874. on docket of our said Court as clerks and figures following to wit 1874 Mary Wells

vs
J. W. Hardwick et al. In this Cause, by reason of the facts and evidence shown in favor of the Plaintiff Mary Wells, and by reason of the Will of Barister Wells, presented to the Court, being duly proved It is ordered by the Court, that said Will be registered and executed, and that said Mary Wells be declared universal legatee, or to all the property in the possession of said Barister Wells at the time of his death and situated in the Territory of his Succession as in evidence in this Cause, and that she have and recover said property as against the parties who appear in this suit as legal heirs of said Barister Wells and from said J. W. Hardwick Curator of said Succession, that the said Mary Wells be put in possession of all said property of which said Barister Wells died seignior, and which was taken into his Succession, and that said Hardwick Curator deliver up to her the same, upon her executing Bond as required by Law; And that said Hardwick Curator within 30 days from the rendition of this judgment render his account of his administration of said Succession, and that said Plaintiff recover her Costs, Damages and Requit in open Court this 14th day of February 1851.

Enclosed Filed July 7th 1851 Roland Jones
Judge of 17th District
B. Wells Clerk

And the following Bills of Costs in the said Succession of Barister Wells deceased, and in the said suit of Mary Wells vs J. W. Hardwick No 1874 on docket of our said Court have been taxed, and paid by the Plaintiff on the dates therein respectively named, the same having been duly taxed according to Law, to wit,

Mary Wells		No 1905	
vs		In District Court Caddo Parish Louisiana	
J. Hardwick Cur			De B. Wells Clerk
1849	Febury Pet.		10
June 14 1850	Spary Court		1.00
July 10	" "		1.00
July 14 1851	Order of Court		25
July 13	Spary 2 Damd 30 ^c	2 de Pet.	10
	" 2 attachments for witness	115	2.50
	" 2 " " Oct 20 ^c	Order of Court	25
Mich 8	" 11 Summas	304	3.30

amt brought forward

May 8	Issy 2 Cent writ	30-	60-
21	filing amnd App ^d 10. do pet p ^l 10	20.	
	Interrogatory 10. do Crof de	10-	29
	Order 50. Copy of & Sublanc		2.00
	Sp ^s Cur ^o to take testimony		1.00
	11 Sum ^s of Ret	109	1.10
Apr 5	Sp ^s 3 Sum ^s 30 of 3 de Ret	10-	1.20
7	Motion & order as filing of taking aff ^d 50-		.75
	Order of Court.		25-
	Order & Judgment 90. Verura 35-		1.25
	Recording Pet. Judgment amount		2.10
			\$19.85-

Rec^d payments in full of the above Bill of
Dr Wm. A. Hulmeby April 19 1831

J. G. Fitzpatrick Esq Clerk

1849 Danster Wells - Succession

To Jno M Lewis Clerk

July 8	For filing Petition Handworth 10 of order estimate 4/		0.40
	" mit ordering estimate	4/	.50
	" order appointing atty about heirs	2/	.25
	" Notice of taking filing Handworth atty about heirs	3/	.12
	" appointing Curator 12/ Bond 8/ Recording do	2/	2.75-
	" Recording of filing Inventory & appraisement		1.10
	" do appraisement Cath	2/	.25
	" List of property Certified for Curator		.70
	" filing Petition for sale 10. Order of mt of sale 4/		.85-
	" Recording Proc ^o verbal of sale	40.	.40
June 14	" filing Petition & Sublanc 10 Order of Notice	2/	.60
	" Appointment to taking Pet.	10-	.10
	" Copy of appointment	8/	1.00
1831 7	" Copy Sublanc of Curator 55 of Citation & Cop	90	1.45-
11.6.14	" Filing app 10. Order 30. Notice 50-		1.10
1.1.15	" Sp ^s mit Popesun Copy		1.00
	" Copy of Inventory with seal		.80
	" " Proc ^o verbal of sale		.70

deduct

14.75
11.27
\$3.40.

Rec^d payments being 40 per dollar in the
above for Bill of Dr Wm. A. Hulmeby April 19 1831

J. G. Fitzpatrick Esq Clerk

District Court Parish of Acadie La

Mary Wells

1849	J. M. Handworth Curator	To Jno M Lewis	0
July 12	For filing Petition 10. Issy 2 Citation & Copies	90-	1.90
13	" Copy of Will 80 of Filed Supplemental Petition	10	.90
	" 2 Copies Supplemental Original Pet ^o	110	2.20
	" 2 Citation & Copies 90 of Return to Cit ^o	109	2.20
	" fil Pet in app ^o of heirs	109-	10

Ambs Court proceed,

	for Order of Commission to take testimony	87-	1.25
	" 209 5 Summons of Copies	204	1.50
	" Return of 5 Summons	10-	.50
	" 2 attachments for witnesses	40-	.80
	" Return of 2 attachments	-	.20
	" Serving 7 Witnesses	204	1.40
	" Copy Affidavits Testimony		.30
	" Recording Verbal Bill		.60
	" filing of Recording proper verbal testimony bill		1.20
	" " Ret for New trial 104 order 15-		.25
	" Order commencing Petition for New trial		.15
	" Petition Motion for appeal		.10-
Mar 13	" Order of Appeal 15. Order of judgment	904	1.05
	" Serving writ of Habeas	87	1.00
	" Return of writ 10 Copy judgment with writ 21 100		1.20
	" Copy from Inventory of sale to go with writ		1.00
	" taking of filing Bond of Mary Wells.	87	2.00 \$20.90
	" Serving Affidavits Testimony for Exon		.30
Sept	" filing Petition of appeal 10. Appeal Bond 47		.40
	" Copy of Return of appeal	47	.50
	" Citation of appeal 904 Return of Re	104	1.00
	" Transcript for Supreme Court.		10.00 12.40

By Court Rec^d of J^r M. Sullivan
 Enclosed Money Clerk fees \$ 33.30
 By Cash of Sullivan 25.00
 Error 8.30
 Rec^d pay R. D. Strabue - 4.95

Mary Wells
 vs
 1849 Hardwick Curator } State of Louisiana Parish of Calcasieu District Court 1874
 Hardwick Curator } Do M. Watson Sheriff
 Mary Wells et al.
 " " " on John W Jones 1.10
 " 7 Summons Mithage 5.30
 " Citation on Hardwick 1.50
 " " " Wells 1.10
 " Interrogatories 2.50
 1851 " Verin 1.00
 Verin 1.00 \$12.20

Rec^d payment of M. J. Dulaney
 April 15 " 1851 M. Watson Sheriff
 Mary Wells } State of Louisiana Parish of Calcasieu District Court 1908
 vs - 1908 } District Court
 J. M. Hardwick Curator } Do M. Watson Sheriff
 Serving 3 Copies Appointments 2.00
 " 16 Summons Mithage 8.50 10.50
 Rec^d payment of M. J. Dulaney April 15 " 1851
 M. Watson Sheriff

Mary Wells } State of Louisiana Parish of Cade
 183 } District Court No 2.95
 1849 M Standwick Curator }
 Dec 10 }
 Secy Act of
 " " "
 " 2 Notices
 " Elizabeth Michoud
 " 4 Sums
 Rec^d payment of M. Standwick April 15th 1831. \$7.50
 M. Matron Shiff

No 1876 In the District Court Parish of Cade State of Louisiana

Mary Wells }
 183 }
 1849 Standwick }
 Dec 10 }
 2 Commissions to Mississippi @ 5/ 2.00
 Clerk of the Court being duly sworn say that the above Bill
 of Costs is true and correct
 Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 18th Jan, 1830
 Jo^s G. Beall J. P.

Mary Wells } No 1876
 183 }
 1830 Standwick Cur }
 Dec 10 }
 In District Court, Cade Parish Louisiana
 vs }
 M. Wells Clerk

July 28 "	filed Pet to take testimony 10¢	Accts 50¢	40 -
" "	" Subscrip ^t .10 - Copy Dec 130 -		1.40
Nov 4 "	Sp ^y Acc ^t of Pet of Dec 10¢		1.10
19 "	Sp ^y Acc ^t to Mississippi		1.00
April 30 "	" " Sp ^y Copy M. Wells relinquishment 2 ⁵⁵		2.55-
June 14 "	Opening, filing 2 bill accounts 10¢		.20
" "	Copy M. Wells bill 130, La Mary Wells Release 180-		3.10
July 9 "	" " Relinquishment		2.30
Sept 14 "	Sp ^y Acc ^t		1.00
Dec 2 "	Accts Court		.25-
1831 31 "	Sp ^y Acc ^t to M ^r 1.00 Copy bill 130		2.30
July 31 "	filed 3 agreements of Counsel 10¢		.20
" "	Sp ^y 3 Sums 30¢ & 3 Pet. 10¢		1.20
July 7 "	Accts. Acc ^t Mot 10¢ Mot order 25-		2.45-
" "	Accts Budget 90. Venue 35-		1.25-
" "	3 Bills except ^d filed 10. 2 Mot 10¢		.70
" "	Mot order		.25-
" "	Sp ^y 1 bill Court		.30
" "	Accounting Pet. Judgment acc of		6.00 \$30.25-

Rec^d payment in full of the above for Bill
 of M. Standwick April 19th 1831.

Mary Wells } No 2516 - In Dist Court Cade
 183 }
 J. W. Standwick Cur }
 Dec 10 }
 In B. Wells Clerk

1831
 July 6. Filing Pet of Chy Pet 120. At & Exp 90- 2.20.
 1. Pet Pet. 10
 21. Exapt filed 10. Indultely Judgt 30- 40-
 default 30. Order of Court 25 53-
 Order judgment 90
 Venue 30. Recording of 150 195-
 Received payment in the above for Bill of 74.10.
 Or Mr J. Sturkey April 19th 1831-

J. G. Fitzpatrick Dep. Clerk

Mary Wells } State of Louisiana.
 vs } Parish of Caddo No 2514
 J. M. Henderson (vs)

1831
 July Survey Pet, At, Mileage To M. Watson Staff 11.50
 Rec^d payment of Mr. J. Sturkey

April 15th 1831. M. Watson Staff,
 Succ^r B. Wells No 2076. In District Court

1830 (Appointed to Sale) To B. Wells Clerk

July 6 Filing app^r to Sale 10-
 14 Order judgment 90-
 Motion for new trial, order 25-
 August 14 Order Court. 25-
 Order judgment dismissed 90
 Record Pet in app^r judgment 1.20
 Received payment in full of the above for 3.40
 Bill of Mr. J. Sturkey April 19th 1831.

J. G. Fitzpatrick Dep. Clerk

1831
 August 17 Successor of District Court No 295
 Bannister Wells } To M. Watson Staff

Survey met of Popshun, Mileage 2.50
 Henry Curryman for said M^{rs} 6.00 5.50
 Rec^d payment of Mr. J. Sturkey April 19th 1831.

State of Louisiana }
 Parish of Caddo } In District Court
 M. Watson Staff

J. G. Fitzpatrick Clerk of the District Court in and for the Parish of Caddo, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bill of Bannister Wells vs. the Indigent Probating and certifying the execution of the same and the Bill of Costs attached, which were by our said Court taxed as Costs, are a true and correct copy of the same and are a Matter of Record in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of Office this the 2nd Day of February A.D. 1831
 J. G. Fitzpatrick Clerk

Mary Wells vs to Court.
 of this transcript 7.50
 Or by J. C. Bell 3.00
 Balance due 42.50

State of Louisiana } Henry M. Sheffield Presiding Judge of the Eighteenth
 Parish of Caddo }

Judicial District of the State of Louisiana of which District the Parish of Cadeo aforesaid forms a part, hereby Certify that J. G. Fitzpatrick who signed the foregoing attestation is Clerk of the District Court for the Parish of Cadeo, that his said attestation is in due form.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said District Court at the Parish of Cadeo aforesaid this 2^d July 1834

Henry M. Spofford
Judge of the District Court,

Wilson Nash's Will.

The last will and testament of Wilson Nash of Madison County, in the State of Mississippi.

I, Wilson Nash, of said County, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do hereby make public and declare this as my last will and testament as follows to wit,

First. I give and bequeath to my son Madison G. Nash his heirs and assigns, the following described lands and premises, with the appurtenances, lying in the said County to wit the NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 13. and the NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 15. and the NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 22. and the NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 22, also a tract of thirty five acres in the South East Corner of Section 16 all in Township 9 Range 3 East. Also the following named personal property to wit Negroes Sarah, Madeline, Bell, Louella, Timothy, Adeline, Susanna, Governor, Alck, Elizabeth, Wesley, Easter, Egbert, Sally, Jack, Isaac and Sandy.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my son Edwin Franklin Nash his heirs and assigns, the following described lands and premises with the appurtenances, lying in said County to wit the NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 23. NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 26. SE¹/₄ of Section 22. NE¹/₄ of Section 27. E¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ of Section 27. S¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ of Section 27. NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 34, all in Township 9 Range 3 East, also the following named Negroes to wit Peter, Mary, Abigail, Mississippi, Ellen, Jim, Bob, Jane, Edy, Harry, Kitty, Anderson, James, Alice, Sumner, Maria, Parvia, Mustard, Alfred, Charles, Purcell, Nat. and Delphy.

Thirdly. - I give and bequeath to my Grand son Stephen Lynch Nash his heirs and assigns upon the terms hereinafter stated the following described lands and premises with the appurtenances lying in said County to wit, the E¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ of Section 22 and the North West quarter of Section 27, all in Township 9 Range 3 East, also the following named Negroes to wit, George, Violet, Martha, Caroline, Taylor, Henry, Manuel, Lee and Frank; But I give and bequeath said land and Negroes to my ^{said} Grand son in manner following, namely, if my said Grandson shall die before he arrives at the age of twenty one, and without marrying and having a lawful child. Then and in such event said land and Negroes shall become the property of my sons Madison G. and Edwin, their heirs and assigns

to be equally divided between them, but if my said Grandson shall
 attain reach the age of twenty one or marry and become a lawful Child or
 Children, then said land and negroes shall belong to my said Grandson in fee
 simple: and at all events, it is my will that my said Grandson shall have
 the ~~use~~ benefit and profits of said lands and negroes during his life and imme-
 diately upon my death for his support and education and preferment,

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Elyse Ross the
 following named personal property, to wit Negro, Sam Greenwith, Susanna
 Warrut, Green, Suptier, Inman, John Seem and Dick the my Slave Foste,

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my said sons Machin and Eclair their
 heirs and assigns, to be equally divided between them the following described
 land and premises with the appurtenances to wit the $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 7 Township
 9 Range 5 East, The $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 7 Township 9 Range
 5 East, Lot Number thirty in section 25. Township 9 Range 5 East lying
 in said County - also a fractional quarter section of land near the mouth
 of Sycamore Creek in Kaukas County in said State and bordering on
 Pearl River: also the undivided half interest which I own in certain
 lands lying in the Counties of Leake and Attala in said State which
 were entered in the Government land office in the names of myself and
 William D. Walker, as well as seen by the Government land Records
 being all the lands to which I have any claim or interest in said
 Counties of Leake and Attala,

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my said sons Machin and Eclair
 all my horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Chickens and other plantation
 stock to be divided between them as follows, two thirds thereof to
 said Eclair, and the third thereof to the said Machin,

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my said son Eclair, all my
 household and kitchen furniture of every kind, all my plantation
 tools, articles and implements used in and about the farming, and
 plantation purposes, and I give and bequeath to my son
 Machin, my Barouch and Buggy and harness

Eighthly, All the real and personal estate whether real
 personal or mixed, to which I may be entitled, I give and bequeath
 to my said sons Machin and Eclair, their heirs and assigns, to
 be equally divided between them,

Ninthly, It is my will and desire, that my relative Elyse
 Young, shall upon my death, take charge of the person of my
 said Grandson Stephen Lynch Park, and of the property therein
 bequeathed to him, as a trustee for the use and benefit of my said
 Grandson, according to the Terms and Conditions, and for the uses
 herein above declared,

Tenthly - It is my will and desire, that no division of
 my property shall be made, nor any legacy be allotted or distrib-
 -uted, to any of the legates herein named until the Cotton Crop
 that may at any time be growing or not shipped to market, be
 gathered and entirely hauled to the place or places of shipment
 and until that is completely done, I desire you join that all my

property be kept together in the condition it may be in at the time of my death,

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my relative Ebenezer Young and my son Mochim. G. Nash, Executors of this my last will and testament,

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 signed sealed, published, declared by the testator Wilson Nash, as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses to the due execution and publication thereof this 22nd day of September 1833

Wilson Nash Execut

John Martin Elder
James Moore
S. H. Staudy
Samuel Staudy

The State of Mississippi Probate Court May Term 1834
Machum County Do. It Remembers that at the present Term of said Court, personally appeared in open Court John Martin Elder and Samuel Staudy attesting Witnesses to a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wilson Nash dec'd; who being duly sworn State on oath that said paper dated 22nd September A.D. 1833 purporting to be the last will & testament of said Wilson Nash dec'd. was by said Testator subscribed and sealed and declared by him to be his last will and testament, in the presence of said deponents, and also in the presence of James Moore and S. H. Staudy the two other attesting Witnesses to said instrument, and they further state that these deponents, and the two other attesting Witnesses James Moore & S. H. Staudy, at the request and in the presence of said testator, and in the presence of each other subscribed their names thereto as attesting Witnesses, and they further state that said testator was at the time of said signing sealing and publication aforesaid, of sound mind and clear memory and over twenty one years of age; and at the same time was also filed an affidavit of S. H. Staudy one of the other attesting Witnesses to said paper subscribed and sworn to before Elias Fisher one of the judges of the High Court of Errors and appeals, who states therein substantially and in legal effect the same facts, Matthew M. Minter's deposed to by the witnesses J. M. Elder & Samuel Staudy and herein before recited; These upon the Premises aforesaid being duly considered by the Court, It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said paper dated as aforesaid be and the same is hereby legally established as the true and original last will and testament of

William Bask Sr., and that the same be admitted to Probate, and
be Recorded. Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of June 1834

A. P. Hill Probate Judge Seal

Mr Bacon's Will,

In the name of God Amen,
I William Bacon of Madison County, State of Mississippi
being in bad health of body, but of sound and disposing
mind knowing the uncertainty of life, do now make and declare
this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and
all testamentary dispositions by me hitherto made,
my funeral and testamentary expenses including those of my
last illness, I will first to be paid, and then my other just
debts,

Secondly My Plantation, Consisting of the West half of North East
fourth, and the North West fourth, and the East half of South
West fourth of Section Seventeen, Township Eleven Range Four East.
Containing by estimation three hundred and twenty acres; My
Negro Slaves Charles, Arthur, Nelson, Lewis, Betty, Mary, Louisa,
Crispy, Jimmy, Eliza, Lucy and her four children, Emily, Ann
Harriet and an infant and the rest of my personal property
I will after my death to be divided as follows. To my Mother
Nicholas C. Bacon and Edmund C. Bacon each one fourth part
and the other half I will to be equally divided between my
nephews Robert P. H. Sugruey and my Niece Mr. Mary Jones
"both living in the State of Georgia" and my Niece Sarah M. Moore
living in Madison County, State of Mississippi and of the said
Legates shall conclude to have the above mentioned property sold
for the purpose of a division, then and in that event I will that
it shall be sold in front of the Court house doors in the Town of
Canton after having been legally advertised, and

Lastly, I hereby appoint my worthy and esteemed friend
John B. Moore Esq, sole Executor of this my last will and
testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my name
and seal, this 11th day of June Anno Domini one
thousand eight hundred and thirty four.
Signed sealed and published by the testator
as and for his last Will and Testament
in our presence, at his request, and in the
presence of each other, and so by us witnessed
on the day of the date hereof

Wm Bacon Seal

Thos. J. Colton

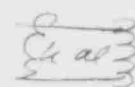
J. B. Burns

Wm Davis Jr

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

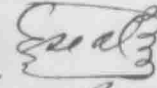
Do it Remembred. That at a Term of the

Probate Court, of said County begun and held at Cactus on the 2nd Monday of April AD 1834. Personally appeared in open Court, J. B. Burns and William Davis who each being duly sworn stated on oath that the paper now exhibited to the Court dated 7th day of March 1834, with the signature of Mr Bacon appended thereto, and purporting to be the last Will and testament of said William Bacon, was by said Mr Bacon signed sealed by him published & declared to be his last Will and testament on the said 7th day of March AD 1834, and that said documents were present at the signing sealing & publication thereof, and that they appended their names thereto as attesting witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other, and deponents further state, that said testator was at that time of sound and disposing mind and memory, over twenty one year of age, thereupon the premises being considered, It is ordered adjudged and decreed, that said instrument must be established and admitted to Probate as the true last Will and testament of William Bacon Esq. and that the same be admitted by Record. Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April AD 1834

A. P. Will Probate Judge 

Mary Smith's Will.

In the Name of God, Amen,
I, Mary Smith of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi - being of lawful age, and calling to mind that all mankind are mortal, that this body must soon return to its Mother Earth, and the Spirit to God who gave it. I the said Mary Smith, being of sound and disposing mind do make and constitute this my last Will and testament viz. I give and bequeath a Negro girl now belonging to me, named Rebecca, aged about twelve years to my daughter Sarah A. Smith, To have and to hold as her lawful right after my death, and that the said Sarah A. Smith do execute her note or notes to my other daughter Eliza Austin at my demise for three hundred dollars, as a part of the valuation of said Negro girl Rebecca, payable in currency.
It is nevertheless my intention that the girl Rebecca remain in my possession and under my control until my death - and further more it is obligatory on my daughters Sarah A. Smith and Eliza Austin to see that my funeral expenses are defrayed.
In testimony whereof, I the said Mary Smith of the aforesaid County and State have - set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty eighth day of June AD 1834

Mary Smith 
The foregoing Will being by me Carefully read to Mary Smith

she thereafter signed the same in my presence this 28th day of June
A.D. 1834

Thomas Coleman
The State of Mississippi Personally appeared before the undersigned
Mudum County, p and presiding Judge of the Probate Court
of said County, Thomas Coleman who being first duly sworn states
on oath that the annexed paper purporting to be the last will & testa-
ment of Mary Smith dated the 28th day of June A.D. 1834, was by
the said Mary Smith signed sealed published and declared by her
to be her last will and testament on the day and year therein men-
tioned in the presence of this deponent, who also affixed his name
thereto as a subscribing witness at the request and in the presence
of the said Mary Smith, and affirms further that at
the time of said signing sealing & publication the said Mary Smith
was more than twenty one year of age of sound and disposing mind
and memory and not a married woman

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this

28th August A.D. 1834

Thomas Coleman

A. P. Hall Judge Probate M. S.

James B. Yellowley's Will

In the name of God, I James B. Yellowley
of the County of Mudum, State of Mississippi being of sound
mind & memory, do make & declare this paper writing to be my last
and only will & testament to wit, I give to my Nephew James
Yellowley son of William E. Yellowley four hundred dollars.

