

Attested by R. C. Smith J. M. Priestley
and C. S. Priestley in the presence of the tes-
tator and in the presence of each of the
said subscribing witnesses & done at the
request of the said testator, who signed and
sealed this will in our presence, as his last
Will and Testament on the day of the date of the
Witnesses; R. C. Smith
C. S. Priestley
J. M. Priestley

Witness


State of Mississippi } Last Will and Testament Russell Moore
Madison County } In the name of God, Amen - I, Russell Moore
of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind memory and un-
derstanding, do make publish and declare this Last Will and Testament
in form following, to wit; I give my body to the dust, and my soul
to God who gave it - my property or worldly estate, I dispose of as fol-
lows;

Item 1st I appoint my son William Singleten Guardian of the persons
and estate of the minor children of my deceased son Joseph, to wit;
Mary, Joseph and William Singleten, and that he shall have
full power to act in said capacity as Guardian without giving Bond
and security.

Item 2nd I appoint Francis Singleten, wife of my son William Sin-
gleten Guardian of the persons and Estates of my son Singleten, and
that she shall have full power to act in said capacity as Guardian
without giving Bond and security and at the death of my said
son Singleten, she shall inherit the estate bequeathed to my said
son Singleten.

Item 3rd It is my desire that whatever personal property I may
have shall be divided by my children as they may agree except a Gray
Mule, which I give to my son James Singleten.

Item 4th I desire that my real estate lying and being in the
County of Madison to wit - The lot to ~~104~~ Section 30 township 11 Range
5 East containing thirty one and one fourth acres - Lot to 2 Sec-
tion 31 township 11 Range 5 East, containing Eighty acres - Lots 1 and
5 Section 31 township 11 Range 5 East, containing one hundred and
two acres - in all two hundred and Eighty acres - shall be equally divided
between my children as follows; They to select two men and they two
selected one to call in a third man, who shall divide the land into
five and one half lots equalizing the value of said lots - after which
William Singleten is to have one share, Clarke Singleten one share -
James Singleten one share - William Singleten guardian of my de-
ceased son Joseph's Children one share - and Francis Singleten Guardian
of my son Singleten one half share and Archie Singleten One share -
It is my desire that my estate be thus disposed of ^{and that} without
going into the Chancery Court any further than Probating this
Will. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

seal this 24th day of November AD 1879 Russell ^{his} Moore 

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, who at the request of the testator signed the same as witnesses thereto.

Saml. Mitten
H. A. Mayruder

Filed Febr 10th 1880
Admitted to Probate Febr 10th 1880

Last Will and Testament

of
Mrs Margaret L. Johnstone

Filed April 7th AD 1880

I Margaret L. Johnstone of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, in full possession of my faculties do ordain the following to be my last Will and testament -

- I That all my just debts be paid with as little delay as may consistent with the interest of my estate.
 - II That Geo. C. Harris of Memphis in the State of Tennessee & Wm. S. Mitten of the County of Sharkey and State of Mississippi be and they are hereby appointed Executors without Bond of this my last Will and Testament, and Decree that Letters be issued to them without their being required to give Bond.
 - III. After the payment of my just Debts, I direct that all my estate, real and personal, be divided equally between my two daughters Fannie A. Mitten of Sharkey County Miss and Helen S. J. Harris of Memphis Tennessee.
- I Given this 15th day of March 1880
M. L. Johnstone

Signed by Witness in the presence of the testator (Margaret L. Johnstone) and in the presence of each other.

J. D. Saunders
M. L. W. Parsons
Wm. S. Mitten

Admitted to Probate April 12th 1880 - See Clerk's Minute Book "A" page 249
Wm. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will and Testament of John Robinson
Filed January 27th 1880

I John Robinson of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament.

- 1st I wish my debts all paid and they are few.
- 2nd As my first children, by first marriage, will be amply provided for by maternal inheritance, I see no reason to give them any part of the little property remaining to me, therefore
- 4th I give and bequeath to my wife Mary, during her life, all the real and personal property I may own at my death, and at her death it is to descend to my youngest son Herschel.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of July A.D. 1879
John Robinson

Witness.

Admitted to probate April 12th 1880. See Clerks Minute Book Page 250.
Miss R. Daily Clerk

Last Will and Testament of W^m J. Dubany, deceased.

Filed April 21st 1880. Received April 28th 1880.

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } I know all men by these presents that I W^m J. Dubany of the County of Madison & State aforesaid being non of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last Will and Testament -

- 1st I will be buried at my family grave yard beside my two former companions and room left on my right side for my beloved wife Louisa C. Dubany to be buried if she should desire to be buried at my side.
- 2nd I will be buried in a plain new Mahogany Coffin well dressed and put together and then varnished with red paint.
- 3rd I will not be buried until I have been dead three days if the weather is cold, if warm, not before decomposition begins.
- 4th I will all of my just debts to be paid, and all of the property to be held and worked together until paid.
- 5th I will to my beloved wife Louisa C. Dubany a negro boy Allen aged some twenty two years in her own right.
- 6th I will to my daughter Georgiana Catting, fifteen hundred dollars worth of negroes which is to be taken from Manning & Nats Family at valuation.
- 7th I will to son W^m P. Dubany fifteen hundred dollars worth of negroes which is to be taken from Manning and Nats family at valuation.
- 8th I claim under the Will of my first companion, Margaret H. Dubany the balance of Manning & Nats Family, also a negro

girl named Emeline as these negroes were purchased and paid for with my own money, but held in her name.

9th I will to my son John W. Sulamy, Henry a boy some sixteen years of age in his own right.

10th I will to my daughter Margaret St. Sulamy her nurse Peggy and five hundred dollars in her own right.

11th I will to my unborn infant if it should live a girl named Mahala in her own right.

12th I will the balance of my personal property as well as my real estate to be equally divided between my beloved wife Luramy Chulamy and all of my children, all drawing equally.

13th I will that my daughter Georgiana Catchings account to the other heirs for the property she has already received.

14th I will if my beloved wife Luramy Chulamy should wish to own any portion of my property that I have bequeathed her, I wish it to be her own property.

15th I do hereby appoint Luramy Chulamy my beloved wife and Maria W. Catchings executors to this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this fourteenth day of January Eighteen Hundred and Sixty one
J. W. Sulamy (seal)
Test: Mark M. Garsway
J. B. Horn

Admitted to probate April 27th 1880, See Clerk's Minute Book "A" page.

Last Will and Testament of Samuel C. Cochran Deceased
Filed April 1880

Being of sound mind and memory I do hereby make this my last Will and Testament revoking all others.

Item First I do hereby Will and bequeath to my daughter Maria F. Cochran the Insurance on my life in the Knights and Ladies of Honor, which Insurance calls for one thousand dollars, and I appoint my wife Patti Cochran as the trustee of said fund, who I hereby authorize and empower to collect said fund for my daughter from said Knights and Ladies of Honor.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 16th day February A.D. 1880

S. C. Cochran (seal)
Attested by R. C. Smith at the request of the Testator and in his presence
Witnesses R. C. Smith
Mary A. Coe

Last Will and Testament of Hugh W. Lawson deceased } Filed Dec 19th at 1879
Recorded May 31st at 1880

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } I, H. W. Lawson, being of sound
mind and body, do make and ordain this my last will and testa-
ment, that is that my mother Mary V. Paily is to have and to
hold all the property of which I am now possessed both real and
personal, and to have all the emoluments and benefits accruing there-
from during her natural life, and then at her death the property to go
to my sister Emma L. Paily and to the Children of Mary V. Paily my
sister now deceased, the former wife of George A. Pearn now a
resident of Dallas Texas, but a former resident of the City of Canton
Madison County State of Mississippi. And it is my will that
my mother Mary V. Paily is to have all the property of which I
am now possessed or which may accrue hereafter to me in any way
at any time - that is, to hold during her life time, then to be dis-
posed of as I have directed. In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of August 1876
Witness
H. W. Lawson Seal
N. M. Vance Seal
M. M. Watson Seal

Last Will and Testament of Joseph G. Brown deceased
Filed the 15th day of May A.D. 1880
Recorded the 13th day July A.D. 1880

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } In the name of God Amen
I Joseph G. Brown
the County and State aforesaid being at present in good health
of body and mind about to enter the service of the Confederate
States of America and being aware of the uncertainty of life and
my desires of disposing of my worldly estate do make publick
and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament to wit,
1st In the event of my death before my return from the war I
commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth
whence it came. Item 2nd In case of my death I will and
desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of
my estate as soon as the same can be conveniently done
Item 3rd I will and desire that all the rest and residue of my
estate of every kind Character and description be equally divided between
My Sister Susan G. Smith and my Brother James Laudan Brown
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 15th day of May A.D. 1880
Witness
Joseph G. Brown Seal
M. M. Watson Seal
N. M. Vance Seal

manner chosen as not to exceed her distribution share of said negroes, the negroes so selected by her to be valued by Commissioners appointed by the Probate Court, or selected by the parties interested and the portion of my Estate allotted to each of said parties to be their separate property to be owned, controlled, enjoyed or disposed of by them respectively as they may think proper
 Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother James Laudon Jr. Executor of this my last Will and Testament, as witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May A.D. 1862. Joseph G. Brown

Witness
 John J. Cameron
 Robt. J. Clark
 N. J. Taylor

Last Will and Testament of Nancy R. Adams dec'd

In the name of God Amen, I Nancy R. Adams of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi being of sound mind & disposing Mind and memory, do publish and declare this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all wills & testaments made by me. And first I commit my soul to God who gave it, My mortal Estate I dispose of as follows
 Item 1st I give to my daughter Georgia Adams Name Adams & to my son J. B. Adams & to my son H. J. Adams jointly the dwelling in which I now reside, together with the contents necessarily belonging thereto, provided nevertheless that should my daughter Georgia & H. J. Adams marry then and in that event all their rights & title & interest in said dwelling & contents shall cease on the day of their marriage & shall revert to Name Adams & J. B. Adams jointly.
 Item 2nd I give to my daughter Georgia Adams my Piano
 Item 3rd I give to my daughter Georgia Adams and to my daughter Name Adams and to my son J. B. Adams and to my son H. J. Adams jointly the following lands to wit Lots 5-11-12- in Sec 10. Lots 5-6- in Sec 19. & the 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Twp 6, acres off of the South Side in Sec 20 and all in Township 11. R. 5. E. N. 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the Twp & the 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Sec 17 & the NW 1/4 of the E 1/2 of Twp 6, acres off of the South Side all in Township 11. R. 5. E. Lot 2. West of the Choctaw boundary line in Sec 17. Lots 1-2 West the Choctaw boundary line in Sec 17. & the NW 1/4 of the Choctaw boundary line in Sec 17. all in Township 11. R. 5. E. containing

Estimation 945 acres, together with all the appurtenances
and hereditaments therunto belonging, at the death of my
Dear H Adams the above described property shall
descend to his bodily heirs, and should he survive the
issue of his body and their descendants should their
issue then the above property described shall descend to
his heirs according to the laws of descent in this State

All the land enumerated in the Appendix items
above in and situated in the County of Madison State
of Mississippi. I hereby declare and appoint my son
H F Adams of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi
Executor of this my last Will & Testament and desire that
no bond shall be required of him.

In Witness whereof I the said Nancy R
Adams have set my hand & seal this the 9th day of
October A.D. 1880.

Nancy R Adams Seal

Signed sealed published and declared the above named
Nancy R Adams as her last Will and Testament
in presence of us, who at her request, in presence of each
other, have subscribed our names as witnesses

J. J. Peair
James Peair
Kumila Peair

Last Will and Testament of Mary A. Baldwin.

Made Jan 2nd A.D. 1875.

Recorded April 15th 1881

The last Will and Testament of Mary A. Baldwin of
Madison County State of Mississippi.

I Mary A. Baldwin of said County &
State being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
contemplating the uncertainty of human life and desiring to make
disposition of the property real and personal and mixed of
which I am possessed or entitled to do hereby make and ordain
as my last will and testament as follows to wit

First My will and desire is that my property be distributed, as
follows to my son William A. Baldwin, one half of the following
described tract or parcel of land to wit E 1/2 of E 1/2 of N 1/2 of Sec
4 and E 1/2 of E 1/2 of S 1/2 of Sec 27 all in Township 10
Range 4 East, containing by Estimation Seven Hundred & twenty
acres, lying and being in said County & State, it being a
part of my real estate. This real estate, together with what
personal property I may bequeath to my son W. A. Baldwin

shall remain in trust in the hands of Owen G. Baldwin my
 Executor herein after named, and hereby appointed trustee for
 my son W^m A. Baldwin and shall be held by said trustee free
 from and not subject to any debt or debts or contract of my son
 W^m A. Baldwin to have and to hold in trust as trustee
 for my son W^m A. Baldwin or despise of it whenever he may
 deem fit to the interest of my son W^m A. Baldwin and execute
 titles to the same and hold the proceeds arising from the sale
 in his hands and give it, or a portion of it to my son
 W^m A. Baldwin as he Owen G. Baldwin trustee may think
 or as he may actually need it for a support, Secondly
 My will and desire is that the other half of the above described
 tract or parcel of land I now bequeath to my daughter
 Pallas J. Macfarlane, wife of Archaus Macfarlane, and it
 shall remain in trust in the hands of Owen G. Baldwin
 hereby constituted and appointed trustee for my daughter
 Pallas J. Macfarlane and shall be kept by said trustee free
 and not subject to any debt or debts or contract of
 my daughter Pallas J. Macfarlane, to have and to
 hold in trust as trustee for my daughter Pallas J.
 Macfarlane, or despise of it whenever he the said
 trustee may deem it to the interest of my daughter
 Pallas J. Macfarlane, and execute titles to the same
 and hold the proceeds arising from the sale, in his hands,
 and give it or a portion of it to my daughter Pallas
 J. Macfarlane, as he Owen G. Baldwin trustee may think