I give to my Godson James Yellowley Edwards son of
my friend Nathaniel W. Edwards, late of Mecklenburg County North
Carolina, Four hundred dollars.

I give to my sister Harriet A. Yellowley wife of Thomas

The remainder of my property of every description & value I give
to my son James Brownlow Yellowley, subject to the following con-
ditions: that is should he die without lawful heirs or heirs of his
body, then the said remainder of my property, I give to my
sister Harriet A. Yellowley one third (1/3), to my Brother Edward
C. Yellowley one third (1/3) & to my Brother William E. Yellowley's
Children one third (1/3)

Before the distribution of my property among my heirs
I wish all my just & honest debts paid by my executors -

I appoint my Brother Edward C. Yellowley my
Brother Edward C. Yellowley, my executor & hereby
authorize him to act as such without his being required
to give security, I also appoint my Brother Edward C.
Yellowley Guardian of my son James Brownlow Yellowley
without requiring him to give security as such, & I hereby
authorize him as Guardian to sell or buy any property that
may seem fit & profitable to my son estate, & should there be at any

time a sum plus of money, after paying liberally but not extravagantly, for my sons support & education, it is my wish that said sum plus shall be invested in good state stocks. I desire my Brother Edward & Sister Harriet to have the personal care of my son, that he shall be sent to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or some other good College to obtain his education.

I revoke all wills of anterior date, made & signed this 23rd day of February Anno Domini 1832

Witness, Gamett Goodloe }
R. E. Andrews }
A. M. Goodloe }
Jas. B. Yellowley

Codicil to my last Will & testament made this 22nd day of March 1834, that is to say, I hereby revoke that part or Clause of my Will which gives to my Sister Harriet A. Yellowley Negro girl Frances, in its place I lend to her my said Sister during her lifetime Negro girl Jane daughter of Big Judy, & I also give to my Sister Harriet during her lifetime as long as the profits of my estate shall exceed twelve hundred dollars, an annuity of two hundred dollars, payable the 1st day of January of each succeeding year & to cease at her death, this I do in recognition of her great love & devotion to me in health & much sickness for many years. In witness whereof I hereby subscribe my name the day & date above written.

Test A. M. Goodloe }
He Executor }
Jas. B. Yellowley

In the Matter of the last Will & testament of Probate Court Mecklenburg County, Oct Term 1834,

Be it Reminded that a Certain instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of the said testator dated the 23rd day of February 1832 and subscribed by Gamett Goodloe, R. E. Andrews, & A. M. Goodloe being offered for Probate at this Term of the Court, and the said attesting witnesses above named having appeared in open Court, each stated on oath that the said testator published and declared the same as and for his last Will & testament, and that he acknowledged his signature, in the presence of said deponents, and that they signed their names, thereto as witnesses in presence and at the request of said testator, and in the presence of each other. Their said signatures, and attestations being given at different times and separately, and they each further stated that said testator at the time of said publication was of sound & disposing mind & memory and was above one year of age, and the attesting witnesses to the said Codicil dated the 22nd day of March 1834, & appeared to said Will by A. M. Goodloe & He Executor having in open Court, stated on oath substantially the same in reference to the publication signature &

attestation of the said Codicil, therefore the Premises being considered
 by the Court: It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said paper
 purporting as aforesaid be admitted to Probate & Record as the true
 original last will & testament and Codicil thereto of the said testa-
 tor James M. Galloway Given under my hand & seal this 18th
 day of October A.D. 1804
 A. P. Hill Probate Judge

Madeline G. Nash's Will.

The State of Mississippi, I Madeline G. Nash of
 Madison County, do hereby make and
 ordain this my last will and testament.

Item 1st After the payment of all my just debts, I give and bequeath
 to my beloved sister Mrs. Evaline Young, wife of Elijah Young
 of said County, one half of all the Estate real & personal of every
 kind & description Chases in action and property in possession
 of which I may die seized or possessed or to which I may be enti-
 tled at the time of my death.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to the said Elijah Young the
 other half of my Estate, that is, all the remainder of my estate
 real and personal of every kind and description Chases in
 action and property, in possession of which I may be seized or
 possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my
 death, to be held by the said Elijah Young in Trust for
 the sole and exclusive use and benefit of my beloved ne-
 phew Stephen Lynch Nash, until the said Stephen Lynch
 Nash shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, when
 the said property with the nett income thereof after the
 payment of all expenses shall be delivered to the said Stephen
 Lynch Nash,

Item 3rd If the said Stephen Lynch Nash shall die unmarried
 and without issue, before he shall have arrived at the age of
 twenty one years, then it is my Will, and I hereby give and
 bequeath all the property mentioned in item 2nd to the said
 Evaline Young and her heirs making her my sole legatee -
 But if the said Stephen Lynch Nash shall marry before he
 arrives at the age of 21 years, and shall die without child-
 ren, leaving such wife surviving him, in such event I
 give and bequeath the said property mentioned in said Item
 2nd to the said surviving wife of said Stephen Lynch Nash
 and to my sister Evaline Young share and share alike.

I hereby appoint my friend Elijah Young the sole
 Executor of this my last will and testament.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

This 11th day of June A.D. 1834
Signed & sealed in presence of the following
Witnesses who acted thus in presence of
each other J. C. Duppe, Jr. J. Bobe
A. Richards W. D. Lee

M. G. Nash Exec

The State of Mississippi Probate Court Sec^y J. 1834
Madison County

Be it remembered, that at this present Term of the
Court Personally appeared in Open Court on the 11th day of June 1834
(It being the 1st day of the Term) John Bobe, and A. Richards who
being duly sworn stated on oath that the paper dated the 11th June
A.D. 1834, and purporting to be the last Will and testament of Mace-
-isen G. Nash, was signed by said testator on said 11th day of
June 1834, and by him declared to be his last Will and testament
in the presence of these deponents, and also in the presence of
J. C. Duppe, and that they signed their names in the presence of
said testator, and at his request, and also in the presence of each
other and of said Duppe, that said testator directed them to sign
their names thus as subscribing & attesting witnesses, that said testator
was of sound and disposing mind and memory and over twenty
one years of age, and also appeared in Open Court on the 15th
Dec^r 1834. J. C. Duppe who being duly sworn states on oath that
said testator signed sealed & published & declared said paper to
be his last Will & testament on the day & year therein mention-
-ed in his presence & in the presence of the other subscribing ~~deponents~~
(Bobe & Richards) and that he and said deponents signed their names
thus in the presence of said testator, and also
in the presence of each other that said testator was of sound mind
and disposing memory, and over twenty one years of age. It is
therefore ordered adjudged and decreed, that the said paper be
legally established as the last will and testament of said
testator, and that the same be admitted to Probate Record.

Witness my hand & seal this 15th Dec^r A.D. 1834
A. P. Will Probate Judge Exec

Jepi Records Will

Georgia July 12th 1833-
Madison Chy J

In the name of God - Amen,

I Jepi Records of the State
of Mississippi, do hereby make and declare this to be my
last will and testament,

I have my beloved Mother during her natural life, my
negro Girl Mary, who three thousand dollars during her life
and at her death. It to be equally divided among my Brother

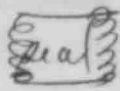
of sisters, I also give to my sister Edige five thousand dollars for her
 own use. Also to Brother Thomas I give three thousand dollars.
 Also I give to Brother Fulkner three thousand dollars. Also to Brother
 Stephen three thousand dollars, also to Brother John one thousand dollars.
 Also to Brother Benjamin one thousand dollars. Also to sister Caroline two
 thousand dollars. Also to sister Merritt two thousand dollars, for
 her own use separate and distinct from her husband. to be put in my
 Mother Mrs Caroline Heard's hands, and the proceeds to be given to her
 and at my Mother's death, then any other person my Mother may
 appoint as trustee for her. so that my will can be carried out in full
 force, I also give to my sister Judith for her own use three thou-
 sand dollars. I also give to Mr Jacob Jones for his care and attention
 to me during my illness fifty dollars, there is also a note I hold
 against William Leasing lately Sec^y in the hands of Samuel Burnette
 Esqr of Washington Georgia Cutting for about three thousand dollars.
 It is my will that this note is to be given to the daughter of Mr
 John J. Leasing. I also want Cousin Ruben Smith to have one
 hundred dollars as a present to do what he please with, the balance
 and remainder of my estate both personal and real I give to my
 Brother William J Heard, and he is hereby appointed my sole
 Executor, and I don't want any security to be required of him nor
 do I inquire any of him, Give under my hand and seal in
 the presence of I also give to my sister Ann W. Dudley five
 thousand dollars for her own use and the balance as above to William
 J. Heard, Executor as aforesaid. Give under my hand and seal
 in presence of

Purnal Smith, Gitchurst Jones, } Jeps Heard 22 1833
 James R. Smith

The State of Mississippi The State of Mississippi
 Madison County, &c To Gideon B. Norman Clerk of
 for Wilkes County in the State of Georgia - Greting

Know Ye, that trusting to your fidelity, Competency
 and Circumspection, we have appointed you a Commissioner
 and by these Presents, do request and authorize you to ex-
 amine upon oath or affirmation to be by you administered
 Purnal Smith, Gitchurst Jones, and James R. Smith, sub-
 scribing witnesses to the instrument of writing here annexed
 purporting to be the last Will and testament of Jeps Heard
 deceased, now depending in the Probate Court of the County
 of Madison State aforesaid for Probate, to specially inquire
 the said witnesses to State distinctly upon oath or affirma-
 -ation as aforesaid whether the said testator Jeps Heard 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 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 plainly and distinctly set in writing and

Certify under your hand and seal, their examination, and to return the same to our said Court together with this writ and the writing annexed enclosed, Witness the Honorable Albert S. Smith



Judge of Probate of said County of Madison
The Second Monday in December 1834, a
seal of said Court. Spund the 18th day of Decem-
ber AD 1834

John T. Gammell Clerk

State of Georgia
Wilkes County } By Virtue of a Commission to me directed from
the Honorable Probate Court of the County of Madison State of
Mississippi, I have Counsel Purnal Smith, Gilchrist Jones, James
R. Smith, the witnesses in said Commission named to come before
me & being duly sworn to make true answers to certain inter-
rogatories attached, depere answer as follows to wit,

1st Did you see Jefe Heard sign the annexed instrument
They answer, We did see Jefe Heard sign the annexed
instrument,
2nd Was it published by the said Jefe Heard as his last Will
testament, They answer, That he did publish it as
his last Will & testament,

3rd Was the testator (Jefe Heard) at the time of signing said instru-
-ment of sound disposing mind & memory. They answer That
he was of sound disposing mind & memory,

4th Did you each of you subscribe as witnesses the said
instrument in the presence of said Testator & at his request.
They answer, we did subscribe in the presence of the testator
and at his request (as witnesses to said instrument),
Answered Subscribed & Sworn to
before me this 4th day of }
January 1835 }
Gideon G. Norman }
Ordinary N. & G. }
Purnal Smith
Gilchrist Jones
James R. Smith

In the matter of a Certain instrument } Probate Court January 2nd
in writing purporting to be the last Will and }
Testament of Jefe Heard Dec^d }
at the last Term of this Court, a Certain instrument in writing
dated 12th July, 1833, purporting to be the last Will and Testam^t
of Jefe Heard Dec^d was produced before this Court, by W. D.
Heard, for Probate, and it appearing that Purnal Smith,
Gilchrist Jones, and James R. Smith, attesting witnesses to the
same resided out of this State, and in the State of Georgia.
Whereupon the Court at the said last Term did direct Com-
-mission to issue directed to Gideon G. Norman, Ordinary
for Wilkes County, in the said State of Georgia (the said ordinary
being Judge of a Court of law) with the writ annexed to said Com-
-mission, authorizing said Commissioner to take and Certify the at-
-testation of said witnesses, and Whereas said Commissioner did spe-

as aforesaid, and has been returned to this Court, and said Commissioner has Certified under his seal of Office that the said attorney Mitchell Purnell Smith Gatchel Jones and James R. Smith did appear before him and being duly sworn stated that they said, Jesse Heard sign the paper accused to said Commissioner, and that he published it as his last Will and testament, that said Jesse Heard was at the time of signing the same of sound disposing mind and memory, and that they each subscribed the same in the presence of the testator and at his request. Thereupon the premises being considered and the further fact being satisfactory to the Court that said Heard was over twenty one year of age. It is ordered adjudged and decreed that said paper be legally established as the true and original last Will and testament of said Jesse Heard and that the same be admitted to Record, and that letters testamentary be granted to the Executive named therein,

Given under my hand and seal this 12th January 1835

A. Hall Probate Judge

x
Thomas, D. Neovers Will.

I Thomas D. Neovers, of the Town of Canton County of Madison State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but in feeble health, do make and publish this my last Will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me -

First, I owe nothing, and desire when I die to see no person lawfully, I direct that my funeral expenses and testamentary may be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named with all convenient speed after my decease,

Second, I give and bequeath unto my Nieces and Nephews and their lawful heirs - being the lawful heirs of my beloved sister Barbara Shepherd, deceased, the sum of ten thousand dollars, share and share alike out of said sum.

Third I give and bequeath unto my Nieces and Nephews and their lawful heirs, being the lawful heirs of my beloved brother Solomon Neovers deceased the sum of Fourteen thousand dollars, share and share alike out of said sum.

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my Nieces and Nephews, and their lawful heirs being the lawful heirs of my beloved Brother Henry Neovers deceased the sum of Fifteen thousand and Eight hundred dollars, also a tract of land Down (and in which some of them have been living) known as the Barrer Kerr tract of land, lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina, valued by me at the sum of twelve hundred dollars, making in all the sum of Eighty nine thousand dollars, share and share alike out of said sum.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my Nieces and Nephews and their lawful heirs, being the lawful heirs of my beloved brother Samuel Neovers, deceased the sum of Fourteen thousand dollars share

and share alike out of said sum,

- Sixth - I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister Betsey Kistler, the sum of Two thousand dollars.
- Seventh - I give and bequeath unto my nieces and Nephews and their lawful heirs, being the lawful heirs of my beloved sister Eve Brim deceased the sum of ten thousand dollars, share and share alike out of said sum,
- Eighth - I give and bequeath unto my Nieces and Nephews and their lawful heirs, being the lawful heirs of my beloved Brother Philip Hoover deceased, the sum of Eight thousand dollars, share and share alike out of said sum,
- Ninth - I give and bequeath unto my Niece and Nephews and their lawful heirs, being the lawful heirs of my beloved sister Polly, or Mary Sides, deceased, the sum of Ten thousand dollars share and share alike out of said sum,
- Tenth - I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother Jacob Hoover and his lawful heirs the sum of Thirty thousand dollars -
- Eleventh - I give and bequeath unto my beloved sister Sarah Seagle wife of Daniel Seagle and her lawful heirs the sum of Ten thousand dollars,
- Twelfth - I give and bequeath unto Robert B. Wheeler of Wilmington Dearborn County State of Indiana the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to have and to hold the sum in trust for the use and benefit of his three Children, born to him by his wife Jane now deceased and their heirs.
- Thirteenth - I give and bequeath unto William F. Hoover of Wilmington Dearborn County State of Indiana, the sum of ten thousand dollars to be paid to him by my Executors hereinafter to be named should he be alive at the time of my death, and should he be -
- Come of age, when he arrives at his majority,
- Fourteenth - It is my will and desire, that the two last items (viz 12 & 14) mentioned in this my last will and testament be null and void of no effect. Should the said Robert B. Wheeler and William F. Hoover come here before my death and receive from me what I have above in said items bequeathed unto each of them; then and in that case - - - - - hereinafter to be named shall not pay to them said legacies - should they however not come, nor receive said legacies before I die then and in that case my said Executors are to pay to each of them said legacies as aforesaid.
- Fifteenth - It is my will and desire, and I do so direct my Executors hereinafter to be named, if it can be done in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, or if not, to have a special act of the Legislature of said State passed for that purpose, if that cannot be done in either of said ways, if he should choose to do so, be taken beyond the limits of said State, & then and then to give unto my faithful man servant Asa, and his daughter Violet their freedom if he should be alive when I die, and I do further

give and devise unto my Executors hereinafter to be named in Trust the sum of One thousand dollars to be paid to said Asa, at the time of his freedom should that event take place, should that event not take place said item as to the One thousand dollars to be void and of no effect,

Eighth. It is my will and desire that my real estate that I may die seized and possessed of at the time of my death, should not be sold under ten years, unless my Executors hereinafter to be named should in their discretion and judgment think it best for the interest of my estate that it should be sold sooner than that time, then and in that case they may do so under the direction of the Probate Court and in accordance with the Law in such cases.

Ninth. It is my Will and desire, that if the devises named in the second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh eighth, ninth tenth and eleventh items or Clauses of this my last Will and Testament should desire to do so, they can take and divide among themselves my Negro Slaves that may then be alive, they taking them at a fair valuation to be put upon them by appraisers to be appointed by the Probate Court of the County of Madison, State of Mississippi as parts of the legacies named in said items, respectively in place and lieu of the money therein devised to that amount, should they however elect not to do so, then and in that case it is my Will, and I do so direct my Executors hereinafter to be named to put up and sell at public sale my said Negro Slaves (in case they are not taken at said valuation, or those not taken in that way if any are so taken) in families or singly as may be deemed most humanely on such time and terms as the said Probate Court may think and deem most advisable.

Tenth. I do hereby nominate and appoint my Nephew Thomas H. Brim of Charlotte Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina and my friend Henry R. Coulter of Jackson Madison County State of Mississippi Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and in case said Thomas H. Brim refuses or neglects to act as such; then and in that case I nominate and appoint my beloved Brother in Law Dennis Deagle of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina to act in conjunction with my friend Henry R. Coulter of Jackson as aforesaid as Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of May in the year 1835 One thousand eight hundred and fifty five

J. D. Hoover, seal

Signed sealed and declared by the said Thomas H. Hoover as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto set and subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto this 25th day of May A.D. 1835, Eighteen hundred and fifty five

Edu^d. D. Ward
G. D. Whitcomb
W. J. Bap

The State of Mississippi }
 Judicial County }
 Term of the Probate Court of said
 County A.D. 1835, and in the second day of said term, to-wit
 on the 2nd Monday of said month, personally appeared
 in open Court Edward D. Ward C. J. Whitcomb and W. F. Bap
 whose names are appended as attesting witnesses to a certain
 instrument dated on the 23rd day of May A.D. 1835 and signed by
 T. B. Hoover, and purporting to be the last Will and testament of
 said Thomas B. Hoover, and said Ward, Whitcomb and Bap
 having each duly sworn doth depose and say that they each saw
 the said Thomas B. Hoover sign and seal said instrument on the
 day and year therein mentioned, and said Hoover, did also at
 the same time publish and declare, the same to be his last
 Will and testament, and said affiants did also state that they
 did each subscribe their names to said instrument as attesting
 witnesses in the presence of and at the request of said Thomas B.
 Hoover, and also in the presence of each other, and that said
 signing sealing and publication of said instrument by said Hoover
 were done in the presence of these deponents, and that said
 Hoover was at that time of sound disposing mind, memory and
 more than twenty one year of age - Thereupon the premises being
 considered it is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said
 instrument bearing date as aforesaid and signed sealed, attested
 as aforesaid be declared to be the last Will and testament of said
 Thomas B. Hoover, and that the same be Recorded, and admitted
 to Probate as the true original last Will and testament of said
 testator

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of
 June A.D. 1835
 A. P. Hill Probate Judge

Reuben Simons Will
 The State of Mississippi }
 Judicial County }
 I Reuben Simons of the County and State
 of Mississippi do hereby make this my last will and
 testament, revoking all others. I give devise and bequeath unto
 my beloved Brothers Lazarus and Isaac W. Simons of Attala County
 in said state, all and singular my real and personal estate and
 effects whatsoever and whensover, of which I am now possessed, and
 to which I may hereafter have any right claim or demand, at law or in equity
 and of which I may be possessed, and to which I may hereafter have any claim
 right or demand as aforesaid at the time of my death to be equally
 divided between and amongst my said Brothers Lazarus and Isaac
 W. Simons share and share alike and I appoint by said
 Brothers Isaac W. Lazarus my Executors.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
 14th day of September A.D. 1835
 Reuben Simons

signed sealed published and declared by the said Reuben Simons as
and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence
and at his request and in presence of each other have heard and seen
-sealed our names as witnesses hereunto this 14th day of September A.D.
1855,

H. R. Coulter
R. M. Mitchell
J. M. Simmons

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

In the Probate Court of said County at New
November Term 1855 this day,

In the Matter of a Certain instrument purporting to be the last will and
testament of Reuben Simons deceased,

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court aforesaid
in the State aforesaid, begun and held at the Court house in the Town of
Leicester on the second Monday of November 1855. Personally appeared in
open Court R. M. Mitchell and J. M. Simmons subscribing witnesses to
a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Reuben Simons late of said County deceased, bearing date the 14th day of
September A.D. 1855, who having been first sworn deponee and said that
said Reuben Simons signed sealed and published and declared said
instrument as his last will and testament in the presence of these
deponents 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 said
deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance
and request and in the presence of said testator and also in the presence
of each other on the day and year aforesaid, and that Henry R. Coulter
the other subscribing witness has since died, and that he signed the
same at the same time as witnesses aforesaid at the request of said
testator and in his presence and in the presence of said witnesses. It
is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the said writing be
established as the true last will and testament of said Reuben Simons
decd. and recorded and filed,

sworn to & subscribed before me this November 13th 1855

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probates

A. J. Dallas Mitchell's Will.

I A. J. Dallas Mitchell of Madison County and
State of Mississippi, being in the full possession of all my
mental faculties, and knowing the uncertainty of life, and the
importance of arranging my affairs in view of the probability
of my death, do make this my last will and testament,

To my beloved wife Elizabeth Mitchell, and to my beloved
daughter Beulah Olive Mitchell, I will and bequeath all the
real estate owned by me in Madison County, as well as a body
of land situated in Hemlock County all in the State of Mississippi
to have and to hold the same jointly, and I further will that

none of the above mentioned real estate shall be sold before the expiration of ten years, should my wife at that time desire a division of the same it can be done, but the half belonging to my daughter Deulah, shall not be sold till she attains the age of Eighteen years. I further Will that the Eighty acres purchased by me of the Estate of G. W. Sanderson, shall be Cithorolied if desired by Mother as long as she may live free of Rent or Charge -

To my beloved wife Elizabeth, I return the Negroes John and Delilah, viewing them as her individual property.