4. Thirdly, My will and desire is that all
 of my Household and Kitchen furniture except my
 silver ware which has been divided heretofore between my
 children shall be distributed as follows, to my son
 Andrew J. Baldwin one half, and to my son
 William A. Baldwin the other half

Fourthly, My will and desire is that
 the remainder of my property both real and personal
 shall be sold at public auction at some suitable
 place, after due notice being given by posting in three
 public places in the County, and the proceeds be applied
 and distributed as follows, first after my burial expenses have
 been paid, then the remainder be divided equally between
 my legal heirs namely Owen G. Baldwin Anne E. Son
 Pallas J. Macfarlane W^m A. Baldwin and Andrew J. Baldwin

Fifthly - My will and desire is that if Pallas J.
 Macfarlane should die, without leaving any heirs of
 her body, or if she should die leaving an heir, and that
 heir should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years
 then what property I have hereby bequeathed to her and left
 in trust, in the hands of Owen G. Baldwin as trustee for
 her shall revert to my legal heirs

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Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
son Owen B. Baldwin as Executor of this my last will
and testament, and I direct that he shall and
may execute the trust and act herein in all
things that I have hereby entrusted to him without
being required to give or execute a bond, with securities for
the same, and have nothing to do with the Courts of the
County except to record this my last will and
testament, and for which he shall not exact any
commissions.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal in the
presence of the subscribing witnesses hereunto, who at my
request, are in my presence and in the presence of each
other have subscribed the execution hereof this 2^d day
of October Anno Domini 1873.

Mary A. Baldwin

Signed sealed and executed by the testatrix above
named in the presence of the undersigned, who at her
request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each
other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
at the date therein stated.

David H. Day
Wm. H. Joyner
Jno. C. Pitchford

Last Will and Testament

Jane Rowland

Dated April 4th 1881.

In the name of God amen, I Jane Rowland of the
County of Madison, State of Mississippi being of sound mind
and sound body and knowing the uncertainty of life and
certainty of death do make and publish this my last
will and testament.

Item 1st I wish my body to have Christian
burial, and all my funeral expenses paid.

Item 2nd That for the love and
affection I bear my dear beloved husband David Christopher
Rowland, who has been kind to me I do give and
bequeath unto the said David Christopher Rowland his
heirs and assigns all property of which I may be possessed
both real and personal including all property which
I am or may be entitled to by inheritance or otherwise
both real and personal in fee simple absolute with full
powers wherof Jane Rowland the testatrix have to this my will written
on one part of paper set my hand and affixed my seal

(the 31th) Thursday day of October A.D. 1873

Jane Rowland. *(Seal)*

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Jane Rowland, as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

Witness W^m A. Hester *(Seal)*
P^r Benj. *(Seal)*
P^r H. Palmer *(Seal)*

Last Will and Testament of Thomas G. Steen.

Dated Jan^y 29th 1881

State of Mississippi
Madison County

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas G. Steen of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament revoking all previous testamentary dispositions made by me.

1st My funeral and testamentary expenses and those of my last illness I direct to be paid first and promptly, and then my other just debts for that purpose I direct first the application of all my personal property, not herein specifically devised and next of required pecuniary bequests, next other bequests of personal property and last the real estate.

2nd All provisions on hand at the time of my death are to be consumed by my family and on my plantation without being touched by my executor or executrix.

3rd I give and devise to my wife Eliza Ann Steen for and during the period of her natural life my plantation situated in said County and State as "Big Black" now containing three hundred and sixty six acres, also all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation stock vehicles and utensils of all kind, which may be on or about the premises at the date of my death.

4th At the decease of my wife I direct that the real and personal property, devised to her for her life in the next preceding item, are to descend and belong to my sons Thomas G. Steen Jr and Lucy Melark Steen and my daughter G. Steen, Mary E. Faulkner wife of Edward Faulkner, Margaret A. Steen and Lucy Steen as tenants in common of the Real Estate and joint and equal tenants of the personal property until the youngest child has arrived at the age of twenty one years.

5th I direct that my executor

or Executor shall at the death of wife, keep all the Stock, Furniture, Farming implements on my said plantation at the time of death if practicable together on the said plantation and use the same together with the plantation for the common and equal benefit of the above mentioned heirs.

6th I direct that when the youngest living child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years and my wife then be dead there shall be a public sale of all the personal property, then on said plantation, that the sale shall be to the highest bidder and for cash and the proceeds of the sale, shall be divided by my Executor or Executors equally among the heirs herein before mentioned or such of them as are living at that time.

7th In addition to the sale of the personal property I direct that at the same time or as soon thereafter as possible the real Estate be sold provided the same sell for fifteen dollars per acre in cash, and the proceeds be divided in like manner as directed for the personal Estate, but if the real Estate shall not bring that price then I direct that the same be mortgaged by my heirs for their common benefit as joint and equal interest therein in common.

8th I declare myself indebted to my son Drey Stewart Steen in the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and interest thereon from the 1st day of January, 1870, and I direct that my Executor or Executors shall pay to him or his assigns at the age of Twenty one years the said sum of One Hundred Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum from the 1st of January, 1870, and the said interest to be compounded annually, and I bind my entire Estate with the payment of this legacy.

9th I direct that should my daughter Mary E. Faulknerly die before the general division herein before directed I then direct in what event the portion of the proceeds of the Estate deemed to her shall be equally divided among my other Children mentioned by name in article 4th or the survivors of them and my Executors shall pay to Edward Faulknerly the sum of Five Dollars.

10th I direct that at the general division herein directed my Executor or Executors pay to Artemesia Steen widow of my son W. J. Steen deceased the sum of One Dollar.

11th I nominate and appoint my wife Eliza Steen Executrix of this my last Will & Testament and direct that bond or security be not required of her.

12th In the event of the death of my wife previous to the final division of the Estate I nominate

my daughter to J. Steen as his successor, and in the event of the death of my said daughter I nominate my son Thomas to Steen Jr as her successor, and direct that she the said daughter shall be required to give good and sufficient bonds and security for the performance of this duty.

Signed sealed by me with my name and seal this 4th day of February 1871

J. C. Steen Seal

Signed sealed and published by the Testator as his last will and testament in my presence at his request and in the presence of each other and by us

Witnessed on the day of this date being

J. M. Anderson

W. B. Thompson

J. H. Baughman

Last Will and Testament

Asa Coleman of the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi
 This 10th day of November A.D. 1880.
 Recorded June 11th A.D. 1881.

First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid,

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son A. H. Coleman the following described lands to wit: The north east and south east quarter of Section thirty five, Township two Range three east, containing three hundred and twenty acres more or less, including the dwelling house, situated on said land, wherein I now reside and which I now occupy, with the outbuildings, yard and garden with the privileges and appurtenances belonging to the said household and kitchen furniture, stock of every description which at my decease may be in or about or on my homestead; but this devise and bequest are subject to the conditions that my wife Mary A. Coleman be permitted during her life to use manage and enjoy and control the same as to her may seem best for herself and son the said A. H. Coleman and at the decease of my said wife Mary A. Coleman then and thereupon the realty and personalty in this item devised and bequeathed to her for life are to belong to my said son A. H. Coleman,

I nominate and appoint my son A. H. Coleman Executor of this my last will, of this I require no security In witness whereof I have signed sealed and

published and declared this instrument as my will, this the 8th day of May A.D. 1873.

Asa Coleman (Seal)

The said Asa Coleman on said day signed and sealed this instrument, and published and declared the same as his and for his last will, And we at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

J. C. Richards (Seal)
E. J. Davis (Seal)
William Ford (Seal)

Last Will and Testament

R. E. Wylie, deceased

Died May 16th 1881
Recorded June 12th 1881

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }
March 14th 1881 }

In case of my death I hereby will and bequeath to my surviving widow the sum of Five dollars All the residue of my Estate, real and personal I give to my beloved daughter Eugenia E. Wylie, hereby appointing her my Executrix with seizure of my Entire estate,
Gave and signed this the 14th day of March 1881

Witness
Wm Buskin
W. J. Coleman
J. H. McKay,

R. E. Wylie (Seal)

Filed for Record June 12th 1881

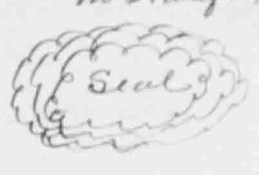
Last Will and Testament of Mary E. Hill deceased.

Halifax County; In the Probate Court, }
State of North Carolina, }

To all whom these Presents come - Greeting.
It being satisfactorily proved to the undersigned Judge of Probate for Halifax County that Mary E. Hill late of said County is dead having made her last will and testament (which has been admitted to probate (a true copy whereof is hereunto annexed) and Henry Bonds the Executor named therein having qualified as such according to law, Now therefore we therefore to empower the said executor to enter in and upon all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased and the same to take into possession whosoever found, and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay and satisfy and the residue of said estate to distribute according to the directions of said Will. Witness my hand and seal of said Court this the 12th day of May 1881 John Gregory Probate Judge



State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court,
 Halifax County } I John Gregory clerk of the superior court
 in and for the said county and State aforesaid
 do hereby certify that the within is a full, true, and perfect copy
 of the last testamentary issue to Henry Bond, Executor of the last
 will and testament of Mary Estice late of the County of Halifax deceased
 as the same appears of Record in my office, dated 12th day of May AD 1881.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my
 name, and affixed my official seal at Office
 in Halifax town this the 2nd day of June AD 1881



John Gregory Clerk
 of the Superior Court, & Ex Off.
 Probate Judge of Halifax County
 North Carolina -

Enfield July 9th 1880

State of North Carolina } I Mary Estice of the town of Enfield being
 Halifax County } in sound mind and desirous to settle my
 worldly affairs do make and publish this my last will and testament
 To Mary L Bond wife of my beloved brother Henry Bond I give and
 bequeath all my interest in the real estate and personal property of
 any and every kind whatsoever which I may die possessed of her heirs
 and assigns forever, I do nominate and appoint my brother Henry
 Bond Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
 9th July 1880

Witness
 E J Branch
 L G Estes,

Mary Estice (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court, 12th May 1881
 Halifax County }

A paper writing purporting to be the last
 will and testament of Mary Estice, late of Halifax County deceased
 is exhibited for probate in open court by Henry Bond the executor
 therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Mary Estice is
 proved by the oath and examination of E J Branch and L G Estes,
 the subscribing witnesses thereto, It is therefore considered by the Court
 that the said paper writing, and every part thereof is the last will
 and testament of the said Mary Estice deceased and it is adjudged
 by the Court, that the same is sufficient to pass both real and personal
 property, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed;
 And thereupon the said Henry Bond Executor as aforesaid, duly
 qualified as such by taking and subscribing the oath required
 by law,

John Gregory
 Clerk Superior Court & Probate Judge

611 State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
Halifax County

I Jno T Gregory Clerk of the Superior Court and Ex Officio Judge of Probate in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a full and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Mary Estlin deceased and of the Probate thereof, as the same appears of Record in my office. In testimony whereof I have herewith signed my name and affixed the seal of said Superior Court, at Office in Halifax town this the 13th day of May A.D. 1881



Jno T. Gregory
Clerk of Superior Court and
Ex Officio Judge of Probate
Halifax County, N.C.