I will and bequeath to my daughter and wife jointly my Negro girl Kitty, all the Money, Notes and Negroes bequeathed to my Mother are for her sole and exclusive use, and to be exempt from all the Claims and Liabilities arising from Marital rights.

I also bequeath to them in equal parts, a promissory note held by me for four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars, payable Jan^y first Eighteen hundred and fifty seven made by E. W. Satt,

From the proceeds of the other notes and Claims belonging to me, I direct all my debts to be paid as well those that may be due, as well as those that are not provided a discount upon the latter shall be made by the holder or holder of the lowest interest upon Money. The balance of any debts due me after paying said Claims against me, and after deducting the aforesaid note of four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars, and all moneys and Claims, Notes of all and every kind I will and bequeath to my Mother,

I further will and bequeath to her my Negro, Jackson Jack, Arch. Isabella and her four Children, Caroline her wife Catharine and her infant Daughter Martha, to have during her Natural life, and at her death to descend to my Brother A Sydney Mitchell and his heirs.

I also will and bequeath in like manner to my Mother during her life and at her death, to my Brother A Sydney Mitchell and his heirs my Negro Alonzo Eliza and her two Children Isaac and William,

Having full Confidence in the integrity of my Brother A. Sydney Mitchell, I appoint him Executor of this my last Will & Testament and direct that no security be required of him for the discharge of the responsibilities and duties of the office.

I also appoint my Brother A Sydney Mitchell guardian of my daughter jointly with her mother.

In testimony of all of which, I this ninth day of October Eighteen hundred and fifty five affix my name and seal.

Acknowledged in the presence of the Witnesses below, each of whom signed the same in the presence of the testator and of each other

W. B. Olive
Elmore Douglas
E. W. Satt

A. S. Mitchell Exec^r

Codicil No. 1. In Case of the death of my daughter Pauline without heirs of her body, I will and bequeath the property left to her by this will, to my brother A Sydney Mitchell and his heirs forever,

Witness
Signed in the presence of testator and of each other } A. S. D. Mitchell } Seal
Y. B. Chace
E. W. Sutt
Eliquis Douglass

The State of Mississippi, In the Probate Court of said County at the Madison County } November Term thereof 1833

In the Matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of A. S. D. Mitchell deceased.

Great Remembrance, That at term of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in and for the County and State aforesaid on the second day of November 1833. Personally appeared in Open Court Y. B. Chace, E. W. Sutt and Eliquis Douglass, subscribing Witnesses, to a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of A. S. D. Mitchell late of said County deceased, bearing date the 19th day of October 1833. who having first been duly sworn depose and say that said A. S. D. Mitchell signed sealed and published and declared said instrument as his last will and testament in the presence of these deponents on the day of the date thereof, that said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than 21 year of age, and that said deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance and request, and in the presence of said testator, and also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in Open Court, November 14th 1833
J. M. Scismans
Judge of Probates

X William Warrells Will.

In the Name of God, Amen; I William Warrells of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being sound in body and mind, but realizing the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling any and all former wills by me at any time heretofore made,

First I desire that all my just debts be paid, should any remain due and unpaid at the time of my decease,

Second. After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, it is my will and desire, that my Executor hereinafter named receive in his hands the sum of One thousand dollars, the interest of which annually is to be paid to my sister Mary Ann Snowden now living in Madison County State of Tennessee, the said interest to be paid to my said sister annually during her life, and after her death the said

sum of One thousand Dollars is to go to my Niece Clementine
Hunmoyer, and her heirs,

Third. I give and bequeath, to my said Niece Clementine Hunmoyer
my lot in the town of Canton, upon which my dwelling house
and shop is situated. To have and to hold to her and her heirs
forever, And I further give and bequeath to my said Niece
all my Notes, accounts and whatever other property I may have
papers, in the State of Mississippi, at the time of my decease
except the thousand dollars above referred to, for the benefit of
my sister during her life as provided for in "Item Second" of this
my last Will and testament.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to the two Children of my Brother
Mills Morrill, his my plantation in the County of Southampton
State of Virginia, to be equally divided between them, To have and
to hold the same to them and their heirs forever, And I also give to
them any other property which I may have in the State of Virginia
at the time of my decease.

Fifth. It is my Will and desire, that Alonzo D. Dulew act as my
Executor to carry out the Provisions of this my last Will and testament
and I hereby constitute and appoint him my Executor for that purpose.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 17th day of May A.D. 1854

Signed sealed Published and declared by
the testator to be his last Will and testament in
our Presence on the day above written.

Attest

J. W. Lewis

E. R. Anderson

J. M. Spide

Wm. Morrill Exec

+ The State of Mississippi, in the Probate Court of said County, at the
Mudum County, December Term 1853 then of -
In the Matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the
last Will and testament of William Morrill deceased,
Be it Remembered, that at a Term of the Probate Court of
said County begun and held at the Court House of said County
on the second Monday of December 1853. Personally appeared in
open Court, William M. Spide and Edward R. Anderson subscribing
Oathes to a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of William Morrill late of said County, bearing
bearing date the 17th day of May, 1854, who having first been duly
sworn deposed and said, that said William Morrill signed sealed
and published and declared said instrument as his last Will and
testament in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each
other, and that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and
memory and more than 21 years of age, and that deponents signed
the same at the instance and request and in the presence of
the testator, and in the presence of each other on the day and year
aforesaid. And that J. W. Lewis signed the same at the same time
and at the request of said Alonzo, and has since died -

sworn to in Open Court Dec 11th 1833

It is further ordered that the same be recorded and letters testamentary be granted to A. B. Baskin, on giving bond for

As done and proved and Record Dec 11th 1833

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

Theodore Simms Will,

Occochee Milledgeville County
Mississippi Sept 26th 1833

I Theodore Simms of said Milledgeville County State of Mississippi, being about to leave home, and in view of the uncertainty of life & being now in sound state of mind & body, wish to make a declaration of my worldly property of all kinds, for the benefit of my two Brothers Oscar & Charles D. Simms in case of my death.

In the first place I wish to bequeath to my Brother Charles D. Simms my negro boy about 17 years old named Willis, on condition that he pay to O. D. Simms for the use & benefit of my Brother William Smith Simms sixty dollars every year after the same is put in possession of the said Willis, so long as said William D. Simms shall live or said Willis be an able bodied negro; after the death of William D. Simms said Chas. D. Simms to have a full & clear title to said boy Willis - All my other property personal real or mixed that I may be possessed of at the time of my death, I leave to be equally divided between my Brothers Chas. D. Simms & Oscar D. Simms, in such manner as they may agree to do it between themselves - I wish my Brother Oscar, if alive to settle up all my business and administer & execute this my last will and testament, all other Acts heretofore made being revoked & null & void; I desire if the law will so allow it, that my Brother Oscar & Charles D. Simms, settle up my estate, according to the provisions of this Will without any regard to take out letters testamentary, or of administration, or in any way having to do with the Probate Court - But should the law require him to apply for letters of administration, or to the Probate Court in any manner, I desire that no bond or security be required of him if the law be not to the contrary - I desire my Brother Oscar D. Simms to die at the time of my death, I desire my Brother Chas. D. Simms to act in his place in every respect.

This is my last Will & testament in proof of which I affix my signature of seal
 Witnesses
 J. W. Duckett
 O. L. Simms
 W. W. Duckett
 Theodore Simms

The State of Mississippi, In the Probate Court of said County Milledgeville County at the first Term thereof 1856 In the Matter of the Last Will & testament of Theodore Simms Dec'd Be it remembered that at the

present before of the Court. Personally appeared W^m Duckett in open Court, one of the subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Theodore Devers Deuand, late of said County, who having first been duly sworn deposed and said that the said T. Devers signed published and declared said instrument as his last Will and Testament on the 26th day of September 1853, the day of the date of said instrument in the presence of this deponent, and of W^m Duckett and R. L. Sumner, the other subscribing witnesses to said instrument, that said testator was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and was twenty five years of age and that he said deponent and the said W^m Duckett and R. L. Sumner subscribed and attested said instrument as witnesses to the signature and publication thereof at the special instance and request and in the presence of the said testator and in presence of each other on the day and year of the date thereof. It is therefore ordered adjudge and decreed that the same be admitted to record in this Court and declared to be published according to law - This June the 12th 1856

R. L. Sumner Judge of Probate

James I. Deems Will

State of Mississippi, In the Name of God, Amen,
Madison County

I James I. Deems of the State and County aforesaid, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following

Item 1st I leave the management of my personal and financial affairs to the discretion of my Executors and Executors hereafter to be named,

Item 2nd I direct that the income of my estate be applied to the payment of my just debts, until the same shall be entirely paid off provided my Creditors will wait until they can be thus paid. But if my Creditors will not wait I then authorize my Executors & Executors to sell so much of my property as will pay my debts. But whenever I am indebted to my son in law A. J. Deam and his wife Lebetter C. Deam in about the sum of five hundred dollars now on this debt I direct my Executors to pay interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum until the same is paid. And further I direct that this be the last of my debts paid by my Executors and Executors, and if my said son in law or his wife should see my estate for said debt, then and in that event, I direct that on the first settlement of my estate, and the division of the same that is herein provided for after the death of my wife, that my said daughter shall

receive five hundred dollars less than the distribution of each of my other Children, and that said five hundred dollars shall be divided equally among my Brothers and sisters.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary during the term of her natural life (and no longer) the whole of my estate both real and personal (after payment of my debts) to be used and enjoyed by her at her discretion, but in full confidence that she will endeavor to use it in such manner as I would do if living for the support education and benefit of our Children.

Item 4. At the death of my wife Mary I further direct that my whole estate be equally divided among my Children then living or of any of my Children should die during the lifetime of my wife leaving issue, such issue as to represent them deceased parents interest in my estate, Except that my daughter Rebecca C. Thomas is to take an interest in my estate less than that of my other Children by the sum of five hundred dollars.

Item 5. I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary the Executor and my Sons James W. Thomas and Lloyd Robert Thomas the Executors of this my last Will and testament. And I hereby dispense with the usual Executor and Executors giving security for the execution of this my Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred fifty six signed sealed published in the presence of testator and of each other the undersigned callus first pub. instrument before signing
W. M. Pitkin
Saml Martin
Nancy Martin

The State of Mississippi in the Probate Court of said County at the Madison County. In the Matter of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of J. L. Thomas deceased.

Be it Remembered that 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 June 1856 Personally appeared in a few court robes Wm. M. Pitkin Saml Martin and Nancy Martin subscribers to a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of J. L. Thomas late of said County deceased bearing date the 10th day of March 1856, who having first been duly sworn depared and said that said J. L. Thomas signed sealed published and declared said instrument as his last Will and testament in the presence of these deponents on the day of the date thereof, that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than 21 years of age, and that the deponents subscribed said instrument at the instance and request, and in the presence of the testator, and

in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid
It is therefore Declared that the foregoing instrument be established
and that the same be admitted to Record in this Court

Declared a signed and Record this June 12th 1836

J M Simmons

Judge of Probate

For Chas Hill,

In the Name of God Amen
I Thomas Nelson of the County of Madison State of
Mississippi of sound mind and full possession of my senses
do make this my last Will and Testament. I wish and will
that my wife Sarah shall have all my property in fee to
have the power and right to sell or dispose of it as she pleases
keeping and disposing my sons that she will aid and
assist my niece Susannah her children. I wish my friend
Dr J M Fitzhugh to aid and assist my wife in settling up
my affairs. Let us under my hand and this 6th day of April
1836

Thomas Nelson

That Nelson Seal

R. A. New

Robert Keame

J M Fitzhugh

In the presence of a certain instrument of writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of Thomas Nelson deceased. Be it
Remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County of
Madison and State of Mississippi begun and held at the Court House
in said County called Second Monday in May in
the year year Lord 1836 personally appeared in open Court
J M Fitzhugh one of the subscribing Witnesses to a certain
instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of Thomas Nelson deceased late of said County being state
of the 6th day of April 1836 who having just been duly sworn
deposed and says that said Thomas Nelson signed sealed
published and declared said instrument as his last will and
testament in the presence of this deponent and the other deponents
on the day and date aforesaid that said testator was then of sound
disposing mind and memory and was then being one
year of age and that the deponent subscribed said instrument
as Witness thereto after instrument required and in the
presence of said testator and also in presence each other on the
day and year aforesaid. Given in open Court this 6th day
of May 1836.

J M Simmons

Judge of Probate

Margaret Henry Will

Of Margaret Henry being of sound mind but aged, full in body and in all health and being desirous of arranging my earthly affairs do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

1st With the exception hereafter enumerated I give and bequeath to my daughters Elizabeth P. Henry and Rachel M. Henry all my estate real and personal of every kind and description which including all debts claims and demands of which I may be indebted to be equally divided between them to be by them possessed, enjoyed and obey them disposed of according to their own pleasure

2nd The exception herewith I intend is as follows I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah M. Boyce my only son Eliza the daughter of Nancy about eleven years old to be by her possessed during the natural life of my said daughter and after death to be in full property my grand daughter Margaret C. Boyce the daughter of my said daughter Sarah Oct 5th 1855
E. P. Henry
Margaret Henry

the State of Mississippi In the probate County said County of the Madison County at 3 July term 1856

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Margaret Henry deceased,

Be it remembered that a term of the Probate County the County of Madison and State of Mississippi began and held at the Court house in and for said County on the second Monday in July 1856 personally appeared Judge Eli. G. Henry a Justice of the Peace to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Margaret Henry deceased late of said County bearing date the 3rd day of October 1855 which said instrument was read and said said Margaret Henry caused to be signed by her and sealed and acknowledged and declared said instrument as her last Will and Testament in the presence of three disinterested persons on the day of the date therein expressed the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and on the day of said instrument and the disponent signed the same in the presence of the testator and the other witnesses at the place and requested said testator on the day and year above written on the above affidavit to order that she be by her published and ordained to be recorded this July 16th 1856

J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probate

Nancy Mabry Hill

In the Name of God Amen

The last Will and Testament of Nancy Mabry Hill
Article 1st I do desire to give my soul to God who gave it
art 2nd I desire after my death that my body be decently
buried and all my funeral expenses paid and all other just
debts that may be unpaid at my death

Art 3 Concerning to the love and affection that I bear to my
daughter Mary Brown I leguate five dollars and to my
son Benjamin J. Mabry five dollars and George S. Mabry my
grandson five dollars

Art 4 I leguate the residue of my property real and
personal of any and as description whatsoever to my dear
beloved husband Isaac Mabry to dispose of as he shall see fit

Article 5 I do hereby appoint my husband Isaac Mabry my
sole executor and desire that he act as such Executor without
being required to give security for said trust

Article 6 I do hereby give, devise and bequeath all bills
promissory made by me or others this August the 9th 1856
attest

Nancy Mabry Hill

A. M. Simmons
W. L. Stephenson
B. J. Mabry

I do hereby consent that my wife Nancy Mabry may
make a last Will and Testament disposing of her real
and personal property as she may desire that August
the 9th 1856
Isaac Mabry

attest
A. M. Simmons
B. J. Mabry
W. L. Stephenson

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of Nancy
Mabry Hill

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court
of the County of Madison State of Mississippi begun and
held at the Court house in and for said County on the
second Monday in September 1856 Personally appeared
in open Court B. J. Mabry & W. L. Stephenson subscribers
Who after due certain instruments of writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy Mabry to be of
said County deceased bearing date the 9th day of August
A. D. 1856 who having first been duly sworn depone and
said that the said Nancy Mabry signed sealed
published and declared said instrument as her last
Will and Testament in the presence of these deponents
the day of the aforesaid that said last testament was then
of sound disposing mind and memory and more
than twenty one year of age and that there is present

Subscribed and instrument as before, through other motions
and request and in the presence of said testator and also in
the presence of each other on the day and year expressed

the State of Mississippi
Madison County Feb 3 Personally appeared in open
Court J. M. Morrison one of the Justices of the Peace & the
last Will, his testamentary Nanny Mabry Dec 20 the long day
I am deposed and depose that he was present and that he had the
saying, sealing and publication by said Nanny Mabry, his said
last Will, testament that said testator signed the same in his
presence and in presence of the other attesting Witnesses on the day
and year above date that the two deposed together with the other
Subscribing Witnesses signed the same as Witnesses to the said
testament and in presence of each other on the day and date that
said testament was signed and deposeing from memory
under solemn oath more than twenty one years ago and
that I subscribed said instrument with the consent of her
husband Nanny Mabry which instrument was signed
by said Nanny Mabry in presence of the attesting Witnesses
said Will and signed by them in the presence of said Nanny
Mabry on the day and year above expressed J. M. Morrison
Subscribed and deposeing before me
Sept 11th A. D. 1850

John J. Cannon Clerk
The Court being satisfied that the above Will
is in all things lawful according to Law it is therefore
ordained adjudged and decreed that the same be recorded
as due and lawful and do read this Sept 11th 1850
J. M. Morrison Judge of the Peace

Last Will of H. J. Powell

The last Will and testament of
Mr. William Powell of the County of Madison in the State of
Mississippi
I direct that my just debts, and funeral and testamentary charges
hereinafter named with all convenient speed after my decease
and I do hereby subject charge and make liable all and every my
real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever
and with the payment of the same
I do hereby direct and direct that after my death my whole
estate both real and personal shall be kept together until my
youngest child being shall attain the full age of twenty one years

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Or shall I may kept as hereafter provided for and that
said property shall be managed worked and controlled by my
executors hereafter named in the same way and manner
would be managed worked and controlled if I were alive
I am hereof advised and do not that if any of my children
shall I may before my youngest child living shall attain the
age of twenty one year or shall I may such child shall
have his or her part or portion of my personal Estate only
given them or her immediately
I am hereof advised and do not that when my estate shall
be divided and distributed as provided for in this and
of this my last Will and Testament my wife if alive and
unmarried shall have all my household and furniture and
and furniture and silver plate but if she shall be married
then and in that case the silver and plate to my children
but in any case at the death of my wife my said silver plate
shall go to my children
I am hereof advised and do not that my children shall
be supported maintained and educated out of my estate
in a manner suitable to their condition in life and their
prospects and also that my wife shall be supported
and maintained out of my estate as long as she shall
remain single and unmarried but if she shall be
married again then and in that case she shall have her
part or portion of my estate given to her and my estate
shall no longer be liable for her support and maintenance
I am hereof advised and do not that my wife should I may again and she
and her husband should desire to sell her realty or
in my real estate then and in that case I do not and
do not that my realty hereafter named shall have
the full power and authority to purchase and sell
buy or again Valuation for the use and benefit of my
children
I am hereof advised and do not that my daughter hereafter
named shall have power to purchase real and personal
estate with the money left to her after supporting
maintaining and educating my children and also the
supporting and maintaining my wife as provided for in
the gift of this my last Will and Testament
I am hereof advised and do not that I do hereby nominate and appoint
John Treves Executor of this my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
6th day of December 1808 Eight hundred and eight
Wm. Treves

Witness sealed and published and declared to be
the said William Treves as and for his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us the undersigned
attorneys and in the presence of each other the
witnesses and subscribed as follows

Whitaker hereunto this 24th
Eighteen hundred and fifty five

AG

The State of Mississippi
Madison County Oct 30th
Matters of Custom and
of William's property in the last Will and Testament of
William Powell deceased

E. J. Leake Esq
C. R. Crawford Esq
H. Jordan Esq

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of
the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi begun and held
at the Court house in said County on the 27th day of
September 1856 Presence of James H. Simpson
Court Clerk J. H. Leake and William J. Simpson
Notary Public in and for said County of Madison
last Will and Testament of William Powell deceased
of said County bearing date the 11th day of December 1854
who after first being duly sworn depose and declare that
the aforesaid said said published and published and
instrument as this last Will and Testament in the presence
of these deponents on the day of the date that said
testator was of sound and disposing mind sound memory
and free from every irregularity that these deponents
subscribed said instrument as Whittaker then at the
instance and request of said testator and in presence
of said testator and also in presence of each other on the day
and year aforesaid and publicly announced for the world
the aforesaid term of said Court C. R. Crawford the other
Subscribing Notary who make the same Subscribed with
that said Court and Notary make relative said Will
after hearing and determining the Probate of the aforesaid
will and Testament being satisfied of the validity of the same
Accordingly ordered and decreed that the same be recorded in this
Court this 13th 1856

J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probate

Wm Finley Will

W. William Finley of the County of
Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind disposing
mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare
this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void and void all my last Wills and Testaments
and Writings in the nature of last Wills and Testaments by me

Heretofore made. My will is that my funeral
 charges and just debts shall be paid by my executor
 hereinafter named. In the second place it is my will that
 the residue of my property and estate which shall not be required
 for the payment of my just debts funeral charges and the
 expenses attending the execution of this my last Will and the
 administration of my estate shall be divided equally among
 Elizabeth H. Finley and my dear children in equal shares
 but no division of my said estate shall take place until one
 year or shall have passed and shall divide his or her separate
 share of my said estate and then his or her will that such
 child so disposing his or her separate share of my said estate
 shall have his or her separate share set apart & divided among
 his or her separate share of my said estate in like manner
 as the said. It is also my will that my said estate shall
 be kept together and managed by my executor hereinafter
 named to the best advantage for my said wife and children
 until it shall have been distributed according to the said
 herein before presented and I do nominate and
 appoint my brother Lewis Finley and my friend and
 neighbor Jesse R. Poynter to be the executor of this my last
 Will and testament. A testimony whereof I the said William
 Finley have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this
 18th Day of May A.D. 1856
 Signed sealed published and declared by the said William
 Finley as and for his last Will and testament in presence of us
 present and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names
 as Witnesses on the premises of each other
 Josiah Galloway
 Joseph Burroughs
 W. Finley