State of North Carolina

At Chambers,

I W M Shipp one of the Judges of the Superior Court in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that John T Gregory whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate is now and was when he subscribed the same Clerk of the Superior Court and Ex Officio Judge of Probate in and for the County of Halifax and State aforesaid, duly elected and qualified and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such and that his attestation is in due form

Given under my hand at Chambers
this the 31st day of May A.D. 1881,

W M Shipp
Judge Superior Court

Last Will and Testament of James T Bledsoe, dec'd

State of Mississippi }
Madison County

I James T Bledsoe being of sound and disposing mind and in full possession of all my mental faculties do make this my last will and testament viz, I hereby bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Bledsoe all my property, real and personal property, goods and chattels, in a word all and everything I possess to have and to hold as her own and to be disposed of or retained as please her. In testimony whereof, I have this day 19th day of October A.D. 1880 set my hand and seal

James T Bledsoe 

Witness
J H Bledsoe
C W O'Leary

Last Will and Testament of James Simpson deceased

In the name of God amen: I James Simpson of Madison County Mississippi do make and ordain, this my last will and testament, revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made to wit:

For and in consideration of the love and affection I have for my children I give and bequest to Sarah Jane Jones his and and Lydia Ward and her heirs the following descental real estate to be equally divided according to quality and quantity to wit: The West half of the South west quarter of Section one Township 11 Range 11 east, NE 1/4 of Sec 2, 3/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 10, E 1/2 of NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec 11, N 1/2 NW 1/4 + N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 12, N 1/2 NE 1/4 + N 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 13, all in Township 11 Range 11 east, and 3/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 35, Township 12 Range 11 east, I desire and wish that all my personal property, money and notes and claims due me, and a tract of land in Ashley County Arkansas, shall be sold, and proceeds equally divided between the heirs of Robt W Simpson dec'd, Sarah J Jones his and Lydia E Ward's heirs, and Jester Moore and her heirs, I hereby appoint and constitute J W Jones John L F Moore and James P Ward executors of this my last will and testament to settle up my affairs as directed in this will, I wish and desire that this will be recorded, and no security be required of my Executors nor do I require them to make any settlement with the Court, only with the heirs.

Given under my hand and seal the 6th day of May A D 1880.

James Simpson (Seal)

Signed stated and delivered in the presence of the testator and delivered in the presence of each other as witnesses, and at his request the day and year above written,

M. J. Smith
William Pennington
Wm Riley

Filed for Record August 18th 1881
Recorded Sept 10th 1881.

Last Will and Testament of W. M. Scott, deceased,

Filed October 21st @ 8 1881

I, W. M. Scott of the County of La Fayette and State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament

After the payment of all my just debts, it is my Will and desire that all my estate real and personal shall be distributed as follows,

- 1st— I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary A. Adair Two Thousand dollars in money, and the following lands situated in Madison County State of Mississippi
Viz: E $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 11 T 10 R 5 east,
- 2^d— I give devise and bequeath to my sons Fergus R., John C. and Joseph W., all of the other lands owned by me in the Counties of Madison and Leake, State of Mississippi to be divided equally in quantity and value between them, except however the lands held by me in trust for the heirs of my brother S. G. Scott, which lands were at the request of my brother's heirs, conveyed to me for the purpose of more conveniently selling and disposing of them, these lands so excepted out of this will, are the following; the place in Madison County known as the J. P. George place, purchased by me when sold under a deed in Trust in favor of said heirs, at a sale made by William Brock assignee in Bankruptcy of the estate of said J. P. George, to which Brock made me a Deed on the 8th day of November 1869, 190 acres of this tract have been sold to Alford Boyd and a balance of the purchase money is still due, which when collected is to be paid over to the heirs of said S. G. Scott, the other tract is situated in Leake County, Mississippi and was purchased by me at a sale made by the Administrators of Martin Carsons estate to secure a debt due by said estate to the estate of my said brother S. G. Scott, the deed to which was made on the 21st day of April 1866 should I not succeed of disposing of these lands during my life, I authorize and empower my executors hereinafter named, to execute a Quit Claim deed, to these lands to the heirs of S. G. Scott, if they should desire it,
- 3rd— I give and bequeath to my son Fergus R. Three Thousand dollars and to my sons John C., and Joseph W. Four Thousand dollars each, and to my daughter Mabel M. Five Thousand five hundred,
- 4th— I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret J. Three Thousand Five hundred dollars, and the plantation on which I reside near Oxford Mississippi, including all Lots or parcels of land owned by me adjoining the same, the plantation, and the proceeds and profits to be used and enjoyed by her during her life, and at her death it shall descend to and be the

property of my daughter Mabel M., but should the said Mabel M., die before she becomes of age, or without issue of her body, then at the death of my wife Margaret J. said plantation shall descend to and become the property of my three sons Fergus R., John L. and Joseph H., or to such of them as may survive their mother and their sister Mabel M., I also give and bequeath to my wife Margaret J. all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description, and all the stock of every kind on the place where I reside except my riding horses, which I give to my son Fergus R. and I also give to my wife all the products of the farm on which I reside that may be on hand at the time of my death.

5th— It is my will and desire that should any one of my sons die before he or they become of age, that his or their share or interest in the lands in Madison and Tall Counties Mississippi devised and bequeathed to them under this Will, shall descend to and become the property of the surviving brother or brothers,

6th— In case of any of my children should die before they become of age or marry, It is my will and desire that the pecuniary legacies given to them in this will, as well as any interest or share they may receive in the residue in my hands at my death shall be equally divided between my children or the survivors of them, and my wife Margaret J.

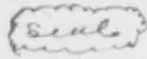
7th— It is my will and desire that all the real and personal estate of which I may die seized and possessed, and not heretofore disposed of in this will shall descend to and be equally divided between my children or the survivors of them, and my wife Margaret J.

8th— It is my wish and desire that my daughter Mabel M. be kept at home and educated, and that my sons John L. and Joseph H., stay with their mother, and attend college until they graduate if their health will permit them to do so; and in all matters pertaining to the home plantation they are to assist their mother, and they are also to assist her in raising and educating their sister Mabel M., and if my wife should die then in that event, I leave my daughter Mabel M. in the special care and charge of her three brothers or such of them as may be then living,

9th— It is my wish and desire, and I do direct, that the Executors hereinafter named shall keep the legacies of Mabel M., John L., and Joseph H., invested in bonds of the United States Government, and appropriate the interest thereof to their support, and education; and deliver said Bonds or their proceeds to them as soon as they become of age respectively,

10th— I appoint and constitute my beloved wife Margaret J. and my son Fergus R. Scott, Executors and Executor

of this my last will and testament,
Witness my Hand and seal this the 16th day of October 1878

L. W. Scott 

Erasures and interlineations made before signing, signed by the testator L. W. Scott in our presence and declared by him to be his Will, and signed by us as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other.

J. R. Hill
J. C. Lane
J. W. Phipps

State of Mississippi } In the Chancery Court of said County
La Fayette County } In Vacation,

Personally appeared before me Thomas H. Brown clerk of the Chancery Court of the County and State aforesaid J. R. Hill, Saml. C. Lane and J. W. Phipps subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Cochran W. Scott, late of said County deceased, bearing date the 16th day of October 1878 who having first being duly sworn depose and said that said L. W. Scott, 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 twenty one 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

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this the 15th
day of April 1881

Saml. C. Lane -
J. W. Phipps
J. R. Hill

T. H. Brown Clerk.

Endorsed and filed April 15th 1881.

T. H. Brown Clerk.

State of Mississippi } ss
La Fayette County } I, T. H. Brown Clerk of the Chancery Court of La Fayette County, Mississippi do hereby certify that the within and foregoing 6 pages contain a true and correct transcript of the Will of L. W. Scott deceased as it appears on file in my Office.

Witness my hand and official seal of said Court this 14th day of Oct 1881.

T. H. Brown CLK -



In the matter of a certain Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of W^m Scott deceased.

At Rules in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of La Fayette County Mississippi 1st Monday of May 1881,
Upon reading and filing duly verified of Mrs M J Scott and F R Scott for probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last will and testament of W^m Scott deceased late resident of this County, and for letters testamentary thereupon, and on taking and reading the testimony of Geo R Hill, Saml W Law, and Jell Phipps subscribing witnesses thereto, the clerk after hearing all and singular the proofs and allegations, adduced, preferred and submitted and maturely considered the same, being now satisfied that instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last will and testament of said W^m Scott, deceased, and that the said W^m Scott was on the day of the date of said Will, that is to say on the 16th day of October 1878, of lawful age to devise, and of sound disposing mind, memory, and understanding, and of right in law, entitled to make said will. It is therefore, considered, ordered adjudged and decreed, that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate, and recorded as the true and original last will and testament of the said W^m Scott, deceased, and it is further, considered, ordered and decreed on motion of the said Mrs M J Scott and F R Scott, that letters testamentary of said last will and testament be granted to them the said Mrs M J Scott and F R Scott on their taking the oath prescribed by the Statute, and entering into bond in the sum of Twenty five Dollars and no more, with Thomas D Seom, and Henry S Brinn as the sureties,

Ordered adjudged and decreed at Rules this 2nd day of March 1881

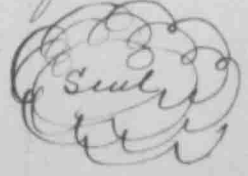
J H Brown Clerk

State of Mississippi } ss. Chancery Court,
La Fayette County }

I J H Brown Clerk of said Court in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the within and foregoing contain a true and perfect transcript of the Order of the Probate of the last will and testament of W^m Scott deceased as it appears or record and on file in my office,

Witness my Hand and Official seal of said Court this the 14th day of Oct 1881

J H Brown Clerk



Last Will and testament of J. G. Shippen

I James Gray Shippen of the city of Canton, state of Mississippi do here declare this to be my last Will and testament.

I give and bequeath to J. H. Weatherly the pistol that I wore when shot, I give and bequeath to Mike Russell my two muzzle loaded guns, and to J. Gray Russell, son of said Mike Russell my Gold watch upon the face of which my name is engraved.

I give and bequeath to Emma Walker wife of W. C. Walker my diamond ring, one small double cased gold watch,

To J. H. Weatherly my silver cuff Buttons

To Mike Russell my Gold monogrammed cuff buttons.

To W. C. Walker all my other cuff Buttons, and all my shirt studs.

To Mike Russell my breast pin.

To Mrs Emma Walker my long watch chain

To J. Gray Russell my short watch chain

I give and bequeath to Mike Russell all my wearing apparel of every description, and all my furniture beds, bedding &c.

I wish my buggy, mare, and brack hounding gun sold by my executors

I give and bequeath to J. H. Weatherly my violin, and to Mike Russell my Banjo.

I desire that the proceeds of my policy in the Knights and Ladies of Honor No 210, for \$1000.00 shall be applied as follows, any provisions of said policy to the contrary notwithstanding - to wit, to the expenses of my last sickness, including doctors bills and funeral expenses, The residue of the proceeds of said policy to be applied to the erection of a monument over my grave, by my executors and to the purchase of a burial lot in the New Cemetery at Canton.

I hereby appoint J. H. Weatherly and Mike Russell
Executors of this my last will and testament.

J. G. Shippen

Signed by J. G. Shippen in the presence
of us, and in the presence of each
other, he declaring the same to be his
last will and testament, after having
the same fully read to him in our
presence, this November 10th 1881,

Sylvester Corwin

Wm Handy.

F B Pratt.

Last will and Testament of E. Moore

In the name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Malinda Moore of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being in good health and of sound mind, by the favor of God but mindful of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and being desirous that my worldly possessions shall after my decease be distributed among my children in such manner as shall be right and just do ordain this as my last will and testament,

I give my body to the dust from whence it came and my spirit to almighty God in whom I trust through the merits of my crucified Redeemer,

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Catharine Florence Moore Simpson the following described land in the county and state before mentioned viz: $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec 32, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 33, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 33, all in Township 12 Range 4 east with this condition however precedent that she my said daughter Catharine shall first pay to my son John the sum of Three hundred dollars in trust for the benefit of my granddaughter Fanny Holcomb or to my said grand daughter herself after she shall have become of age if not paid before, and I desire it to be distinctly understood that the land which I give to my said daughter Catharine is bound for the payment of said money whosoever my said grand daughter shall become of age if not previously paid.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Josiah Malinda Moore Stebbins the following described land all in the county and state before mentioned viz $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ all in Section 33, Township 12 Range 4 east, But this land is given with the same conditions precedent, and is bound in the same manner as the land which I bequeath to my daughter Catharine for the payment of Three hundred dollars to my grand daughter Fanny Holcomb,

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved granddaughter Fanny Holcomb six hundred dollars one half of which is to be paid by my daughter Catharine, and one half by my daughter Josiah in the manner before mentioned, I also give and bequeath to my said granddaughter, my own bed and bed clothing which I am accustomed to use myself, and one of my best cows,

Item, I also give and bequeath to my daughter Josiah Malinda Stebbins all the rest of the stocks of horses, cattle or of any kind that I may be possessed of at the time of my death together with all my household furniture and kitchen furniture and all my beds, except the one that I give to my grand daughter Fanny Holcomb

The foregoing constitutes all my worldly possessions, and I desire it to be understood that the reason that I have given nothing to my beloved sons John D. Moore, and William Holcomb is because they received their portions out of their Fathers estate which owing to the losses, incident to the late war, my daughter before mentioned never received, Nor have I given anything to the descendants of my deceased daughter Rachel Jane Moore Leathery, Nancy Eliza Moore Latimer and Mary Fleming Moore Simpson because my daughters in their lifetime received their portions out of their fathers estate, which my younger daughters Catharine and Josiah never did.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal on this the fifth day of December A D One Thousand

eight hundred and seventy four, and in the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereunto annexed,

Witnesses

E. H. Stebbins

J. S. Simpson

John A. Fleming

E. H. Moore (Seal)

Filed 3rd day of March A.D. 1879

Recorded March 18th A.D. 1882

The Last Will and Testament of Eliza Y
Singleton Wife of Otho R. Singleton Decd

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my husband Otho R. Singleton should he survive me, all my property of every description, real personal and mixed, to use and dispose of as he shall think proper, except as herein after stated.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my brother John S. Gandell four hundred dollars (\$400-) to my brother William M. Gandell & Henry V. Gandell, and to my sister Susan J. Handy and Emma V. Fogle, each one hundred and fifty dollars, all to be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable.