James H. Mayfield
of a sound and disposing mind With the grace of Almighty God
before my eyes Hearing faith in the merits of our Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ and inflicting rewards and punishment do make
this my last Will and testament

1st I desire that all my just debt be paid
2nd that my beloved wife Eviline E. Mayfield have have
all my house hold & kitchen furniture and all the goods arising
from the sale of my last year crop and income from land
after paying my just debt now due and in case there be no
surplus that she have at least one hundred dollars

3rd I desire that my two children Isaac P. & Susan I will
with the balance of my personal estate consisting of negro
negroes viz. Bryan & Sudo. Harv. & Maria. Edin. Emily. Lettie
& her child. Lett. Mariah. Judah. Lett. Maria. Lett. Susan
to be equally divided between them & each of them to take
place according to the provisions hereafter contained

4th I desire my beloved wife Eviline E. Mayfield to
and keep the property above descended together and with the
power she may see fit to use and my two children during her
widow hood or until they come of age and out of the proceeds
the said said money that she raise and educate my children

5th I desire that in case my wife should die during my life that
a guardian or guardians be appointed for my children who
shall take charge of the property as above said & that same be
allied to raising and education of them also I desire that
in the event of my wife's marriage that all the real estate
I have out of debt & mortgage money be sold and equally divided
between my two children as above named

6th I desire that my executor pay from the proceeds of my
estate the debt owing by my father Isaac P. Mayfield payable
to John J. Dennis and said debt may be held by W. B. Barber
and may not for about one thousand & fifty dollars and that
John J. Dennis make a good and true simple bill of my estate
now right of hand (to wit recollated) for which the said John
J. Dennis and bond of the said to my wife Eviline E. Mayfield

7th I desire and truly appoint my beloved wife Eviline E.
Mayfield & B. W. Higate my executor and do enter to complete
of the provisions of the foregoing Will signed sealed and
delivered in presence of

Witness my hand this 2nd day of March
1850
J. H. Mayfield
W. B. Higate
J. H. Mayfield
B. W. Higate
J. H. Mayfield

Wm. W. W. W. November 2nd 1850

I do hereby certify that my friend and dear friend
made and certain this my last will and testament according
all other by me made

1st Item I will my soul & God my father and my body to
to brother and to be decently buried

2nd Item I want all my just debts to be paid

3rd Item I want my wife to have all my property both real and personal
she left her and then her body to be buried in any other death

4th Item If my heirs occurring before I leave I want my
to dispose of all my property as they may choose and the other
half to descend to my brothers and sisters

5th Item I want my wife to have John Crawford Dean my plantation
and one small tract of land

6th Item I want Benjamin W. H. to have my estate

7th Item I want my wife to pay unto Mrs. Ann A. Culver my
former brother certain the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid
to the repairing of the Log yard where my former wife is buried
in Montgomery County Alabama

8th Item I want if I should take the sum of three hundred
dollar to be applied to a Monument on my own Grave I
want my wife to live in Montgomery County Alabama
and sold to the highest bidder \$13000

~~my wife to have the sum of three hundred dollars~~
to be paid to my brother Peter Harper
A. D. the fourth Item the words my wife and I intended

the eighth Item the words dollars intended to be before
the tenth Item the words brother is intended

10th Item I want what money is coming to my wife and
children estate in Virginia to be given to John Harper my children

I do hereby certify that I have reviewed and approved
and signed the 2nd of the above and eight hundred and eight
24 signed and sealed and delivered in presence of

Wm. W. W. W. P. Harper
J. Cheary
Robert Howard
Thomas S. Titmer

The State of Mississippi 243
Madison County In the Probate Court of said County
For the Term of said Term things of 1857
In the Matter of a Certain will to wit of said
deceased.

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of
the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi begun and held at
the Court House in and for said County on the fourth day of
April 1857 personally appeared for said County John H. Hester
Israel D. Mayfield W. S. Mayfield and R. H. Hester
Subscribing Witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of James H. Mayfield late of said
County deceased bearing date the 3rd day of March 1857, and being
fully subscribed, sworn to and sealed and that said said James
H. Mayfield signed sealed published read declared and
acknowledged as his last Will and Testament in the presence of these
deponents on the day of the date thereof that said deponents
then of sound disposing mind and memory and from their
twenty one years of age and that they deponents subscribe their
names as Witnesses thereof at the instance and request of
said Estate and in the presence of each other on the day
and year aforesaid. Wherefore it is ordered by the Court that
said Writing be and the same is established as the true and
last Will and Testament of said deceased and that the same
be recorded & filed on the Court, April 15th 1857

A. M. Simmons
Judge of Probate

Andrew S. Suckell Will of the State of Mississippi
Madison County In the Name of S. S. Suckell

I Suckell of the State and County aforesaid being of sound
mind and memory do make and constitute this my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all other previous Wills made by
me. I do give and bequeath my soul to God and my
Body to be decently buried as may appear by my devise
I do give and bequeath all the Property I have both real and
personal to my beloved Sister Minnie Suckell except a little
girl named Agnes the oldest Child of my Woman Sarah
which said Agnes I give and bequeath to my beloved Sister
Eliza Turkey which said child said Sarah leaving her
Natural Heir at her death. I give to my sister
Minnie Suckell whom I have billed all the rest of my
property during the Natural life of her death her Executor

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that my father Columbus C. Sackett had some
my wife's name Hannah Sarah and her children and
Wintuonass

3rd It is my wish that my brother Benjamin F. Sackett
they be my wife's name Hannah Sarah and her
children and their issue

4th Appoint my brother Columbus C. Sackett
Executor of this my last Will and Testament

For Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
and seal this tenth day of December A.D. 1857
Wintuonass
Wm. S. Sackett
Andrew S. Sackett

The State of Mississippi In the matter of a certain instrument
Madison County ss 3rd January 1858 the last and
and William of Richard S. Sackett

Do it Reminded that at a term of the Probate Court
the County and State aforesaid began and held at the
Court house in and for the County aforesaid on the
second Monday March Term 1857 Personally
appeared in Court J. F. Sackett and J. H. Evans
also appeared at the May Term of said Court subscribing
Wintuonass to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the
last Will and Testament of the aforesaid A. C. Sackett late
of said County deceased beginning at the 28th day of
December 1857 who having been duly sworn and
and said that said A. C. Sackett signed sealed
and published said declared and acknowledged as his
last Will and Testament in the premises at the time aforesaid
on the day and for the date therein that testator then
was of sound and disposing mind and memory and
in full years of age and that the aforesaid
subscribed the same as Wintuonass to at the instance
and request and in the presence of the testator and in
the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid
It is therefore ordered that said instrument be set forth
as the true last Will and Testament of said A. C. Sackett and
be filed of Record in this Court.

Ordered adjudged decreed this 15th day of May A.D. 1857
J. H. Simmons
Judge of Probate

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The Last Will and Testament of William B. Salzer of the County of Madison State of Mississippi

- First. I desire that all my just debts and personal and testamentary expenses may be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned.
- Second. I will and desire that all the Real Estate and other possessions of any kind which shall be on my several plantations at the time of my decease shall be applied to the use of the respective plantations and that the same shall not be inventoried by my executor or any account taken of it in the settlement of my estate.
- Third. I will and desire that my plantations in Madison County Mississippi on which I reside and my plantations in Leflore & Coahoma Mississippi and Carroll Parish Louisiana shall be sold only by my executor until my youngest son Henry B. Salzer shall reach the age of twenty one year and the proceeds of these sales after paying the necessary expenses shall be applied to the maintenance & education of my daughters viz. Susan, Josephine & Keziah or so much thereof as may be necessary until they severally reach the age of twenty one year and when each of them shall be of the age of twenty one year and when the sum or sums of them to pay to them fifteen thousand dollars in cash and twenty per cent interest on the same & two per cent all of which shall be applied to the same.
- Fourth. I will and bequeath unto my wife Eliza the sum of five hundred dollars per annum until my son Keziah arrives at the age of twenty one year and the my executor or my wife shall have a sum of money which with the sum already paid her will make the sum of five thousand dollars.
- Fifth. I will and desire to my brother Charles all my interest in a tract of land in Sunflower County in the State of Mississippi which is owned jointly by us in the proportion of ten shares to one share which I own.
- Sixth. I will and desire that my four sons John, Samuel, David & Henry their heirs at my daughter Mrs. Mary Blackman until they attain their majority & I hereby do hereby bequeath to my said daughter Mary ten of my slaves that she may select the best and best of the same for her own use and charge until my son Keziah arrives at the age of twenty one year.
- Seventh. I will and bequeath my gold watch to my son Keziah and I desire my executor to purchase one per cent of my son Lewis's stock in the same.
- Eighth. I will and bequeath my portraits & other pictures to my daughter Mrs. Mary Blackman.
- Ninth. I will and desire my executor to pay to my son Lewis the sum of one thousand dollars when my son Keziah attains his majority this is intended to cover and to be paid

of the thousand dollar which my Mother in law James
Nichold and my son Lewis

Fourth. Will and bequeath to my son Herman a like sum
of three thousand dollar which bequeath to my son Lewis and to the
with bequest mentioned in the 3rd article

fifth. It is my desire that my son a plantation or plantations
shall be commended to my son Lewis in Belvoir County & I hereby
desire my executors & if they in their discretion deem it good
policy to admit that for the purpose of my the same be taken
from the plantations in Madison & Giles Counties

Sixth. Will and desire my executors Lewis any of the proceeds
of my plantations as they may deem judicious and since at the
in advance the purpose of this will & I do also empower them
to sell all piece of my property by me owned at & for, really
desired for the purpose of carrying out the bequest herein
expressed or the direction herein given

Seventh. Will and desire that after the pay ment of
the above mentioned bequest and the proper mourning the
above duties & when my son Herman has reached the age
of twenty one years that then my executors & I reserve or
reserving them shall decide all the rest and residue of my
property, real personal & every manner my children
namely Mary Blackman Wm, John H. Charles R
James R Joseph D Lewis & Herman R

Eighth. If my son Herman should die before he reaches
his majority that it is my will that the bequest bequest
& bequest made contingent upon his coming of the age of
majority shall be all paid discharged and performed
upon the arrival of my son Herman had attained the age of
twenty one

Ninth. Will and bequeath to my second grand
Mrs Emma Balgum wife of Wm Balgum of Hatteras
as a mark of my affectionate appreciation of her the sum
of one thousand dollar to be paid by my executors without
unnecessary delay

Tenth. If my daughter Mary a Dr Blackman should
prefer to occupy my residence then I will and desire that
they shall pay the house garden & other expenses of my property
any part of my money until the general distribution
of my money provided for, & that my

Eleventh. As my grand children had during their minority
my allowance of pocket money I desire that my son
children have a like indulgence & therefore desire my
executors & I will allow them a sum not exceeding three hundred
dollars, each & that each individually & in sufficient
voucher

Twelfth. I bequeath my old carriage harness called the
William Balgum Carriage harness my sister Eliza
lastly I do truly & sincerely appoint my son in law Herman

My dear ...
I have this day the 17th day of April ...

signed sealed published and declared by the said William B. Dalgemar as his last Will and testament in the presence of my friends and at his request ...

Witness the hand of the said William B. Dalgemar this 17th day of April 1857 ...

Witness the hand of the said William B. Dalgemar this 17th day of April 1857 ...
I hereby certify that the said ...
in the presence of my friends ...
at the town of ...
on the 17th day of April 1857 ...

Witness the hand of the said William B. Dalgemar this 17th day of April 1857 ...
My dear ...
I have this day the 17th day of April ...

signed sealed and published and declared by the said William B. Dalgemar as his last Will and testament in the presence of my friends and at his request ...

1867
Wm. L. Bates
J. Roach
J. W. Miller
On the Register of the last Will and Testament of Cecelia Thomas
of Wm. L. Bates Decd.

This day was produced in open Court
a certain written instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Wm. L. Bates and said instrument was
produced before the Court Wm. L. Bates James Roach
and J. W. Miller subscribers to said last Will and Testament
also being duly sworn deposed and said that they saw said
instrument signed and published and declared said instrument
as said by the last Will and Testament that said deponent executed
their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request
of said testator and in presence of each other in the day of
their date that said by later was bona fide and
deposing bond and was taken and given and
through also given Wm. L. Bates James Roach J. W. Miller
attestors and said Cecelia Thomas being duly sworn
deposed and said that they saw said testator sign
said published and declared said Cecelia Thomas and deponent
knowing that said last Will and Testament that they signed
the same as attestation. Wm. L. Bates in the day of
date in the presence and at the request of said testator and
in presence of each other that the said testator was of sound
and disposing mind and perfectly sane and of legal age
at the time of the execution of said instrument and that
said Wm. L. Bates was the same as Cecelia
Thomas as the last Will and Testament of the said
testator and that the same be recorded filed in the
Court
A. D. 1867

Ordered accordingly
J. W. Miller
Judge of Probate

James L. Muse's Will

I James L. Muse, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but feeble in body and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make and Publish this my last Will & testament,

Item 1st I wish all my just debts paid out of my effects, and appropriating the proceeds of my growing crop to that purpose,

Item 2^d I wish my Slaves and but when I now write enclosing thirty four 47 per acres, sold as soon as practicable after my decease the proceeds to become a part of the general fund of my Estate

Item 3^d I will and bequeath to my said Wife Sarah Jane Muse my Negro Man Burwell and my Negro Woman Lucy Beausiepe to be and become her absolutely, and subject to any disposition she may think proper to make of them,

Item 4th I wish all the remainder of my property of whatever kind Real Personal or Mixed, to be divided equally between my said wife and all my Children to be begotten then and then alike and should any of my said Children die leaving no issue of their body surviving them or descendants of such issue, then it is my wish and will that the portion of my estate bequeathed to any such shall revert and go to the survivors of my said Children and my said wife in equal shares,

Item 5th I hereby appoint my said wife Sarah Jane Muse and my Brother in Law William L. Prichard as my Executors to carry out this my last Will and testament

Item 6th I wish my son Joseph T. Muse, to have out of my Estate one hundred dollars over and above that which he will be entitled to under the above Clauses of this Will, the same being the amount for which I sold a horse belonging to him.

Item 7th It is my desire, that my property shall be kept together, except the special bequests above made until such time as my said Children shall respectively become of age, and upon the arrival at the age of twenty one years or the marriage of each one, they shall be entitled to receive their respective shares, my said wife to take her dower before them, at any time she may think proper, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of May 1856

Signed by the testator in our presence and by us in each others presence at his request
Witnesses: A. R. Singleton, W. R. Lockett
James L. Muse

The State of Mississippi
Municipal Court by } In the Matter of a Certain instrument
of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James
L. Muse deceased. Be it Remembered that at a Term of the
Probate Court of the County of Madison State of Mississippi

begun and held at the Court House in the City of Corinth in the County and State aforesaid on the 2nd Monday of June 1857 Personally appeared in Open Court, A. N. Singleton, Ad. Skill, Wm R. Gresham subscribing Witnesses to a certain instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James L. Muse Dec^d who being duly sworn deposed and said that said James L. Muse signed sealed published and declared said instrument as his last will and testament, in the Presence of their depositions on the day of the date thereof, that said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than twenty five years of age, and that these deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto, at the instance and request and in the Presence of said testator and also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid, Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that said written instrument so and the same is hereby established as the true original last will and testament of said James L. Muse Dec^d and that the same be recorded and filed in this Court.

Ordered adjudged and Record June Term 1857

J. M. Simmons Judge
of Probates

State of Mississippi } In the name of God Amen,
Madison County }

I Anthonet Collins, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but being of a low state of health, as to my person and bodily infirmity do hereby constitute, ordain, publish, utter and declare, the following to be my last will and Testament, which I wish to take effect after my death, and to be truly performed, as herein declared. In the first place I resign my body to the order of nature and my soul to its Beneficent Creator & Item 2nd) I give and bequeath unto Charles Roach my oldest son the amount of One Dollar as his full and entire legacy to be paid out of my Estate.

Item 3rd) I give and bequeath unto Richard Roach the sum of one Dollar out of my Estate as his full and entire legacy

Item 4th) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Weaver the sum of One Dollar out of my Estate as her full and entire legacy

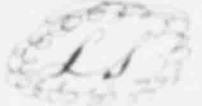
Item 5th) I give and bequeath unto the heirs of Reuben Roach the sum of One Dollar out of my Estate as their full and entire legacy

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto Mary, Roach a widow of my son John Roach deceased One Dollar to be paid out of my Estate as her full and entire legacy

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto Mary, Granbury my Daughter a negro boy by the name of Sam about Eleven years old, One feather bed & furniture now in her possession, which said property I give and bequeath to her and her heirs as their full and entire legacy

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto Sarah Collins my youngest Daughter Viner a negro woman about 45 years of age, and Silas a negro boy about 7 years old & Washington a Boy about 4 years old they being Viners two youngest Children One feather Bed and furniture, which said property I give to her and her heirs, as their full and entire legacy

I hereby constitute and appoint Starky, Collins my Executor to the foregoing will I'm testifying whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this fifth day of April A.D. 1841

Anthony. Collier 

Daniel Moore J.L.

The State of Mississippi By the Probate Court of Madison County) said County

To) Probate Judge of County State of Texas, or any Justice of the Peace of said County; You are hereby authorized and required, to cause, Daniel Moore of your County to come before you, and him diligently to examine touching the execution of the annexed Will and testament of Ills, Anthony Collins Decd, and the testimony so taken by you together with the will aforesaid you will return to this court, under your proper hand and seal, by or before the second Monday in August next Herein said, not;

Witness this Court, I. H. Simmons Judge of the Probates of said County the 2nd Monday of June A.D. 1855 and seal of said Court
I signed 13 June A.D. 1855
John T. Cameron Clerk

The State of Texas }
 County of Fayette } Before me Jno. C. Cabanis an acting
 Justice of the Peace in and for said County Personally
 came and appeared In obedience to the commission
 herunto attached & to me directed from the Probate
 Court of the County of Madison State of Mississippi
 Daniel Moore to me personally known who depo-
 -sith and says on oath, That the writing hereto at-
 -tached purporting to be the last will & Testament
 of Anthonet Collier signed by her and the name
 of deponent appearing on the face of said will
 at its bottom the left hand corner with the
 addition of J.P. at the end and executed on
 the fifth day of April A.D. 1841, was executed
 by the said Anthonet Collier in the presence of this
 deponent as a witness deponent says that he recog-
 -nises the instrument and his own signature. & says that
 the said Anthonet Executed the same in his presence
 and for the purposes in said instrument expressed

Daniel Moore

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the
 20th day of July A.D. 1857

Jno. C. Cabanis J.P. F.C.