Item 3^d Should I survive my said husband I give and bequeath to my said brother John S. Gandell one half interest in my house & lot in Canton bought of Thos. G. Littleton, and the other half of said house and lot, in equal parts to said sisters Susan J. Handy and Emma V. Fogle and said brother Wm. M. and Henry V. Gandell or to the heirs of any of them who may be deceased; the said house and lot being property belonging to me independent of my said husband.


Item 4th The rest of my property of every kind and description in case I survive my said husband I give and bequeath to R. H. Singleton and Thos. J. Singleton sons of my said husband and Kate S. Smith daughter of my said husband in equal parts, and should any one of them be dead then to the heirs of their body, or there being no heirs to the survivor or survivors of my said husband's children, named above.

The property under this item being so bequeathed, because devised from gift devised, or deced from my said husband, and therefore intended by me to go to his said children, or the heirs of their bodies.

Item 5th I have by constitute and appoint my said husband Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament without bond or security as such Executor.

In Witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 31st day of May A.D. 1882

Eliza Y. Singleton 

The above was acknowledged by Eliza Y. Singleton to be her last will & testament, and signed by her in our presence, and by us witnessed in the presence of each other this 31st day of May 1882 at the request of the said Eliza Y. Singleton

George Harvey
W. J. Masby
J. C. Russell

I hereby give my full consent that my wife Eliza Y. Singleton shall make the above or any other as her last will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of May 1882

O. R. Singleton

Filed June 19th A.D. 1882

Recorded July 3rd A.D. 1882

Last Will and Testament of William Rutland, dec'd

In the name of God, amen, I William Rutland of the County of Attala, State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make, publish, and declare this my last will, and testament in forms following to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul to God, who gives it; my property, or realty estate I dispose of as follows:

Item 1st. My will is that all my just debts, and funeral charges, shall be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease, as shall by my wife be found convenient,

Item 2nd. I give to my wife Sarah A. Rutland the plantation I now reside on for the sole use and benefit of herself and my children during her life time, or so long as she shall remain unmarried, and my widow, with remainder thereof on her decease or marriage to my children, and their heirs respectively, share, and share alike,

Item 3. I give to my said wife all my stock, wagons, and teams, buggy, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture on said plantation and all other personal property not mentioned,


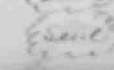
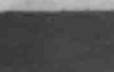
Item 4th. I will that my watch shall remain in my family as a time piece,

William Rutland.

Signed, sealed and delivered published and declared in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, who at the request of the testator, signed the same as witnesses hereunto, this the 5th day of March A.D. 1870 -

Filed July 12th 1879

Recorded Aug 7th 1882

E. Gerdtz 
D. P. Caldwell 
B. B. Almon 

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Braunagan do

In the name of God, Amen, I, Elizabeth Braunagan of the City of Canton, County of Madison & State of Mississippi being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in form following to wit,

Item 1st It is my desire and request, that a certain house & lot be sold by my Executor for Cash to pay my debts, funeral expenses legacies &c which said house & lot is my individual property, and which is more fully described as follows; Being bounded on the north by a lot owned by the heirs of Mrs Blackstone, West by a Street running north & south, south by lot owned by the late Mrs Hodson my daughter, East by Cameron Street,

Item 2nd I desire that Dr Seames be paid for Medical Attendance on myself, and my late daughter Mrs Hodson,

Item 3rd I desire that Caswell & Baughin be paid for Medicines furnished by them for myself and late daughter,

Item 4th I give to my oldest Son John Braunagan Five Dollars.

Item 5th I give to my Son James Braunagan Ten Dollars,

Item 6th I give to the Rev. P. Mustangh Twelve Dollars.

Item 7th After paying all my debts and expenses I give the residue of the proceeds of sale of said house and lot to my Son Patrick Braunagan the said proceeds, however, to be held by my Executor until said Patrick Braunagan arrives at the age of Twenty one years.

Item 8th I give to my son Patrick Braunagan the house & lot I now occupy & all the furniture, said house to be rented by my Executor and the proceeds to be paid to my son Patrick Braunagan as soon as collected.

Item 9th I appoint my friend John Whelan of said City, County and State, Executor of this my last will and testament, and no bond or security to be required of him.

Elizabeth ^{her} ~~mark~~ Braunagan

Witness John Kelly
Witness P. Peyton

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other who at the request of the Testator signed the same as witnesses thereto.
this July, 17th 1872 A.D.

P. Peyton
John Kelly
John Whelan

Filed Oct 2nd AD 1882 }
Recorded Oct 9th AD 1882 }

Last Will and Testament of Adolphus Brown dec'd.

Canonville, June 25th 1882

I Adolphus Brown of Canton County of Missouri State of Missouri being of sound mind memory and understanding do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in form following to wit:

1. I hereby nominate and appoint Henry Lord now residing in Canton Miss. my legal Administrator and Executor to carry out the provisions of this my last Will and Testament without being required by any Court to give bond and without being required to account to any Court.

2. Said Henry Lord is hereby authorized to settle up my business after my death liquidate my debts and collect outstanding accounts also collect the different amounts due me by the various estates to which I belonged, and distribute the same in the following manner:

3. To pay to Jacoby Valentin in Rastock Mecklenburg Schwin Germany Two Thousand dollars (\$2000⁰⁰) in case of his death the same shall go to his two daughters Mrs Rosa Hensch and Annie Valentin

4. To pay to Mrs Rosa Hensch now residing in Leipzig Germany One Thousand dollars (\$1000⁰⁰)—

5. To pay to Annie Valentin now in Rastock with her portion One Thousand dollars (\$1000⁰⁰)—

6. The balance of the money collected as insurance money or otherwise and also such as may be on hand, I leave to Henry Lord for the benefit of his unmarried daughters, and also those who may be married at the time to be divided among them equally, Henry Lord to carry out this without giving bond to any Court.

7. All my personal or real property I leave to Henry Lord to dispose of as he thinks best for the benefit of his daughters with the request to send one of my watches and chain to Mrs. Worthen Jacoby Valentin in Rastock Europe.