The State of Texas } J. Z. M. P. French clerk of
 County of Fayette } the County Court in and for said
 County do hereby Certify that Jno. C. Cabanis whose genuine
 official Signature that appears on the reverse hereof and before whom
 the foregoing affidavit was made is and was at the time of signing
 the same an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County
 of Fayette, duly Commissioned, and qualified and that all
 his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit,

In testimony of all which I hereunto
 Sign My name and affix the seal of said Court at office in
 the town of Lagrange this the 20th day of July A.D. 1857

J. M. P. French Clerk of Court

In the matter of the last will and testament of this day we pro-
 of Mrs Anthonet Collier Sec^d placed in open Court a certain
 instrument in writing purporting to be the last will
 and testament of Anthonet Collier Sec^d bearing date the 5th
 day of April A.D. 1841 and thereupon also was produced the
 deposition of Daniel Moore the subscribing witness to said
 instrument which deposition was taken by virtue of a
 commission issued from this Court by John Cabanis
 of the County of Fayette and State of Texas, by which

depositions it appears that said Anthonet Collier signed, sealed, published and declared said instrument as her last will and testament in presence of said deponent that he signed in her presence at her request on the day and year it be an date, it is therefore Ordered that said instrument be established at the time original and last will and testament of said Anthonet Collier Dec^d, and that the same be Recorded and filed in this Court,

In the name of God, amen; I Wilson Cooper of Madison County, State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory, do make and Ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made,

My funeral expenses and those of my last will wife are first to be promptly to be paid, then my just debts if any. To my dearly beloved wife Mary Cooper I will and devise my negro man Charles and my negro woman Tanny during her natural life; I also will and devise to her my stock of cattle, hogs, notes and accounts and money on hand; and at her death to be equally divided between our children, John Cooper, Reilly Maxwell, Delitha Hamblin, Martha Collier, Christopher C. Cooper, Mary Ann Nichols and my Grand daughter Elizabeth Hunter,

I nominate my beloved wife Mary Cooper executrix of this my last will and testament, of her I require no security. In witness whereof I hereunto write my name and affix my seal the eighteenth day of July, Anno Domini, One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Wilson Cooper
Signed, sealed and published by the testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence,

At his request, and in the presence of each other, We William Davis and William Hamblin subscribe our names hereto as Witnesses
Wm Davis
W. H. Hamblin

The State of Mississippi
Madison County Sept Term 1857

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wilson Cooper deceased

Be it Remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid began and held on the 2nd Monday in Sept 1857. Personally appeared in open Court William Davis and William H. Hamblin

scrubbing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wilson Cooper deceased bearing date 18th July 1857 who having first being sworn deposed and said that said Wilson Cooper signed, sealed and declared said instrument as his last will and testament in the presents of these deponents on the day of the date that said testator was of said disposing mind and memory and was then (twenty one) 21 years of age and that the deponents subscribed the instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance and request of the testator and in the presence of the testator and each other on the day of the date thereof

sworn to Sept Term 1857
 being satisfied with the above proof it is therefore Ordered the same to be published and admitted to Record Sept Term 1857
 J. M. Simmons
 Judge of Probates

In the name of God amen; I, John M. Cauley, of Madison County, State of Mississippi, knowing the uncertainty of human life and being in declining health of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all testamentary dispositions before heretofore made,

My funeral and testamentary expenses including those of my last illness, are first and promptly to be paid, and then my just debts,

I give to my beloved wife, Martha, H. M. Cauley, absolutely my negro man George, aged about fifty years, my roan horse about twelve years old, my buggy, blacksmith tools, household and kitchen furniture, stocks of provisions on hand, my likenesses and pictures of every kind, my books and every thing else of which I may die possessed to use and dispose of as she may think proper. And lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Martha, H. M. Cauley, executrix of this my last will, of her I require no security,

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this the nineteenth day of February Anno Domini, One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, John M. Cauley

signed, sealed and published by the testator as and for his last will and testament in my presence at his request, and in the presence of each other, and so by us witnesses on the day of the date of

Wm. Davis
 J. J. Hollingsworth
 J. B. Hollingsworth

The State of Mississippi, Madison County

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John M^c Cauley deceased

Be it Remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the county of Madison and State aforesaid begun and held on the 2 Monday of September 1857, Personally appeared in open Court J. W. Hollingsworth and W^m Davis subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John M^c Cauley deceased bearing date 19th day of February 1857, who having first being sworn deposed and said that the said ^{John M^c Cauley} instrument as his last will and testament in the presence of these deponents on the day of the date thereof that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than 21 years of age and that deponents subscribed the instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance and Request of the testator and in the presence of the testator & each other on the day and year above written

Sworn to in Open Court Sept Term 1857

Being satisfied with the above proof it is therefore Ordered that the same be published and ordered to be Recorded - Sept Term 1857, J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probates

The State of Mississippi J. A. C. Steger being sound in mind & knowing the uncertainty of life do make this as my last will & testament I thus

I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave it, I thus

I want all my property sold to wit, one negro man named Mahomet, aged about forty seven or eight years old & now in the possession of Charles J. Deives - & all my just debts paid, the balance to be loaned at interest & I wish my sister Ann, C. Harrison now of Texas, to have one hundred dollars, annually during her lifetime, & at her death then all the residue both principal & interest to be equally divided between Williams, C. Steger and Lucy Jane, Scott, late Lucy Jane, Steger, & both now of Harrison County, Texas & also all the debts due me either by note or cash a list of which I have given to Mr. William H. Allen of Jackson Miss. I wish to be paid over to the above named parties & as before stated & I wish & request my Friend William H. Allen to be my executor & hereby request him to act as executor, without giving any security, all other will or wills heretofore made by me, is hereby revoked & declared to be null & void made signed this 29th day of August 1857

Witness

Geo. A. S. my the
H. H. Allen

J. A. C. Steger

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court October Term 1857
Madison County }

In the matter of a certain } Be it remembered that on
of writing purporting to be the } this 15th of October 1857 was pro-
last will and testament of } duced in open Court, a certain
A. C. Steger Dec'd, } written instrument purpor-
ing to be the last will and } ting to be the last will and tes-
testament of A. C. Steger, Dec'd } tament of A. C. Steger, Dec'd
and thereupon personally } and thereupon personally appeared in open Court George
appeared in open Court } Am. Smith and Howell, Hobbs, subscribing witnesses
George Am. Smith and } thereto, who having first been duly sworn deposed and
Howell, Hobbs, subscri- } said that said A. C. Steger signed, sealed and published
bing witnesses thereto, } and declared said instrument as his last will and tes-
who having first been } tament, in the presence of said deponents on the day
duly sworn deposed and } and year therein mentioned viz 29th June 1857, that said
said that said A. C. } testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and
Steger signed, sealed } more than (21) twenty one years of age, that said deponents
and published and } signed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence and
declared said instru- } at the request of said testator and in presence of each other
ment as his last will } on the day and year aforesaid. Whereupon it is ordered, adjud-
and testament, in the } g'd and decreed that said instrument be and the same is
presence of said depon- } established as the true and Original and last will and
ents on the day and } testament of said A. C. Steger Dec'd, and that the same
year therein mention- } be filed and Recorded in this Court.

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 15th day October 1857
J. M. Simmons Judge of Probates

D. W. Haley's Will

In the name of my heavenly father I make
my last will and testament,
1st I give my immortal to the God, the giver & creator of all
things, 2nd I request that my executor hereafter name
will as soon as possible after my death pay up & discharge all
my just debts & owe none at this time except to my son John W.
Haley and Angelina Haley my daughter which will show
the amt. due to each of them as their guardian and a small
amount in Canton) 3rd I desire that my executor will pay
ten dollars a year to the methodist preacher that may
be directed by the annual conference to preach at the Pearl
River Methodist, E. Church south in this neighbourhood
long as they have the management of my estate & I further
request & desire that those of my family & blood may do the
same so long as this bill of last memory & remain may be
occupied by my descendants in blood by marriage as a res-
pect and love I have for the Methodist Church & people of God,
4th I desire that each of my sons Hugh Ervin, Comfort, David &
Griffin the offspring of my second marriage with Mrs,

Margaret, C. Griffin, shall have set apart to each of them six thousand dollars at such times and in cash or in property as my executors shall determine, and at all times I desire that they shall keep a strict guardianship over their morals and useful education, and when the same is set aside to those four boys above named or to each of those that may be living at the time of said distribution, then I desire that all the balance of my effects both real & personal shall be equally divided between all of my children by both of my marriages, but should any of my children by my first wife be so ungratefull of the memory and love of both their departed Father and Mother as to deny said Estate that I may leave at my death to be and deprive my second children out of something ^{like} an equal division of the property I made and secured for them through a kind generous and one of the most noble of women that ever lived be it in law or Equity I then pray that my executors will select that great & good man William L. Sharkey Esq. to defend my character & name if he is living as he has remained so long, and for which I know he will do justice to my memory for a moderate compensation, but should a suit or suits be instituted in law or Equity, by any of them about the lands purchased by said William L. Austin under a judgment against me as a security, or any other property that I may now own, then in the event those of my children that may be engaged in said suit or suits of themselves or by or under the name of any other persons or persons whatsoever, and in case they fail in their designs (which I have no doubt but they will) in that event I give and bequeath to each of them ^{several} in love and affections for departed parents, the sum of twenty dollars ^{each} and no more out of the remainder of my estate after providing for my four boys by my last will with six thousand dollars each to place them something like in property to those of my children by my first wife. 5th I desire that my children and their mother may remain at my present home so long as it may be to the interest of all concerned & in fact my Executors are to be the sole judges, my advise is to my children to hold to this very valuable tract of land as there is none more in this country, or at least until they ^{are} become of lawful age, and then I desire from sale time immemorial (if possible) one hundred feet square or thirty three and a third yards each way including my family grave yard where many dear ties have and where I wish to be deposited myself in God's house to remain until called before the throne of God, in judgment through the suffering death and resurrection of the son of heaven.

6th to carry out and faithfully execute the foregoing trust and will, I appoint Col. John W. Griffin, Doct. Harrison Jordan & my beloved son Doct. James H.aley as my lawful, legal & competent Executors, to carry out my will & wish with full

powers to act and do as though I was personally present to advise & direct, and I further provide that they are not required to give security in any manner as my Lawful Executors, Administrators or the guardians of my beloved children under this my last will and testament, being sound in mind this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1857, I hereunto sign my name and acknowledge the foregoing as my will and testament; } D. W. Haley

a codicil to the above will & testament / I beseech and pray that after my death that my wife and my children of my two wives may live and love each other forgetting the past and looking to the future, loving and encouraging each other as fitly, and relations while on earth, and be prepared to meet their God without a hard thought against any human being, with out this injurion in heart and action no one can see God in peace, I ask of you all to be ready and prepared as it is allotted to all people to die, and after death to come to judgement before a just and unerring, supreme judge of all flesh and where you have many dear relatives that are in heaven redeemed through the blood of a crucified son of God, now on high, and in glory claiming through his sufferings the redemption of all the living, this 15th day of April 1857
W. H. Hales

E. H. Alford

W. Griffin

William H. Vincent

I should, I not live to enclose my family grave yard with a substantial and lasting brick wall I hope those that survive me will do it in memory and protection of the remains of the departed dead
D. W. Hales

I do not intend or desire in the foregoing will and testament in any manner to affect my wife's right in her dower but desire her to claim it according to law & equity, this 16th day of April 1857

D. W. Hales

E. H. Alford

W. Griffin

William H. Vincent

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of D. W. Hales

This cause coming on to be considered at this term of the Court upon the application of John W. Griffin Executor of said last will and testament to have the same probated and admitted to Record; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court

upon the evidence of John J. Cameron that the instrument Exhibited as the last will and testament of the said D. W. Haley was wholly written and subscribed by the said D. W. Haley & that the said D. W. Haley at the time of the writing and signing said instrument was over twenty one years of age and of sound & disposing mind, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the evidence of C. M. Alford one of the attesting witnesses that the said D. W. Haley declared in his presence & in the presence of William Griffin & William H. Vincent the other two attesting witnesses that the said instrument presented for probate & Record was his last will and testament and that the said C. M. Alford, W. Griffin & William H. Vincent signed their names as attesting witnesses in the presence of the said D. W. Haley in presence of each other, it is therefore ordered, adjudged, & decreed that the said instrument presented here as the last will & testament of the said D. W. Haley be and the same is hereby ordered to be probated and admitted to Record Nov 7th 1857

J. M. Simmans Judge of Probates

Rachel H. Wards Will.

Sharon, Missisippi Oct 18th 1857

In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. I Rachel H. Ward, of the town of Sharon, County of State of Missisippi, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will & testament.

Item 1st It is my will & desire, that all my property be sold according to law, said property being comprised 1st of all my household & kitchen furniture; 2nd Two Witch hoes; 3rd My house; Lot of land containing twenty An Acres more or less lying & being situate in the Town County of State of Missisippi and bounded as follows. To wit North by the lands of H. Shonie, E. by the land of Sharon Female College, S. by a Public Street and W. by the land of G. W. Rogers, H. Shonie; 4th Three Negro Slaves Viz Mary aged about thirty five years, her son Henry aged about thirteen & her daughter Rachel aged about ten years.

Item 2nd When the Money is Collected for the sale of the property as described in Item 1st after paying all my liabilities I wish that the Money to be divided amongst my Children and Grand Children as herein after directed.

Item 3rd To my son John H. Ward I will & bequeath five Dollars; To my son Moses C. Ward I will & bequeath five Dollars; To my son Deje B. Ward I will & bequeath five Dollars; To my son Thomas W. Ward I will and bequeath five dollars; To my daughter Ann M. Beckman I will & bequeath five dollars; To my daughter Harriet P. Thomas I will

bequeath five dollars; After these bequests are deducted, I will and desire that the remainder of the monies as described in item 2nd shall be equally divided between my son Charles B. Ward, my daughter Livie Keen H. Hunt, subject to the directions hereafter given

Item 4th It is my will & desire, that my Livie Keen H. Hunt should receive her portion of the aforesaid money in fee simple, to use as she may deem best living or dying

Item 5th It is my will and desire, as my son Charles B. Ward is at this time, non Compos Mentis, that my son Thomas M. Ward, should become his legal Guardian, and take charge of his portion of the money as bequeathed to him in item 3rd and Control it as he may deem best for the interest of my said son Charles B. Ward; And should the said Charles B. Ward ever be restored, in the Providence of God, to soundness of mind, and should so remain uninterruptedly for the space of three successive years, then in that event it is my will and desire that he be placed in personal possession of the aforesaid bequest as found in item 3rd or any part thereof, that may be found in the hands of his Guardian in fee simple, to use as he may deem best living or dying. But should he remain non Compos Mentis, and die without a lawful heir, then in that event, it is my will and desire, that the money or bequeathed to him in item 3rd or any part thereof as found in the hands of his Guardian shall be equally divided between my four following grand daughters, or their bodily heirs, viz Ann Eliza Cook, Mary Ellen Hunt, Mary Elizabeth Nuckel Thomas and Rachel Nidd Ward,

Item 6th It is my ~~will~~ desire that my son Thomas M. Ward and my son in law William P. Anderson should act as Executors of this my last will & testament

Signed and attested in the presence of
 J. F. Gard. E. F. Boone H. H. Montgomery

Rachel H. Ward

The State of Mississippi, Probate Court Secular Term 1837-8
 Madison County ss. This day was Presented in Open Court a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rachel H. Ward de^{ce}. and thereupon also was produced in Open Court said J. F. Gard, E. F. Boone, and H. H. Montgomery the subscribing witnesses thereto who being each duly sworn did depose and say that they were present and saw the testatrix sign said Publish and declare said instrument to be her last will and testament; and that they each as attesting witnesses signed the same in the presence and at the request of said testatrix and in the presence of each other on the day and year therein specified, and that at the time of the signing sealing and Publication of said last will and testament, that the testatrix was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and more than twenty one year of age; It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument be and the same is hereby established as the true original and last will and testament of said de^{ce} and that the same be Recorded and filed in this Court,

Nancy, F. Reid's Will,

The State of Mississippi Madison County,

In the Name of God - Amen,

I Nancy, F. Reid select of Joseph Reid, of the State of Mississippi afore-
said, do make publish and ordain the following as my last will and
testament.

First. I give and bequeath to my son James F. Reid the following
Negroes now in my possession, my Negro Woman Claripa and her two
Children, and three boys brothers of Claripa to wit Ralph, Adam and Nathaniel

Second. My Negro Woman Antoney and her Child Clarence, and all
the rest and residue of my estate, I desire to be disposed of as the law
directs in case of intestacy, and hereby direct the property mentioned

in this Clause to be distributed in like manner as if I had made no will.
Third. I hereby appoint my son James F. Reid, Executor of this my last
will and testament.

signed sealed published and declared in the last
will and testament of testatrix Nancy F. Reid, by Louisa Reid who signed
sealed published the same in her presence for her, in her name and by her
express direction, and also in the presence of the undersigned witness who attests

the same in the presence of the said testatrix this 28th Nov 1837
signed sealed published and declared by
Louisa Reid in the name and behalf of the
testatrix in my presence and in presence of said
Nancy, F. Reid, and by her express direction

Nancy, F. Reid

W. M. McBride

Codicil -

I give and bequeath to
my dear Grand daughter Aurora Reid the Bedstead Bureau and
Wash Stand in my room

signed sealed published and declared by
Louisa Reid in the name and behalf of
testatrix in my presence in presence of said
Nancy, F. Reid and by her express direction

Nancy, F. Reid

Nov 28th 1837 W. M. McBride

The State of Mississippi Probate Court January Term 1838
Madison County et al This day was produced in Open Court a
Certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament and
a Codicil made by Nancy, F. Reid dec'd. and Therapen Ann McMillin
McBride the subscribing Clerk who being first duly sworn deposes and
said that said testatrix caused her name to be signed to said instrument
and that she sealed published and declared said instrument and the
Codicil thereto, as her last will and testament in the presence of
deponent. that he deponent signed his name as a witness thereto in
the presence and at the request of testatrix, and that at the time of
signing sealing publishing and declaring said instrument said testatrix
was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and
more than twenty one year of age Therapen it is ordered adjudged
and decreed that said instrument be and the same is hereby established
as the true Original last will and testament and Codicil of said testatrix

and that the same be Recorded and filed in this Court
And read and adjudged and decreed this 12th day of
January A.D. 1838

J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probates

Leop. H. Ewings Will,

The State of Mississippi

Madison County In the Name of God-Amen;

I Leop. H. Ewing, of the County and state aforesaid being of
feeble health of body, but of sound disposing mind do make
and declare this my last Will and testament, in manner and
form following, revoking any and all other wills by me at
any time hereto fore made to wit,

Item 1st. It is my Will and desire, that all my just debts and
funeral expenses, be paid out of my Estate as soon as the
same can conveniently done by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 2nd. I will, and desire, that after the payment of all my just
debts, that my beloved wife Martha J. Ewing, shall have the
entire Control and management of all my estate of any kind
and description for the benefit of herself and Children, without
giving any Bond or security therefor, and without any account-
-ability to the Probate Court - only requiring my said wife to man-
-age all my property for the best interest of herself and Children
and I hereby enjoin and require that my Children shall all
be well educated out of my estate, and the whole of my Estate
is to be kept together until that as my Children arrive at the
age of twenty one year or marry, they shall each be entitled
to receive that may be their Considered an equal share of my estate
then on hand, and so on from time to time as often as one may
arrive at age or marry, such division to be made by my said
wife and some three of her Neighbors such as she may select,
and lastly, I hereby appoint my beloved wife Martha J.
Ewing Sole Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix
my seal this 8th day of December A.D. 1837.

Signed Sealed Published and declared as and
for his last Will & testament by the testator in our
presence, who have signed our names here as wit-
-nesses, in presence of said testator and in presence
of each other on the day and year above written

W. B. Harvey, J. J. Whitworth, J. B. Sample

The State of Mississippi Probate Court February Term 1838
Madison County set Upon application of Martha J. Ewing
Probate of a Certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will
and testament of Leop. H. Ewing deceased late a resident of this

County, and for better testimony thereon, and on taking the testimony of John B. Sample, John D. Whitworth, W. D. Henry, Subscribers, witnesses thereto, the Court after hearing all and sifting the proofs submitted and maturely considering the same, being satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last Will and testament of said Lepe St. Lewis Esq., and that the said Lepe St. Lewis was on the day of the date of said Will to wit on the 8th day of December of lawful age to devise, and of sound disposing mind memory and understanding. It is therefore ordered and adjudged and decreed that said instrument may be admitted to Probate and Recorded, as the true original last Will and testament of a said Lepe St. Lewis Esq.;

Ordered and adjudged and Decreed this 9th day of February A.D. 1838

L. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

Simmons Devises Will.

I, Simmons of Madison County in the State of Mississippi in sound and disposing mind knowing the uncertainty of life being desirous during my lifetime, to dispose of my real & personal Estate, as to avoid contention and misunderstanding as to its division after my death, do hereby make my last Will and testament as follows— I nominate constitute and appoint Abraham my son in law, Simmons & Levine my son and Elizabeth Levine my wife, or the survivor or survivors of them to be the Executors of this my last will and testament, giving hereby and granting to them all the rights Powers, and privileges by law belonging or growing out of the Office of Executors holding and receiving by this appointment from me full power and authority in law as equity to take possession of bargain sell and convey away all my real as well as personal Estate so as fully to meet the legacies, and carry out the objects and purposes Contemplated in making this last will and testament as herein after enumerated. And— First of all I request of my sd. Executors after they shall have come into possession of all my Estate, both real and personal in accordance with the laws of this State under this my last will and testament, and in such time and manner as they may conceive to be for the best interest of all concerned, to pay out of the same or the proceeds thereof all my just and lawful debts of every description whatsoever, and then to divide the residue of my sd. Estate in the following manner, 1st to give and convey to my Grand Child William H. Fly his heirs or administrators, the acknowledgment of indebtedness for four hundred and seventy Three Dollars, & his debts which I hold against his Father John H. Fly, also a Negro Man named John, who now is dead, and also a Negro Woman named Coaline, now in the possession but not owned by the sd. J. H. Fly, and also a Negro girl named Caroline about fourteen years old, and also a Negro girl seven

years old named Amanda, to him, to be in full of his Claim, as the
 heir of of his Mother my daughter Martha J, who died Oct 27 1846.
 And also, I furthermore appoint and declare that should my s^d youngest
 Child die before he comes of age, that then and in that case, the property
 devised and bequeathed to him, in this last will and testament, shall not
 descend to his father John D. Fly, as his at law, but shall revert to my
 estate to - equally divided among my other Children, I further autho-
 rise my Executors to hold the property of William H. Fly in their possession and
 manage it to the best interest of the said W^m H. Fly until he shall become
 of lawful age to receive the same, I hereby further appoint & declare
 that the property bequeathed to each of my daughters by this last will
 and testament is granted only and bequeathed always with the condition
 that I shall in no case & under no circumstances be subject to the debts
 of their husbands but shall be held by them only and their heirs at all times
 forever, free from all and any obligations at law, for the debts and con-
 tracts of their s^d husbands, the same as if they had always remained
 unmarried; And furthermore, I require my s^d Executors to give
 and Convey to Elizabeth, D. Divine my faithful and affectionate wife
 who has been with me in making & taking care of what I now propose
 the following bequests, to wit, Hogue and her wife Maria, the follow-
 ing named Children Sally, Frank, Nancy & Jane; and also a girl
 by name Frances, & Abraham his wife Estler, Giles & Mary, his three
 Children, and also Aggy & Jane and a girl Miller; And also the West
 half of Section thirty six including all the improvements, and also
 an equal share of all my stock with the other kind, and also of
 the farming implements, to be received enjoyed and disposed of by
 her, her heirs or assigns as she may appoint, or direct; The above
 named property to be in full of her right of Dower in my estate according
 to law, in such cases made and approved; And also I
 require my s^d Executors to give and Convey to each one of my
 Children now living, their heirs, Executors administrators or assigns an
 equal proportion share and share alike of all that may belong
 to my s^d estate real & personal, after the funeral part of this my last
 will and testament shall have been completed with, this division
 to be so made as that one Child shall receive just as much as the other
 But as three of my daughters who are married, have already ac-
 ceived through their husbands a portion of their share of my estate
 It is hereby declared, that the s^d division of the residue of my estate
 among my Children shall proceed in the following manner: The
 amount with some per cent interest to the date of division, that
 each Child has received shall be computed as a part of my estate
 and then in the division, the amount that each Child has so
 received, shall be deducted from her or his share of the residue
 of my Estate; In this manner Emeline, who is married to Isaac
 H. Galtrey has already received two thousand four hundred and
 eighty three dollars, with interest on \$203. - Dollars of that amount,
 from January 1832; yet 850. dollars from July 1835; yet 500 dollars from
 January 1837; yet 180 dollars, from March 1840. and yet 500 dollars

from January 1849, all of which sums are in accordance with accounts filed away with this my last will & testament, and also on January 1855 one Negro man named Jim worth one thousand dollars, and also one Negro girl named Catharine worth five hundred dollars, and also one boy named worth twenty five dollars. And also my daughter Mary Ann who is married to Asa Coleman, has already received \$3033.00 with interest on two thousand six hundred thirty three dollars from January 1855, and \$450. said March 1852, and also a Negro girl named Louisa in January 1849, at five hundred dollars, and also a Negro boy named Cecil valued at eight hundred dollars. And also my daughter Ann Maria has married William Ford, and has received of my estate \$330.00 with interest from January 1850 on \$3271.17, and \$450. from January 1853 and also a note of four hundred dollars of borrowed money, a statement of which is filed away in this my last will and testament, and also I bequeath to my daughter Ann Maria the tract of land on which she lives at my the same tract that I bought from John M. Miller, and containing three hundred and thirty eight acres, at my the east half of the S E quarter of section thirty two of the N W quarter of section thirty three in Township five Range four of the West half of a N W quarter of section four in Township nine all in Range four East valued thirty three hundred and eighty five dollars; And also my daughter Louisa Keokuk I give and bequeath the following named property to wit, a Negro man named Sam at one thousand dollars, one Negro girl named Ellen and her Child Gus. valued at nine hundred dollars, and also a Negro woman named Liza valued at seven hundred dollars, and also a Negro Girl named Arnett valued at four hundred dollars, and also a Negro boy named John Alston four hundred dollars, and also a Negro girl named Florida worth two hundred and fifty dollars. And also to my son Newman I give and bequeath the following property to wit, one thousand dollars, which will be filed away with this my last will and testament, and also the following property to wit, one Negro man named Isaac, valued at one thousand dollars, and a Negro woman named Amy the Child Matilda valued at eight hundred dollars, and also a Negro woman named Margaret and her Child Jacob Ann valued at eight hundred dollars, and also a Negro boy named Ted, valued at six hundred dollars; And also to my daughter Lydia C. I give and bequeath the following named servants to wit, Noah a Negro man & Rachel his wife, valued together at fourteen hundred dollars, and also a Negro girl named Sue valued at five hundred dollars, and also a Negro woman named Delia the two Children Meliza & Campbell, valued at thirteen hundred dollars; And also my two old servants Tom & Moses, the first servants I ever owned. I wish after my decease that my son Newman C. should have Tom one of my old servants and I wish also after my decease that William F. M. should have my old servant Moses. And I wish these two old servants to be well taken care of in their old age.

In testimony whereof, I hereby subscribe this my last will and testament written on this sheet of paper at my request at my own residence in Madison County on this the

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Eighteth day of September A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five
Signed in Presence of }
E. J. Devine A. W. Clark A. Rabb } Winson Devine Secy

The State of Mississippi } It Remembers, that at a term of the
Madison County } Probate Court of Madison County State of
Mississippi, begun and held at the Court house thereof on the second
Monday in January A.D. 1858, personally appeared in open Court E. J.
Devine A. W. Clark and A. Rabb, subscribing witnesses to a certain instru-
-ment of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Winson
Devine Decd. dated the 8th day of September 1855. Now having been duly
sworn, deposed and said that the said Winson Devine signed sealed
published and declared said instrument as his last Will and testament
in the Presence of these deponents, on the day and year therein written
that said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and
more than 21 years of age; and that these deponents, subscribed the same
as witnesses thereto at the instance and request, of said testator, and
also in the presence of each other on the day and year aforesaid -
It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said instru-
-ment be established as the true original and last Will, testament of
said Winson Devine Decd. and be filed and Recorded in the Court,
Ordered, adjudged and decreed this 11th day of
January A.D. 1858,

J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

MunICIPAL Will of David W. Murphy Decd.

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Samuel W. Murphy in his last
illness and whilst at the habitation where he had resided for
more than ten days next preceding his death stated to the under-
-signed in presence of William Lytle that he wanted his Brother Richard
to get all his property, and also desired that the Key be delivered
up by Mr Lytle to Jeff Love. These words were spoken the day
before Murphy died and on the 26 day of November and were
reduced to writing and approved by the undersigned this 15th day
of April 1858 as the testamentary words of MUNICIPAL Will of
David W. Murphy Lewis Newmyer

Sworn to & subscribed before me this }
15th day of April 1858 }
J. M. Simmons Judge of Probate

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court April Term 1858
Madison County } Be it Remembered, that at the Present Term of
this Court application was made to admit to Probate certain
words of Samuel W. Murphy Decd. alleged to be testamentary, and

nuncupative will of said Murphy, and R. C. Leonard being duly sworn
 stated that he had been connected in business with said Murphy, and had frequently
 heard him say in health that he always intended to give all his property to his
 Brother Richard or Dick living at New Albany Indiana. Provided his brother survived
 him, that this declaration was frequently made by said decedent when in health
 and Lewis Hemminger being duly sworn stated the words hereunto appended marked
 "Nuncupative Will of Decedent W. Murphy Esq." were spoken by said Murphy in his
 last illness, and at the habitation where he resided for his days next preceding his
 death, and that said Murphy at the time of speaking of said words was of sound
 & disposing mind & memory, and was then twenty one year of age, and that said
 words were spoken to affiant, after the attention of the said had been called to his
 condition, and after he had been asked by the testifier whether he wished to make any
 disposition of his effects, and in the presence of William Sykes, Thimmes also stated
 that Murphy was a resident Citizen of Madison County Mississippi, William
 Sykes also stated under oath substantially the same facts, and stated that he heard
 decedent speaking to Hemminger and that he was close by, and that Murphy must
 have known the fact that Sykes was listening, and that in the same conversation
 he mentioned the matter about his things, and also stated to affiant that of
 fact knew where all his things were, and he also stated that he retained from
 all that was said at the time that said words expressed the last and clear
 of said Murphy, as to his effects, and were spoken in view of his approaching
 death, therefore, the Promises being considered as actual and judged and
 decreed that the annexed paper marked "Nuncupative Will of Decedent W. Mur-
 phy Esq." be and the same is hereby established as the true last will and
 testament of said Decedent W. Murphy Esq. the same being a Nuncupative
 Will, and that the said paper be admitted to Probate as a Nuncupative
 Will as recorded,

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day
 of April A. D. 1858

J. M. Simmons Prob. Judge

Richard Rimmer Will,

The last Will and testament of Richard Rimmer
 made the 15th day of January A. D. 1858, being fifty
 years of age, in the name of God, Amen;

I Richard Rimmer of Madison County, State of Mississippi do make
 and declare this my last will and testament, revoking any and all
 testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made,

First. It is my will that, at my decease, that my son Gabriel Rimmer
 shall take possession of my plantation, Negroes, Stock, household and
 kitchen furniture, plantation interests and stock of provisions on hand
 and make a Crop for this year, and as a Compensation for his services
 he is to receive the sum of five hundred and forty Dollars—

I will give my daughter Sarah Rimmer, my boy were called
 Pol, Bridle and Saddle, one good bed and furniture, two good Cows
 and Calves, my Negro Woman Dook and her four Children namely
 Ally, Ann, Jane and Frances, and their future increase, I will give

my said daughter Sally Rimmer, my son Henry Rimmer or my daughter Martha Ann Arnold, that portion of the tract of land in which I now live lying on the North side of Kentucky Creek jointly and equally, so long as my said daughter Sally Rimmer may remain unmarried, or may think proper to serve and live with my said son Henry and Martha Ann Arnold, and in the event of her marriage, or that she voluntarily leaves before her marriage, I then and from that time will and devise the said tract of land and appurtenances to my said daughter Martha Ann Arnold, and my son Henry Rimmer jointly and equally between them, and in the event that my said son Henry Rimmer may wish to settle to himself, that my daughter Martha Ann Arnold shall be entitled to the said lands; I also will to my daughter Martha Ann Arnold my Negro Woman Phyllis at my death, To my sons Stephen Rimmer & Galvin Rimmer, I will that portion of the tract of land on which I now live, lying on the South side of Kentucky Creek, to be equally divided between them but Galvin to have that half which my Celia Ginn stands; and to said son Galvin, I will my Negro boy Ganay, two Cows and Calf, my horse Wagon and all I had and furniture.

To my son Moses J. Rimmer, I will my Pack of, Road Road Stock, Blacksmiths Tools, To my son James Rimmer, I will my quarter section of land in Attala County Mississippi lying & being a section five which he is now trying to sell.

To my son William Rimmer, I will my Negro Woman Leann and three eighths of land in Attala County, Mississippi situated in the Gilberton branch.

To my son Wiley Rimmer, I will my Negro boy John age about 17 or 18 years old, and a quarter section of land in Attala County State of Mississippi lying North, joining Roundal O'Brien, and joining Thomas Mapes on the East, and my Ox Wagon, two Yoke of Oxen i.e. Brandy, Jack Ball and Brandy; In addition to what I have already given my son Henry Rimmer, I will him two Cows and Calves, and one feather Bed and furniture.

At my death I will my Negro Man George, and all my personal property not herein devised to be sold in a Credit of twelve months by my Executors to pay my just debts, and I wish my son James William or Wiley Rimmer to buy George when sold, that he may be committed to his wife, the balance after paying my debts, I will to be equally divided among all of my Children herein before named, And Lastly I nominate and appoint my sons Moses Rimmer, Stephen Rimmer and Henry Rimmer, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my name and seal.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence and by us witnessed by the request of the testator Richard Rimmer.

Richard Rimmer

In Testimony G. G. O'Leary M. Davis Jr.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County set in Probate Court April Term 1838.

This day was produced in open Court a certain instrument

writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Richard Rimmer Esq and therefore Came John B. Moore George G. O'Leary and Wm Lewis for being witnesses. They read with bearing date bearing 16th 1856. Who being duly sworn depone and said that said Richard Rimmer signed seals Published and declared, said instrument as his last Will and testament in the presence of said deponents on the day of the date thereof, that said testator was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one year of age, and that said deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereat at the instance and request, and in the presence of said testator, and also in the presence of each other, on the day and year aforesaid. Whereupon It is Ordered Adjudged and Decreed that said instrument be and the same is hereby established as the true original and last Will and testament of said Richard Rimmer Esq and filed and Recorded in this Court,

of April 22nd 1858
Ordered Adjudged and Decreed this 14th Day
J. M. Simmons
Judge of Probates

Lawsen J. Shuckers Will

Know all men by these presents that I L. J. Shuckers of the County of Madison State of Miss^{is} in view of the strong probability of my early dissolution, and a desire to secure my friends in their just rights do hereby convey all of my estate both personal and real, consisting of lands tenements and Chattels, to Jefferson Love of Madison Co Miss^{is} and H. B. Edwards of Heards Co Miss^{is}, in fee simple to be held by the said Jefferson Love and H. B. Edwards until all my debts to which they are securities are satisfied, I further request that Jefferson Love shall take in Charge Thomas Speakman and give him as good an education as the Country affords.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th Day of November
1857,
Lawsen J. Shuckers

Witness G. J. Shuckers, W. M. Galtlett,
Thos. A. Phillips, G. W. Campbell

The State of Mississippi Probate Court April Term 1858
Madison County vs D. T. Rummelund, that at the present Term of this Court and on Thursday 15th April, a Certain instrument dated 17th day of November 1857, and purporting to be signed by Lawsen J. Shuckers, with G. J. Shuckers, W. M. Galtlett, George W. Campbell & Thomas A. Phillips, as attesting witnesses was produced before this Court, and said witnesses being duly sworn depone that they saw Lawsen J. Shuckers sign the same on said 17th November 1857, in their presence, and that they each signed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Shuckers, and in the presence of each other, the said Shuckers was then rational, and more than twenty one year of age, and a resident Lawful Citizen of the County of Madison, therefore the premises being considered, It is Ordered Adjudged and Decreed, that said instrument be established as the true last Will, testament of Lawsen J. Shuckers Esq, and that the same be admitted to Probate as such and Recorded.

Given under my hand & seal this 15th April 1858
J. M. Simmons Probate Judge

Susan Hodge's Will

The State of Mississippi In the Name of God - Amen;
Madison County I Susan Hodge, of the County and State
above named, being of sound and disposing mind and memory
but mindful of the uncertainty of life and Certainty of death, do
humbly make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament
humbly revoking all former Wills -

In witness, I Comend my Soul and Spirit to God who gave it,
I humbly give will and devise unto my beloved daughter, Susan
C. Hodge, the following lands. The East half of South East quarter
of Section twenty one, and the West half of North West quarter of Sec-
tion twenty seven, and the North East quarter of Section twenty
eight, and East half of South East quarter section twenty nine
all in Township Eight Range One East, lying being in the County and
State aforesaid, and containing by estimation four hundred acres
more or less. The same being intended and humbly declared as an
absolute devise, and to vest a fee simple Estate in the said
Susan C. and her heirs forever, and I also give will and
devise unto the said Susan C. Hodge and her heirs forever an
undivided half interest in and to the following lands. Namely the
East half of North East quarter of Section twenty, and also West half
of South East quarter and East half of South West quarter, and South
half of West half of North East quarter Section twenty one, all in
Township Eight, Range One East, also lying and being in said
County and containing two hundred and eighty acres. The said
undivided interest herein given, being also intended as an absolute
devise of said interest to said Susan C., and to vest a fee simple
estate in the same in her and her heirs forever, the other undivided
interest in said last mentioned two hundred and eighty acre being
herin-after devised to said Mrs. Julia A. Goodall, and the same
may be divided between said devisees as they may wish, and in
such way as they may agree upon. I also give and bequeath
to my said daughter Susan C. Hodge, a Negro man named George, a
Negro man named Jerry, a man named Jacob, and Phelipa
a woman, and also my Carriage and Carriage horses, and three mules to
be selected by her and now in the plantation, and of which she may
take choice, and all of my stock of Hogs. (The said stock being my
undivided interest in the stock held in common between myself and
Marion Barrow) and I also give and bequeath unto her as many of
the stock of Cattle as she may desire, and also all of the Shambles
and kitchen furniture, belonging to me at the time of my death
and it is also my will and desire that the said Susan C. Hodge
shall have all my plantation tools and implements on hand at the time
of my death, and under the term of plantation tools and implements
I mean to embrace Hoes, Axes, tools of any description, Wagons, Carts,
Gears, and in a word all the appointments of the plantation, and
I also give her my Arms,

I give and bequeath unto Susan C. Hodge Three hundred dollars

- to be paid out of the proceeds of the Crop after my death, of the then current year, to be held by her in Trust for my grand daughter Missella Stiles,
- Item I also give and bequeath unto Susan C. Hodge three hundred dollars to be paid out of the proceeds of the Crop of the then current year after my death, to be held in Trust for the use and benefit of my grand daughter Ann Elizabeth Graves—
- Item I give with and devise unto Julia A. Goodloe and her heirs forever an undivided half interest in and to the East half of North East quarter of section twenty, and West half of South East quarter and East half of South West quarter, and South half of West half of North East quarter of section twenty one, Town ship 8 Range one East, containing two hundred and eighty acres, the same being intended as an absolute devise of the one half undivided interest in said lands, and to vest a fee simple estate to the same in said Julia A. Goodloe, and her heirs forever. She and the said Susan C. Hodge to be joint tenants in the said lands, and the same may be divided between them in such way, and at such times as they may agree on, I also give and bequeath unto said Julia A. Goodloe, a Negro boy Isaac Lewis, and a Negro girl Minnie,
- Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Abigail S. Lusher two Niggers and also a Negro woman slave Sabella and her child Lucia, the said slaves to be held by her during her lifetime only, and at her death the said slaves and their increase to belong and to descend to the heirs of the body of the said Abigail S. Lusher,
- Item It is my will and desire, and I so direct that such Cattle as may remain after a selection is made by Susan C. Hodge of such as she may wish, shall be equally divided between my two daughters Abigail S. Lusher and Julia A. Goodloe,
- Item Should there be at my death, any moneys on hand, or resulting from the proceeds of the sale of the Crop of the current year after my death, more than sufficient to pay the pecuniary legacies to my grand children as herein before bequeathed, it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided between my three daughters Susan C. Hodge Julia A. Goodloe and Abigail S. Lusher, and should there be any portion of my estate not specifically bequeathed in the foregoing provisions and bequests it is my will and desire, and I so direct, that all of such residue be equally divided share and share alike among my three daughters above named,
- Item It is my will and desire, that all of my property be kept together on my plantation until the end of the current year after my death unless it should happen that I should die before the crop of that year was put in, and in that event, it is my will and desire that the property be divided at once and as soon as my Executor can qualify,
- Item I hereby nominate and appoint my long tried friend Jamel Goodloe as my Executor
- Signed by Susan C. Hodge for the testator by the direction of the testator, and in her presence, and in our presence, and declared and Published by the testator as her last Will & Testament in our presence, and each of us have
- Susan Hodge

subscribed set our names as attesting witnesses in his presence and by his direction, and also in the presence of each other, this 16th March 1858.

Attesting Witnesses }
 Garrett Goodloe
 W. H. Goodloe
 F. M. Barrow

The State of Mississippi

Madison County set } Probate Court May Term 1858

In the matter of the last Will & testament

of Susan Hodge Lee &

This day was produced as before Court a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Susan Hodge Lee. and thereupon also was produced before the Court F. M. Barrow, W. H. Goodloe, & Garrett Goodloe subscribing witnesses to said written instrument who being first duly sworn deposed and said that they were present, and saw said testatrix sign seal publish and declare said instrument to be her last Will and testament, that said deponents signed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of testatrix, that said testatrix was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and more than twenty five years of age - Whereupon It is ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument be and the same is established as the true original last Will and testament of said Lee. and that the same be recorded and filed in this Court.

April 1858

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 10th Day of May
 J. M. Simmons
 Judge of Probate

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

In the name of God Amen

I, Isaac Mahon of the County and State being ^{of sound mind and} memory, and being full of the uncertainty of human life, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in which all former wills, It is my will and desires that the whole of my estate real and personal and mixed shall be equally divided among my three children Thomas M. Mahon, Andrew J. Mahon and Hannah Ridley each of said Children to receive one third of the estimated value of said Estate but in making said division it is my will and desire that my two sons shall get my real Estate, and that Hannah Ridley shall receive no portion of the lands, but that she shall be recompensed and made equal to my sons in the division of the personal property, and the deficiency thus made up to her ^{shall} be added with a view to make said division in all respects equal it is my wish and will that three or five Compeigns just and discreet men be appointed by the Probate Court to appraise all my Estate real and personal and that the whole amount of the Estate shall be added up and one third shall be allotted to each of my three Children above named but the share of Hannah Ridley shall be assigned in personal property only, and the real Estate shall be divided among my two sons Thomas and Andrew J. and that in said division that the portion allotted to Thomas shall include the House and outbuildings where he now resides, and that Andrew shall get in the division the House and outbuildings where I now reside, and that said division shall be made as justly and equitably as possible and in such way as to promote the convenience of said Sons and their respective interests, and if in said division either should receive and be allotted him a larger portion of said Land in estimated value, the other shall have the deficiency made up to him in the division of the personal Estate and it is my wish that the entire division shall take place at the same time both of the real and personal Estate and that the same Compeigns shall also divide the real Estate, and to avoid any misunderstanding it is expressly stated although Hannah Ridley is to get in the division none of the Lands, yet in making the division the estimated value of the Land is to be added to the estimated value of the personal Estate and one third of the gross sum is to be allotted to her in personal property, it being my purpose thus to equalize her share with that of my two sons and to divide my estate equally among the three Children, Any monies on hand at the time of my death or arising from the sale of Crops after my death or from sale of personal property shall be equally divided among my said three Children, and it is my will and will that said division shall take place

As soon as the Crop of the then current year of my death shall have been gathered and disposed of

It is also my wish and desire that each of my three children and legates above named shall pay over each one thousand Dollars to my Grand Daughter Mary Ann Murphy the Daughter of Owen Murphy and Ann Murphy on her arriving at the age of twenty one years, but should the said Mary Ann die before reaching twenty one years, no such payment is to be made, and the property allotted to each one of my said children under the division shall be chargeable with the payment of the said Thousand Dollars, but shall not be chargeable beyond that amount, the property allotted to each being only designed to be made responsible for its own share, to wit: to the amount of one Thousand Dollars.

From no want of affection towards my three Grand Sons children of Owen + Ann Murphy but for reasons satisfactory to my own mind they are omitted and excluded from all benefit under this my last will and testament, believing it my duty to dispose of my Estate as above provided.

I hereby nominate and appoint Samuel J. Kidney Executor of this my last will and herein provided that he shall be expressly relieved from all obligation to execute either Bond or security, that after the Probate of the Will, the said Executor shall not be required to make any inventory or appraisement of the property, and that none shall be made until the Court appoints Commissioners to make the division and that on the Confirmation of the Report of the division, the Estate shall be finally settled & the Executor discharged and it is my will that the Probate Court shall have no jurisdiction over my Estate except to probate this will & to appoint my Executor and appoint Commissioners to divide the Estate and confirm or act on the report of the division with this further promise that he may be to account before final settlement by either of the distributees if they desire a full accounting unless they file a Petition to that effect in writing to the Court no account shall be made, and this Confirmation of the Report of the division shall itself be the final settlement of the estate.

In estimating the value of my estate by Commissioners for purposes of division I hereby expressly direct them in the assessment of the real estate, not to take into the computation the value of the House and outbuildings & improvements erected by Thomas Mc Mahon but to estimate the value of the Land & classic

of said improvement
signed sealed & published by the
Testatrix as for her last will &

Nancy M. Mahon

Testament in our presence & each signed the same at her request & in her presence in the presence of the other parties
A. P. Hill
D. W. Moore
Henry Seaman

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The State of Mississippi } Probate Court of Madison County, Mississippi
 Madison Co. } October Term 1853,

In the matter of a certain instrument
 in writing purporting to be the last
 Will & Testament of Nancy McElhannon } A certain instrument
 in writing dated July 3rd 1853 and attested by A. J. Hill
 B. W. Horro and Henry Seimen, and purporting to be a
 last will and Testament of Nancy McElhannon deceased
 been presented for Probate at the present Term of the Court
 the attesting witnesses having appeared in open Court and being
 duly sworn each stated that they saw the Testatrix Nancy
 McElhannon sign seal and publish said instrument on said
 day as therein dated, and declared the same as her last will
 and Testament, and that they each subscribed their names
 thereto as attesting witnesses at the request and in the presence
 of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other, and that
 each of said witnesses were present when the Testatrix signed
 and published the same, and they further stated that said
 Testatrix was a resident citizen of said County and more than
 twenty one year of age, and of sound and disposing mind
 and memory at the day of the date thereof and at the time
 of the signature sealing and publication thereof. There fore
 the premises being considered it is hereby ordered &
 adjudged and decreed that said instrument be established
 as the true last will and Testament of Nancy McElhannon
 deceased, and that the same be admitted to Probate and
 Recorded as such, and that letters testamentary be granted
 thereon as ordered and decreed this October Term 1853

H. M. Seimens Clerk
 Judge of Probate

X
 Sent

The State of Mississippi }
 Madison County } In the name of God Amen I James P. ...
 of the County & State aforesaid being of sound & disposing mind & memory
 do make & publish this my last will & Testament describing all my
 will. It is my will & desire that the all the personal property of which
 I may die seized and possessed shall be kept together & used to the
 best advantage & the proceeds to be applied to the support, main-
 tenance and education of my children that may be under age or
 unmarried, without any division whatever until some of said
 children shall come of age or married, or the death of any
 or any one of said children. My will & desire that no
 child shall receive from my executor hereafter to be named, or
 his or her portion part or much personal property as I have given to
 each of said my children as has been before named on the
 marriage said portion to be as much as practicable in the
 Probate and of the same balance with the ...

on marriage. And after such portion has been set aside and
 delivered to said child thus marrying or coming of age, the
 residue of my negroes & other personal property is to be kept to-
 gether & worked jointly, and the proceeds applied as aforesaid
 to the support maintenance and education of my other children still
 under age or unmarried, And on the coming of age or marriage
 year of my other children. A like portion of personal property shall
 be set aside and delivered to him or to her or the case may be
 and the residue continued to be worked together, until the death
 of my said children shall marry or come of age, at which time
 the whole of the residue is to be divided & hereafter to be divided
 And as each of my children after marriage have received from me
 a small Negro to nurse so soon as she or he has had a child
 so in like manner it is my wish that each of my other children in
 addition to the property above given to them in marriage or majority
 shall likewise receive from my Executor a negro of similar age &
 value with those given to my other children as nurse so soon as
 he or she shall have a child to nurse.
 And when the last remaining child marries or comes of age, and
 child is to receive from my Executor out of my estate, the same
 portion of property that my other children have received including
 as well that which was delivered to each on marrying or coming
 of age and also the little negro given as a nurse, that is, said
 last remaining child shall then on his or her marriage or
 majority receive the same number of negroes & other personal property
 given to my other children on marriage or majority & also a little
 negro large enough to nurse. And at said last mentioned
 period, it is my will & desire that the residue of my estate shall
 then be finally divided amongst all my children equally, the
 descendants of any of my ^{deceased} children to receive the share of the
 deceased parent. But if at the time of said first division
 there be any one of my children that may not have married
 being unmarried there not had children who consequently
 will not have received from my Executor any share, then I
 desire that each of said child shall receive before the residue
 is divided a little Negro similar in value to those given to
 the others as nurse, and then the balance is to be divided as aforesaid.
 And it is further my will & desire as has expressly stated that
 the foregoing bequests & desires are to be in full satisfaction that
 the personal property above bequeathed and devised is to my child-
 ren during their natural lives & afterwards to the children of
 such child & on failure of issue the same property is to belong to
 the other members of the family in the same manner as specific
 deeds to personally executed by me to each of my children as above
 heretofore named, which deeds have been filed in the Clerk's
 Office for Record & now supposed to be recorded with my will and
 desire that my house place & Quarter Plantation in the County shall
 not be sold until final division unless my will & desire be to the

named shall deem it advisable to follow or both; then with
 a view to purchase elsewhere - this description however is restricted
 to my present Executor here after named & will not apply to any
 future Administrator of my estate. My Executor however is clothed
 with full power to sell out all other of my lands or interest in lands
 (except the two places above named) at private or public sale on such
 terms as he may deem reasonable. In reference to the partnership
 property of J. S. & B. D. Pritchard in a steam saw mill at it is my
 will that the same shall be continued as joint property so long as
 the survivor B. D. Pritchard shall desire & that the same may be
 dissolved at any time that said survivor may desire, the con-
 tinuance or disposition to be left entirely to his discretion. I hereby
 nominate and appoint my well beloved Brother William L.
 Pritchard my sole Executor, and expressly release him from the
 necessity of giving either Bond or security on his appointment
 as such.

The words said in 1st page the words therein & herein in the 2^d page
 intended before signature.

Given under my hand & seal the day of September A.D. 1858
 Signed sealed & published by the testator
 as his last will & testament at his request & declining James L. Pritchard
 & in his presence & in the presence of each other
 H. A. H. Sanson
 A. C. Hill
 Jefferson Lane

The State of Mississippi Probate Court November Term A.D. 1858.
 Madison County. It is remembered that a certain instrument
 in writing attested by H. A. H. Sanson, A. C. Hill & Jefferson Lane and
 dated September 20th 1858, & purporting to be the last will & testament
 of James L. Pritchard dec^d, was presented at the present term of this
 Court of Probate, whereupon each of said attesting witnesses Sanson,
 Hill & Lane appeared & being duly sworn each & all stated that they
 saw James L. Pritchard affix his signature & seal to said instrument
 & that they and each of all subscribed their names thereto as attesting
 witnesses by the direction & request of said Pritchard in his presence
 & in the presence of each other, & that said Pritchard at the time
 of said signature & sealing, published & declared said instrument
 as his last will and testament, & that he was at the time of said
 and disposing mind & memory & more than twenty one years of age
 & a resident citizen of the County of Madison State of Mississippi there-
 upon the premises being considered it is ordered, adjudged, & decreed
 by the Court that said instrument dated & attested as aforesaid be
 and the same is hereby declared to be the true last will & testament
 of said James L. Pritchard dec^d and that it be admitted to
 probate & recorded as such.

Given under my hand & seal this 21st day of September A.D. 1858.
 J. M. [Signature] Clerk of Probate

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Dec 26th 1858

This my last will and testament
First of all I will and bequeath my soul to God and my
 body to be decently laid away in the earth
Secondly - I will that all my just debts shall be paid
Thirdly. Mary Granby & Sarah Whitley having had five
 hundred dollars each, I will that Richard Allen Sarah
 Young, Susan Beard and Rebecca Hendrix be made equal
 with them with what they have already received, Rebecca H
 having received one hundred fifty & Susan B one hundred &
 sixty dollars, the above to be paid as early as convenient out of
 my estate.
Fourthly - I will all the balance of my property to my
 wife Caroline Allen during her life and then to her children
 Shan and Shan Alice, allowing her to give to each one as they
 become of age or marry, such property as she may think best
 making all equal jointly and lastly

I will that Gabriel W Davis & Caroline Allen my wife, be
 and they are hereby appointed Executor & Executrix of the above
 will without security

In testimony whereof I hereby set my hand
 name & affix my seal, day and date above

Attest

G. W. Davis }
A. H. Neal }

Jacob Allen (Seal)

State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } Regular January Term 1859

Be it remembered that a certain instrument
 in writing attested by Gabriel W Davis & A. H. Neal, dated Dec 26th
 1858 and purporting to be the last will & testament of Jacob
 Allen dec^d was presented at the present Term of the Court of Probate
 whereupon also was produced before the Court A. H. Neal a subscribing
 witness to said will, who being duly sworn deposed and said that
 he saw the testator sign Jacob Allen, sign Seal publish and
 declare said instrument as and for his last will and testament
 on the day and year of its date, that he this deponent signed his
 name as a witness thereto in the presence and at the request of the testator
 that at the time of signing sealing &c of said instrument said testator
 was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one
 year of age - It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court
 that said instrument be and the same is hereby established as the
 true original and last will and testament of said Jacob Allen dec^d
 so far as his personal estate is concerned & that the same be filed in this
 Court and Recorded

Ordered adjudged & deemed Jan 10th 1859

J. H. Postell

Judge of Prob

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } The last Will and Testament of Sarah
Shields of the county of Madison + State of Mississippi

I Sarah Shields 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 ofm following
Item 1st I will be my niece Francis Wells, daughter of Sister Elizabeth Wells my Gold Watch, at my death all the money I have due me in North Carolina at my death I leave to be equally divided between Sister Elizabeth Wells other five children and Mourning Harris, one note I hold against Albert Myrick one thousand dollars drawing interest at eight per cent from January fifty eight until January sixty before due, one note I hold against William M Neal six hundred and twenty five drawing interest at ten per cent from January fifty eight due fifty nine, one note I hold against Spira M Wells two hundred forty three dollars drawing interest at ten per cent from January fifty five, my will and these notes I place in the hands of Parthenia M Kelly to keep until my death if not called for before, at my death I wish Albert Myrick to be put in possession of them until I give further directions Albert when my notes due I wish you to purchase me a monument such a one as will correspond with the others, if animosity is still raging Albert I wish you to take a hundred dollars of my money and than my gran paid it matter not about the palings being plain so they are strong you will please to have it paid as soon as convenient I wish Mr Kelly and Albert to make choice of the most appropriate plan they think proper to put me after death paying yourself for your trouble and all expenses my will to have no letters of executorship nor administrator, my will Albert is for you to pay on to my niece Caroline Gordon ^{or child} five hundred dollars, the rest of my money if any due me to be equally divided between my brother William H Harder and my Nephew Francis M Wells, Parthenia I wish you to write to Caroline Gordon as soon as you return from my silent tomb, let her know how much I have willed her and in what way she is to get it write her particulars it is not due until January look in a little book skin from sewed up in your quilt Write to David Crisp Spring Hill just the amount I have placed in that purse to have his expenses down and take Caroline's money up to her, and my gold watch to his sister Francis I think that money is sufficient to pay his expenses and trouble be sure to write him not to come down before January Mr M Neal's note when his money is to come from will not become due until then you had better write come down and see about the money due them in North Carolina Caroline is Decatur Alabama Albert take a receipt from David and keep my will and all will be right interlined before assigned

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th August 1858

Sarah Shields
this is my own hand write

Witness
Jesse Brown
Jesse Hickman

State of Mississippi } In the Probate Court of said County
Madison County } Regular January Term 1859

Be it remembered that a certain instrument of writing attested by Jefe Brown and Jesse Hickman dated the 19th August 1858 and purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Shields De^r was presented at the Court Term of the Court of Probate when upon also was produced before the Court Jefe Brown one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will, who being duly sworn deposed and said that he saw the testatrix Sarah Shields De^r sign seal publish and declare said instrument as and for her last will and testament on the day and year of its date, that he saw the said testatrix sign her name and that he at the same time at the request and in the presence of said testatrix together with Jesse Hickman the other subscribing witness signed his name thereto, that at the time of the said sealing publishing or the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one year of age.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said Instrument be and the same is hereby established as the true, original and last Will and Testament of the said Sarah Shields De^r and that the same be filed in this Court and recorded.

Ordered adjudged decreed Jan 1859
J. H. Postell
Judge of Probate

Samuel Rogers Will } December Term 1858
In the name of God amen: I Samuel Rogers being weak and feeble in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following

- Item 1st It is my will and desire that after paying my just debts the residue of my Estate consisting of about eighty acres of lands in the vicinity of Sharon House and lot in the town of Sharon containing about fifteen acres more or less together with all other property of which I may die possessed consisting of one negro by name Harris Household and kitchen furniture Stock of horses hogs cattle farming utensils to be kept together and held in possession by my wife Nancy M. Rogers for the use and benefit of herself and children during her natural life.
- Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ophelia D. Rogers after the death of my wife Nancy M. Rogers my negro boy Danus above named.
- Item 3rd After the death of my wife Nancy M. Rogers it is my will and desire that my property of every description (except negro boy Danus) be equally divided among my children and for the purpose of making such division leave it discretionary with my Executor to sell or otherwise dispose of the property as he may think best.
- Item 4th I hereby nominate and appoint my Friend Asa Coleman Executor to this my last will & testament.

Given and my hand & seal
S. M. Rogers

signed and acknowledged in presence this 15th day of June A.D. 1858
W. B. Whitland
W. M. B. Lee

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Will of Mrs A M Lowe

The last Will and testament of A M Lowe

I A M Lowe of the County of Madison and state of Mississippi, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and memory, do make & publish this my last will and testament, thereby revoking all others previously made by me, in manner and form following, to wit:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto Joseph Williams Knorr, minor son of my nephew B F Knorr, my negroes Delia, Frank, Louisa, Lewis, Bob Dick and George; also my silver ladder one Bed, Bedstead and one suit of Bed clothes: the same however is to remain in the possession of his father B F Knorr, until the said Jos W Knorr shall arrive at the age of twenty one, and also all of the future income of the negroes above mentioned; after the arrival of said Jos W Knorr to age of twenty one, should his father B F Knorr be then alive, he shall have from that period and during his natural life a support out of said property, after the death of said B F Knorr the said Jos W Knorr is to manage and enjoy the same as he thinks proper for himself his heirs and assigns forever. Should the said B F Knorr survive his son the said Jos W Knorr then in this event the property herein conveyed to become remain the property of his father B F Knorr.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my nephews Robt D Knorr of Arcanus, my slaves as follows, Bethony, Ben, Bile and Betty, and all of their increase, to him during his life, and at his death to be divided equally among his living children, to them and their heirs forever, also my large silver Spoon one Bed, Bed clothes to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my niece Ann Maria Arington of St Carolines, my slaves as follows - Penelope, Sanders, Aarm, Sibby, Manny and all of their increase during her life and at her death to her children equally, also one dozen silver spoons.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my niece M B Allen of St Carolines, Vinny, Martin, Willis, Venny, old Sillar and Blake, if not sold before my death, & in that event the proceeds of such sale, and their increase during her life, at her death to her children equally, to them and their heirs forever, also one dozen large silver forks.

Item 5 I give and bequeath unto my niece Francis of Falcon of St Carolines, my slaves as follows, Phillis, little Delia, Jant, & Charlot, if not sold at my death, & in that event the proceeds of such sale, & their increase, to her during her life and at her death to her children equally, also half dozen silver spoons.

Item 6 I give and bequeath to my nephew John C

Alston my slave as follows, Ann, Augustus, Rhody and Lucinda and all of their increase, during his life, and at his death to his children equally

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas C Alston my slave Henry, Betty and Young Jilla's, during his life and at his death to his children equally, if the said Tho C Alston should die without a living heir, to the above conveyed property to go to Maria Allen, daughter of G B & M B Allen with their increase

Item 8 I give and bequeath unto my nephew Gideon Alston of St Barlinia my negro Anthony, for his use only during his life and at his death to his legal heir, and in the event he should die, leaving none, to descend to Ann Maria Arington, daughter of my niece Ann M Arington

Item 9 I give and bequeath unto my grand niece Nannie B Henderson of Mississippi, my slave Matilda and her increase, during her life, and at her death to her children equally should she die without legal heir, the said negro and increase to descend to Jos W Howell son of B F Howell, about the said Nannie B Henderson one Bed & Bedding

Item 10 I give and bequeath to my grand niece Maria Allen my slave Caroline, with her increase from this time

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my grand niece Maria Arington, my slave Lucy and her increase from this time

Item 12 I give and bequeath unto my friend Mary Bennett of St C my gold watch Hook & Key

Item 13 I give and bequeath unto my friend H J M Daniel my gold spectacle

Item 14 I give & bequeath my Bureau and all my clothes to Sally, daughter of R P Howell

Item 15 I give and bequeath ^{all} my cap and stuff to make the same, ribbons &c & Mahogany rocking chair to my sister-in-law Elizabeth Howell

Item 16 I give and bequeath to Ann B Howell wife of B F Howell, for services rendered me, my new bonnet and cloak

Item 17 I give and bequeath unto my nephew B F Howell, for services rendered me, my new carriage & harness, and my old carriage I want brought from Canton, or elsewhere, and the proceeds to my estate, to be divided as hereinafter mentioned

Item 18 It is my request that a monument be erected over my grave, to cost from three to four hundred dollars, to be paid out of the money accruing my estate

I then wish my household furniture divided between my nephews B F & R P Howell except such as is otherwise disposed of I then desire my stock of all

...
...
Lastly, I request, as that an affidavit be
made by my Executor to this my last will and testament
and desire that no security be required of him, in the execution
and management of all the property above bequeathed.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand
and affixed my seal the 10th day of March
1859

A M Lowe

The undersigned witnesses of the above signature of A M Lowe
certify that she signed and acknowledged the same
signature to her last Will and Testament. The same being
witnessed in our presence & our signature in the presence of

P W Tucker

M R Fort

State of Mississippi Probate Court April Term 1859
Madison County }

Be it remembered that a certain instrument
of writing dated the 10th day of March A D 1859 & attested by
Tucker & M R Fort & purporting to be the last Will & Testament of
Lowe dec'd, having been presented for Probate at the probate
Court, and P W Tucker one of the attesting witnesses thereof, being
in open Court and being duly sworn, stated that he saw
A M Lowe die on the 10th day of March A D 1859 after
seal, publish and declare said instrument to be her true
testament, and that the other attesting witness the said
signed said instrument at the request & in the presence of
in the presence of each other, & the said witness
when the testatrix signed, sealed and published the same, and
said witness further stated, that the said testatrix was at the
death and at the time of signing, sealing and publishing said
instrument, a resident citizen of Madison County & more than
one year of age, & of sound and disposing mind and memory at
day and date thereof, Therefore the premises being fully
the Court, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said
instrument be admitted as the true original last Will & Testament of the said
dec'd and that the same be admitted to Probate & recorded
original last Will & Testament of the said A M Lowe dec'd and
further ordered and decreed that letters testamentary of said
Testament be granted to Benjamin F. Brumby the Executor named
in his lasting the oath prescribed by the statute rendering into
the sum of forty thousand dollars, without any security in
in said last Will & Testament

Will of Henrietta E O'Leary

Mississippi
Madison County

In the name of God, Amen

I Henrietta E O'Leary being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and testament.

Item 1st I give to my living husband E O'Leary Sr all that I possess, both real and personal during his natural life & after his death it is my Will and desire that E O'Leary Sr shall have & divide other children Albert and Paul, the balance of my property I wish to be equally divided between the rest of Dr Pierce O'Leary's children. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. I wish my husband E O'Leary and James R Brooke to act as Executors to this my last Will and testament this 11th day of January 1859

Witness
Henrietta E O'Leary *[Signature]*

James R Brooke }
James L Brooke } The und life int signed before signing
Hugh Ward }

Madison County
State of Mississippi } The undersigned Cornelius O'Leary Sr
the husband of the within named Henrietta Elizabeth O'Leary, apart to the making of the within Will before and at the time of the execution of the same, and hereby give my free consent to the same as the lawful Will & testament of my said deceased wife, the said Henrietta E O'Leary.

Witness my hand and seal this ninth day of May, 1859

Signed sealed delivered in
the presence of
James R Brooke
James L Brooke }
Hugh Ward }

E O'Leary *[Signature]*

State of Mississippi, Probate Court May Term 1859
Madison County

Be it Remembered that a certain instrument of writing, dated the 11th day of January, 1859 signed by Henrietta E O'Leary and attested by James R Brooke James L Brooke and Hugh Ward, purporting to be the last Will and testament of the said Henrietta E O'Leary de^{ce}, having been presented at this term of the Court for Probate, and the said James R Brooke James L Brooke & Hugh Ward attesting witnesses having appeared in open Court & being duly sworn, solemnly stated, that on the 11th day of January 1859 aforesaid, the said testatrix Henrietta E O'Leary de^{ce} acknowledged and delivered, published and declared

said instrument of writing now exhibited in Court, as her true original last Will and Testament, and that they each signed said instrument at the request and in the presence of each other and said testatrix & in the presence of each other, and that each of said witnesses was present when the said testatrix published and declared said instrument of writing as her true original last Will and Testament, and the said witnesses further stated that at the time of her death and at the time of publishing and declaring said instrument as aforesaid, said testatrix was a resident citizen of Madison County and more than twenty one years of age and of sound disposing mind and memory at the day & date thereof, and it further appearing that at the time of publishing said instrument as aforesaid said testatrix was in coverture with Cornelius O'Leary, a citizen of said county & that he, the said Cornelius O'Leary, her husband, was then and there present & fully consenting with the publishing and declaring of said instrument as the last Will & Testament of his wife the said Henrietta E. O'Leary & in the presence of said witnesses signed, sealed & delivered his written consent, thereto, which said written consent is herewith filed and made a part of the record hereunto. Therefore the premises being fully & fully considered by the Court, it is ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument be established as the true original last Will & Testament of the said Henrietta E. O'Leary de. and that the same be admitted to Probate & recorded as the true original last Will and Testament of the said Henrietta E. O'Leary de.

J. H. Pettit
Judge

Will of Martin C Russell Decr

In the name of God, Amen-

I, Martin C Russell being through infirmity of age in a perfect sound and composed mind knowing the certainty of death and yet the uncertainty of the time I shall be called by it to my long home do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following viz:

Imprimis - In sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, I commit my body to the dust knowing in whom I have believed and being persuaded that He will keep that which I have committed unto Him, in the fullest assurance of faith, I commend my soul into the hands of the ever living and never failing Jesus Christ -

I give and bequeath to my dear beloved daughter Mary Elizabeth and her children the following named negroes with their increase, viz Nettie Harline and her 5 children - Wiley, John, Charles, Francis & Leulin, Liza Jane and her 2 da's Sophia, and Liza Amanda. Also 2 Mules and to the amount of forty dollars, it being part of the value in a third mule, my Waggon harness and all the rest of my property that I may die stand possessed of after paying my just debts not otherwise disposed of in the my last Will & Testament

Now in care of the decease of my daughter Mary Elizabeth and her living on children, I give and bequeath all the above named negroes and property with all the increase thereof to my beloved Brother & Sister John C Russell and Margaret J Scott.

I give and bequeath to Mary my affectionate and beloved wife negro boy Emanuel, my horse Snap, and buggy and my watch during her life, at her death I give and bequeath them to my daughter Mary Elizabeth, and at her death should she leave on children, I give and bequeath the above to my Brother and Sister John C Russell and Margaret J Scott

As to her property which she is possessed of by gift from her father, I wish her to receive it all

I appoint and authorize my Brother John C Russell to act as Executor of this my last Will and Testament

I also appoint and authorize him to act as guardian of my daughter Mary Elizabeth and to do and act as guardian in all matters lawful & respecting her and her property

M. C. Russell *(Seal)*

This will was written by the testator own request and desire, and

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in his presence, signed sealed and delivered at his last residence or
residence in Madison County and state of Mississippi before us sitting
on the 12th day of April in the year of our Lord 1859

signed } J. P. George Seal
 } J. W. McCulloch Seal

State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court July Term 1859

Be it remembered that a certain instrument of
writing dated the 15th day of April A. D. 1859 and attested by J. P.
George and J. W. McCulloch and purporting to be the last Will
& Testament of Martin C. Russell dec'd. having been presented
for Probate at the present term of this Court and the said
J. P. George and J. W. McCulloch attesting witnesses thereat
having appeared in open Court and being duly sworn stated
that they saw the testator M. C. Russell on the said 15th day of April
A. D. 1859 sign seal publish and declare as and to be his true
original last Will & Testament, and that they each of them signed
said instrument at the request and in the presence of the said testator
and in the presence of each other, and that each of them was present
when the said testator signed sealed and published the same.

And the said witnesses further testified that the said testator
was at the time of signing sealing and delivering said instrument
a resident citizen of Madison County and over twenty one
year of age and of sound mind disposing mind and memory
at the day and date thereof.

Therefore the premises being fully consid-
ered by the Court, it is ordered adjudged and decreed that
said instrument be established as the true original last Will &
Testament of the said Martin C. Russell dec'd. and that the same be
admitted to Probate and recorded as the true original last
Will & Testament of the said Martin C. Russell deceased.

Renunciation of Mary J. Russell widow, of Martin
& Russell dec'd. of the provisions of the Will of her said husband
dec'd.

I, Mary J. Russell widow of Martin C.
Russell deceased late of the County of Madison State of
Mississippi do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any
bequest or devise made to me by the last Will of my said
husband, exhibited and proved in the Probate Court of said
County according to law. And I hereby declare to take in
lieu thereof my dower or legal share of the estate of my
said husband.

9th Sept 1859

Mary J. Russell Seal

Will of Wm E Gillespie Dec.

The last Will & Testament of Wm E Gillespie of Madison County Mississippi

Knowing that death is certain and believing that it is the duty of every individual to dispose of his property and effects in such manner as he may think proper and being of sound mind and disposing memory - make and constitute this my last Will & Testament and do hereby revoke and make void all former wills -

First I bequeath unto my brother Thomas H Gillespie all of my property both real and personal and mixed - and do hereby constitute my said brother Thomas H Gillespie Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. And I desire that he the said Thomas H Gillespie shall not be required to give bond security as such executor

Given under my hand and seal at Canton on this 32^d day of June 1848

W E Gillespie *(Seal)*

State of Mississippi } Probate Court thereof
Madison County } Regular October Term 1857

Be it remembered, this day appeared in open Court, Thomas H Gillespie, who exhibited a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of W E Gillespie who died about the 8th of September last in the county of Madison State of Miss^y having at his death all the property described in the (with a small exception) in said county, and the hand writing and signature of which last Will & Testament having been duly sworn to this day as being the true and genuine hand writing & signature of the said W E Gillespie deceased by J B Supper H A H Lawson and H E McAlister, and they having further testified that at the time of writing said will the said testator was of sound and disposing memory, was over than twenty one year of age and that he was at the time of his death, and at the date of the execution of said paper writing a resident citizen of Madison County Miss^y whereupon, it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said paper writing be and the same is hereby established as the original last Will & Testament of the said William E Gillespie dec^d and that the same be admitted to Probate and recorded according to law.

Oct 11th 1857

Jos H Postell *(Seal)*
Judge of Probate of M C

Will of Elizabeth Mary Lee

I Elizabeth Mary Lee wife of Thomas Lee being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament

Item 1 It is my will and desire that after my death that my Body shall be decently buried and that my burial expenses and just debts shall be paid out of my Estate

Item 2 It is my Will and desire that after my death my son Edward Lee should have a negro man named corner about twenty eight years of age that my son James Robert Lee should have a negro man named Cynders about twenty six years of age that my daughter Harriet Louisa Lee should have a negro boy named Sam about sixteen years of age that my daughter Sarah Rebecca Lee should have a negro man named Richard about twenty one years old. That my daughter Ann Maria Caroline Lee should have a negro woman named Anna about twenty four years of age. That my daughter Martha Ann Lee should have a negro woman named Sarah aged about twenty three years. That my daughter Elizabeth Mary Lee should have a negro girl named Catherine aged 22 years. That my daughter Joanna Lee should have a negro boy named Andrew three years of age. That my son Thomas George Lee be paid the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him when my youngest child arrives at the age of fifteen years to pay out of my other Estate if there be that much remaining after payment of my debts and if there be any surplus after paying the said Thomas George Lee to be divided equally among my other children. It is my will and desire that all the negroes here named be valued when my youngest child arrives at the age of fifteen years and the same be divided by the eight Legates first above named in as to effect and equal division in value of said slaves between said Legates and that each Legate whose slave may be of greater value than the five other slaves shall pay to those whose slaves shall be less value until each one receive an equal share in value of said profit. It is my will and desire that all the before named property as well as all other property I may own at the time of my death shall be kept legal for the support and education of said children until twenty one years of age until my said youngest child shall arrive at the age of fifteen years and until all my just debts are paid off and discharged and that neither of said Legates shall be paid off until such period arrives

I hereby appoint Henry C Bennett and Arthur Houghton to carry into effect this my last will testament


In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22 day of October 1851

Do and sealed published and declared

in presence of
Hugh Sanders
David Caldwell
Nathaniel Bealove.

Elizabeth M Lee (E.M.L.)

I Thomas Lee husband of the above named Elizabeth Mary Lee hereby
 Consent and authorize the said Elizabeth Mary Lee to make and for this
 the foregoing will conveying her whole property which she owns in her
 own right. Given under my hand and seal this 22^d day of October 1855
 signed sealed in presence of
 Hugh Sanders
 David Caldwell
 Nathaniel Breaden

Thomas Lee 

I hereby make the appointment of Henry O Bennett as executor and require
 and nominate Andrew Montgomery my sole Executor to execute the
 foregoing last will and testament. and publish this as a signed sealed and
 published this the day of September 1857 in presence of

seal

Will of Mary Eliza Thompson de

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Eliza Thompson of West
 County State of North Carolina daughter of Lewis Thompson
 late of said County deceased do make publish and declare
 this paper writing as my last will and testament in manner
 and form following that is to say.

1st I desire my Executors hereafter named to pay any debt
 I may owe and have unpaid at my death.

2nd I give and devise unto my said executors and their heirs
 the land to which I may be entitled at the death of my Mother
 Mrs Patton but nevertheless upon the following trust and no other
 that is to say. In trust that my said Executors and their heirs
 will loan the use thereof or pay the rents issues and profits thereof
 to my brother Noah H Thompson during his life, but in such
 manner as not to subject the same to the payment of his
 debts or satisfaction of his contracts as I might do were I living
 at the time; giving to my said Executors the power right and
 authority to withhold the said loan or payment from the said
 Noah H Thompson at any time and for as long a time as they may
 think proper so as to make the said Noah H Thompson tenant of
 the same at their will and not to give him a right of action in
 law or equity to sue for and recover the same as if his own right. In
 trust also in case my said Executors or their heirs shall withhold
 the said loan or the payment of the said rents issues and
 profits of the said land from the said Noah H Thompson
 that they will vest the said rents issues and profits of the
 said land for the time that they may so withhold the same
 in personal property and add it to the other personal property which
 they may hold under the will to increase the value or sell the
 bulk thereof. In trust also that at the death of the said

Noah H Thompson, his wife Sarah E Thompson living, my
 said Executor and their heirs will permit his wife the said
 Sarah E Thompson to have the use of the said land and its rents
 issues or profits during her widowhood and in her marriage
 or death the Children of Noah H Thompson by her living, that
 my said Executor or their heirs will convey the said lands in fee
 simple to the said Children the Child or Children of which Children
 if any be dead leaving a Child or Children to take the share
 of descent part. In trust also if the said Noah H Thompson
 survive his present wife and the Children he has had or may
 have by her and marry again and leave a Child or Children
 by his second wife and die leaving such Child or Children
 living that my said Executor will convey the said lands in
 fee simple to said Child or Children his or their Child or
 Children to take the parents share if any of them by dead.
 But in case the said Noah H Thompson survive his present
 wife and all the Children which he has or may have and
 their Child or Children and then die that my said Executor
 and their heirs will convey the said lands in fee simple to
 the Child or Children of my Brother Isaac H Thompson and
 their Children if any of them be dead leaving a Child or
 Children; such Child or Children to the descent part's
 share

3rd I give all the right of my property of which I may die
 possessed or to which I may be entitled at my death, together
 with the rent issues and profits of my land if any should
 arise after my death by reason of withholding the same from
 the said Noah H Thompson as a executor for to my said
 Executor and their heirs Executors and administrators, but
 notwithstanding the following trusts and now other that is to say
 In trust that my said Executor and their heirs will have the use
 thereof or pay the issues or profits thereof to my said brother Noah
 H Thompson during his life in such manner that they may
 not hold the same from him at any time and for as long a
 time as they may think proper nor to make him tenant
 of the said at their will as I might do were I living, at
 the time and so as not to subject the same to the payment
 of his debts or satisfaction of his Contracts nor to give him
 in right of Adm or law or equity to sue for and recover the
 same in his own right. In trust also if the said Noah H Thomp-
 son should die leaving his wife Mrs Sarah E Thompson and his
 or her Child or Children that my said Executor and their heirs will
 convey the said property and its rent issues and profits to the
 said Mrs Sarah E Thompson and said Child or Children shall
 and their heirs; the Child or Children to take and absolute estate
 therein and if any of them be dead leaving a Child or Children
 such Child or Children to take the descent part's share and the
 said Mrs Sarah E Thompson to take an absolute therein for her

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undivided, to go upon her marriage or death to the said Noah
 Thompson Child or Children by her, and to such Child or
 Children Child or Children as aforesaid. In trust also if the
 said Noah Thompson should survive his present wife and all
 his and her Children and these Children and marry again &
 die and leave a Child or Children of the second marriage being
 that any said Executor and their heirs will carry said property
 and its rents issues and profits to said Child or Children and
 if either of them be dead leaving a Child or Children such
 Child or Children to take their deceased parents share. In trust
 also if the said Noah Thompson should survive his present
 wife and his and her Children and also the Children which he
 may have by a second wife and these Child or Children then
 my said Executors and their heirs on the death of the said
 Noah Thompson will convey the said property its rents issues
 and profits to my Brother Lewis W Thompson Child or Children
 and to the Child or Children if any of them be dead the
 Child or Children of the deceased parent to take the parents
 share. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my brother
 Lewis W Thompson and Thomas H Spuler the Brothers of said
 Noah Thompsons Wife Executors of this my last will and
 testament directed them to execute the duties and bequeal herein
 made and to execute the trusts herein declared.

I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal the
 day of March in the year of our Lord 1843

In witness whereof
 and his and her Child or Children I page 2nd time

Signed Sealed published
 and declared by Mary
 Thompson at her last
 will and testament in our
 presence in regard
 as aforesaid being at
 the same time in her
 presence and in the
 presence of each other
 the being of sound mind
 and disposing memory
 William Hurtler
 R H Col
 G W Foster

Mary E Thompson

I Mary E Thompson the testator in the foregoing will do make
 public and declare the following as a Codicil thereto that the
 said will and Codicil taken together constitute and make my
 last will and testament. The Codicil is as follows
 Whereas I have given in the foregoing will certain lands to my

Executor therein named and there heirs but nevertheless upon
the condition trusts therein set forth, now it is upon and subject
to the same trust that I do hereby give and devise unto my said
Executor and there heirs certain other Lands by me ~~possessed~~ ~~owned~~
since the date of the said will, namely all the ~~lands~~ ~~possessions~~
held by me under execution of Jno Sumner Sheriff of Bertie County
and conveyed to me by his deed dated may 8th 1803

In Witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and
affixed my seal this 10th day of August 1843
Signed sealed published and declared by Mary E Thompson
by Mary E Thompson as a declared to her
last Will and testament in our presence
and in the presence of each other she
being of sound ~~disposing~~ ~~mind~~
J. H. Fuller
W. A. Turner
Thomas H. Fuller

State of North Carolina } Court November term 1835
Bertie County }

The foregoing paper reading together
with the Codicil attached were together affixed on the last will
and testament of Mary E Thompson deceased. The execution of
the will was proved by the oath of R. W. Ca one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto he also proved that William H. Hunter another
of the subscribing witnesses was dead that he had seen the said
William Hunter will and that his signature was in his hand
writing and that he the undersigned the said William Hunter and
Thomas Turner the other subscribing witness all signed the said
paper writing in the presence of the testator and in presence of each
other and that she was of sound mind proved that he was well
acquainted with the hand writing of Thomas Turner and that his
signature was in the proper hand writing of said Turner
The executor of the Codicil was proved by the oaths of Thomas H. Fuller
and William Gray one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Tho H
Fuller also proved that Thomas H. Fuller and William H. Turner
are both dead and that the signatures are in their proper
hand writing. W. Gray and Thomas H. Fuller proved that
they undersigned signed the said Codicil in the presence of the
testator and that she was of sound and disposing mind
Judgment of the Court that the said will and Codicil together
admitted to probate as the last will and testament of Mary E
Thompson and that the same be recorded

Wm P. Parley Clerk

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } To William Parley Clerk of the County
of Bertie and State of North Carolina Greeting
Know ye that trusting to your fidelity, Completing and executing

we have appointed you Commissioner and by their presence do hereby vest and authorize you to examine upon oath or affirmation, to be by you administered R. H. Co. Thos as A. Fuller William Gray and Joseph B. Cherry, subscribing witness to this instrument of writing here annexed purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Elizabeth Thompson deceased now depending in the Probate Court of the County of Madison State of North Carolina for probate; to specially require the said witness to answer and state distinctly upon oath or affirmation administered to the interrogatories accompanying this Commission and to sign and distinctly set down in writing and certify under your hand and seal their answers and answers to said interrogatories and to return the same to our said Court together with the writ and writing annexed enclosed

Seal

Witness the Hon. Joseph B. Pottle, Judge of the Probate in and for said County
The second Monday in June A. D. 1859
and seal of said Court

Issued the 21st day of June 1859

George Wood Clerk

The State of North Carolina
Bible Court

By virtue of the foregoing Commission to me directed I have caused to come before me the Witness herein named to wit R. H. Co. who proved that he signed said original paper as a witness in the presence of said Mary Elizabeth Thompson and at her request and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses William Austin and Thomas Turner and that they signed the same in his presence and each of said Witnesses signed the same in presence of each other and that said testator signed the same in presence of said Witnesses and that she was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the of attestation. That William A. Spiller is dead and his second writing to said will is genuine that Thomas Turner is dead and that his signature to said will is genuine and it was proved by Joseph B. Cherry that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of Thomas Turner and that his signature to said will is in the proper hand writing of said Thomas Turner and it was also proved by Thomas H. Leflore and William Gray two of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil to said Will that they signed said Codicil at the request and in the presence of said Mary Elizabeth Thompson and in the presence of each other and the other subscribing witnesses and that they and that they also signed the same in presence of us and of each other and that the said Thomas B. Spiller and William A. Turner are both dead that their signatures to said Codicil is genuine and that the testator was at the time of said attestation of sound and disposing mind and memory

In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 13th day of August A. D. 1859

William P. Shultz Commissioner Seal

In the matter of the Probate of the last will and Testament of Mary & Thaddeus deceased

This Cause comes on to be heard at term of the Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the deposition a subscribing witness to said will R. A. Cox a citizen of the State of North Carolina taken before Wm. P. Husley a Commissioner appointed by the Court for the purpose that he the said Cox signed said will as a witness thereto in the presence of said Mary & Thaddeus and at the request and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses William Hauler and Thomas Turner signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and that said testator signed said will in the presence of said Cox Hauler & Turner and that she was of sound and disposing mind & memory at the time of her signing and publishing said will and was twenty one years of age and it further appearing that William Hauler and Thomas Turner jointly citizens of North Carolina and witnesses to said will are dead and that their signatures in names to said will were made by themselves and are genuine. And it further appearing by the deposition of Thomas H. Speller and William H. Speller citizens of North Carolina two of the subscribing witnesses to the said will that they signed said will at the request and in the presence of said Mary & Thaddeus and in the presence of each other and the other subscribing witnesses and that the signatures of the R. Speller and W. A. Turner the other subscribing witnesses to said will are citizens of North Carolina who are dead were made by their selves and are genuine and that the said testator at the time of attesting and publishing said will and publishing said will was twenty one years of age and therefore ordered and adjudged and decreed that said will and testament be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Mary & Thaddeus and that the same be set aside to Probate and be recorded. Ordered and adjudged and decreed this 14th day of September 1855
 J. H. Vestal Judge Clerk

Will of George Collins deceased

State of Mississippi
Madison County In the name of God Amen

I George Collins of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament revoking all prior Wills.
 Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my dear beloved wife Sarah for & during her natural life the following slaves James Elias Washington Ludo, Charles and Venus, the said slaves to be held used and engaged during life, and after her death the same to be divided as herein after provided I also give her four miles five Cows and Calves and twenty

22d day of probate Court June 1866 and died of
Hilton 5th in Book B 177

read of black hogs, to be selected by her self from my plantation and
also all my household and kitchen furniture. I also give and stand
to my wife during her natural life the N^W 1/4 and S^W 1/4 of Section 34
above the N^W 1/2 of Section 33 and N^W 1/2 of N^W 1/4 of Same Section 33 all in
Township 11 Range 4 East containing 300 hundred and forty acres more
or less, the above property except the slaves and land, to be disposed of
as she please and unless of right of disposition by will or otherwise
shall attend to any execution or years resulting therefrom but the
land and slaves and income of the slaves shall belong to my said
wife only during her natural life the estate in remainder being disposed
of in other clauses of this will

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my Executor shall sometime
during the year 1873 sell in a parcel of twelve months the West
half of North West quarter of Section 18 and North East quarter of
Section 15 the South East quarter of Section 16 and West half of
South West quarter of Section 11 Township 10 Range four East
and also all that portion of the East half of S^W 1/4 of T¹⁰ R⁴ E¹ East
that lies West of Hunter Creek supposed to be about 10 acres more
or less in all forty hundred and nearly acres more or less all being
in Township 10 Range four East and that the proceeds of said
sale be paid over to the children of my dear and Stephen and
if they both be then dead it is my will and desire that the
proceeds of said sale be equally divided between my daughter, and
Bell Miller James Collins and the trustee of James J. Collins here-
inafter named, and that the trust going to said trustee be subject to
the trusts and limitations hereafter mentioned to the heirs
& issue hereafter named to said trustee and if either of my
children Josiah Bell Joseph or James be dead then the trustee
of said James shall be to secure the purpose that the deceased
child is to secure the purpose that the deceased parent would have
been entitled to

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Josiah Bell the wife of
James Miller the following slaves Selma Bell Henry Harriet Mary
Anthony Luke Margaret & her child Bet Nelson & Charles and I also
desire to her all that portion of my land not already disposed of and
that lies on the west side of the public road running through
my plantation

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Josephine the following
slaves Adam Saml Webster Catherine Ed Buchanan Esther Pomer Wm
& Marshall and I also desire unto her all my land in section
34 & section 35 in Township 11 Range 4 East at the death of her mother
they being the same lands a life estate in which is her before given to my
wife

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto A. P. Hill of Executor in Trust for my
son James J. Collins the following slaves Jim Lee John Hardy Eliza Peter
Ellen Saml Jim Dinah and her child and I desire unto said
Hill in Trust as aforesaid for my said son James J. Collins all that portion of my land not already
disposed of and that lies on the west side of the main Public Road leading through my
plantation

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and it is my will and desire that all the foregoing slaves and bonds
bequeathed and devised in said Will in Trust for said James J Collins
shall be held by said Will in Trust free from all debts now existing against
said James J free from all liabilities growing out of any past Contract of
said James J Collins of any and every nature whatsoever either individual
or as a member of the late firm of J Collins & Co or of any other firm it being
my will and desire that neither said property or its revenues nor its proceeds
and gains shall be liable for any past Contracts or liabilities of said
James J Collins but that the same may be charged by the said firm with
any future debts Contracts by him after my death.

It is further my wish and desire that all past liabilities of said
James J Collins shall cease to exist either by payment or operation of
law then and not tell them about the legal title said and said
James J Collins & to the property intended for his benefit as in the
Will.

Item 6th It is my will and desire that Sarah Bell Mellen Josephine
Collins & A P Hill Trustee for J J Collins shall each pay annually one
hundred Dollars for the use of my grand children Julia an lawful
daughter of my son Stephen for their education and support the first
payment to be made on the first day of January after my
death and annually thereafter on each first day of January until
the sale of the lands provided for in the 2nd of this will but on
the event of their death of my said grand children this annual payment
of one hundred dollars shall cease and it is my will & desire that
the annual payment herein provided for shall constitute a charge
on the property herein bequeathed & devised to each of the three abovesaid
legates.

Item 7th It is my will and desire that the slaves bequeathed in Item 1
to my wife during her life shall at her death be equally divided
between Sarah Bell Mellen and Josephine Collins and the said A P Hill
the portion falling to said Hill being for the trust and purposes specified
in item 3.

Item 8th I have desired that all the property now owned by me and not
specifically disposed of in the will, or all the property owned by me at the
time of my death and not specifically disposed of in this will shall be
sold by the Executors as soon after my death as practicable on a credit of
twelve months and the proceeds of sale after discharging my debts
against my estate shall be equally divided between said Bell Mellen
Josephine Collins & said Hill Trustee the portion going to said Trustee being
subject to will the trust & limitations set forth in Item 3.

Item 9th It is hereby expressly directed that Commissioners shall be
appointed by the Probate Court to appraise at just & proper valuation
the slave specifically bequeathed to Sarah Bell Mellen Josephine Collins
and A P Hill Trustee for J J Collins and that said appraisers are to equalize
the share of each of said legates that the difference in the value of one
or more lots shall be made up to him or her by the other legates whose
lots exceed the average value. This provision however shall not apply to
the Heirs.