Written and signed by my own hand this 25th day of June 1882

Adolphus Brown

Filed Oct 20th A.D. 1882 }
Recorded Nov. 9th A.D. 1882 }

623 Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth V Hargen decd.

I Elizabeth Virginia Hargen of Canton Mississippi, declare this to be my last will & Testament.

I wish all my debts paid in full.

I give devise & bequeath to my children, Mary Ellen Emory, Julia E Hargen, Sarah W Hargen, Catharine C Hargen, Josephine R Hargen & Jaannah J Hargen all my Estate, personal & mixed - share & share alike.

I hereby direct & authorize my Executor to carry out & complete the sale of the "Repari land" so called, I have contracted for the sale of the same to one Owens, I wish the Contract as made by me with said Owens to be carried out by my Executor & he is hereby authorized to make proper deed of conveyance of same without the order or interposition of any Court.

I wish no inventory taken by my Executor of my household furniture, clothing & jewelry, but I wish the same to be divided after my death among my children as they may agree, assisted ~~by~~ advised by my Executor, except my gold watch which I wish sold.

I hereby appoint John Kelly Executor of this will & direct that he be required by the Chancery Court to give no bond & such Executor.

July 7 - 1883.

Elizabeth V Hargen

By J. B. Pratt

Signed by J. B. Pratt for Elizabeth V Hargen at her request in her presence & in the presence of us & declared by said Elizabeth V Hargen to be her last will & testament & we at her request & in her presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses this 7th day of July 1883 - The Erasure of 7 lines on the first page & the interline of the words "I wish sold" on the 2^d page was before signing

S. Croten

C. S. Priestley

Filed July 10th A.D. 1883

Recorded July 23rd A.D. 1883

Last Will and Testament of A. H. Hardy, Decd. 624

I, A. H. Hardy, of the City of Canton, Madison County, in the State of Mississippi, in order to make such a disposition of my property, rights and effects as I deem necessary and proper for the protection and welfare of those of my children and my wife, who will be most needy, after my death, do hereby make and declare this as my last will and testament, as follows, to-wit:

First. I give, bequeath and devise to my dear wife Susan W. Hardy, all my property, real, personal and mixed of every kind and description, now belonging or hereafter to accrue, to me, to be held and enjoyed by her, for the maintenance, support and comfort of herself, and of my daughters, Mary, Susan and Malinda at her discretion, and during her natural life; and after her death, said property and rights shall go and belong to my said three daughters, equally.

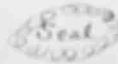
Second. I desire that my dear wife shall act in the use of the property hereby disposed of, and in the maintenance of my said daughters, during her life, upon consultation and advice with my executors herein after named; and I also hereby give her power, upon such consultation and advice with my executors and if deemed to the best interest and advantage of my said daughters, to sell and dispose of any part of my said property, by transfer deed or assignment, to be signed or executed by her and them jointly, or by the survivors of said executors, if it shall be deemed by her and them or the survivors of them, necessary and advisable, to make any such disposition of any of my property or rights as aforesaid, and I give the like power of disposition of any of my property or rights, which may remain undisposed of after my wife's death, to my executors or the survivors of them to be exercised by them or him for the best interest and equal advantage of my said three daughters, in their judgment and discretion. (The intention on the first page is made by me before signature.)

Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons George Hardy and Charles Hardy, of said City, the executors of this my last will and testament, to act as such without giving any bond or security for the execution of the duties hereby required of them.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal, at Canton aforesaid, to this instrument, which is wholly written by me and in my own hand writing, and is signed by my own hand, as authorized by the law of this State, without the attestation of any witness, this 15th day of October Anno Domini Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Seven

Signed -

A. H. Hardy

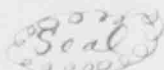


Codicil

I, A H Handy named in the above last will and testament do hereby make this present Codicil to said will, which I hereby order & direct shall be taken as and for a part of said last will and testament, and which will, together with this Codicil, I do hereby ratify and establish and confirm, to be and constitute my last will and testament to all intents and purposes, whereas, since the making of the above written disposition of my property, my daughter Susan has become married; I do, therefore, hereby alter & change the provisions of the above will as to my said daughter Susan, so that my said daughter shall be omitted from the provisions of the above will in her behalf, and the provisions above stated of said will, shall go and belong solely to the use and benefit of my daughters Mary and Matilda equally.

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, at Canton to this Codicil, which is wholly made, written and subscribed by me and in my own hand writing and is signed and sealed in my own hand writing, as authorized by the law of this State, without the attestation of any witness, this 12th day of July Anno Domini 1887, at my residence in Canton aforesaid

(Signed)

A H Handy Filed October 1st AD 1883Recorded October 3rd AD 1883

Last Will and Testament of Silas Brown Barnes dec'd.

I, Silas Brown Barnes of Madison County Mississippi do hereby declare this to be my last will & testament

I wish all my just debts paid in full.

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Amanda Barnes the sum of Ten Dollars, I make no other provisions for her for the reason that she has forsaken my bed & board.

I give bequeath & devise to my children by my first marriage, Narcissa Barnes, Joseph Barnabus Barnes & Sally Barnes, my home & land in Madison County where I now reside, together with all the household furniture & other personal property that may be thereon at the time of my death and all the personal property that may be in my possession at the time of my death,

I give & bequeath the money that may be realized from all Insurance policies upon my life, to my three children above named & to Percy Barnes my youngest child share & share alike. In the event that any of said children should die before me then the share of

Said Insurance coming to said deceased child under the above provisions shall be divided equally among the surviving children. In the event that any of my children should die unmarried & before arriving at age of twenty one years then & in that event the share of money or property bequeathed herein to such child shall be equally divided among my surviving children. I appoint

of this my will. I appoint the Chauncery Clerk of Madison County Mississippi Guardian of my children I direct my Executor & the Guardian of my children to consult with J.B. Pratt Attorney at Law of Canton upon all legal matters concerning this will & the settlement of my estate as there are many matters that I have explained to him concerning the same which cannot be embraced in this will.

Signed this 13th day of August 1883

S. B. Barnes

Signed by the above named S. B. Barnes in our presence & declared by him to be his last will & testament and we at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses

A. J. Champion
J. B. Pratt

Last Will and Testament of J. M. Anderson Sr Decd

Know all men by these presents that I, J. M. Anderson Sr in the name of God, and in view of the uncertainty of life, being of a sound, and disposing mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all others.

I hereby give and bequeath unto my wife Mary V Anderson all my estate, real, personal & mixed that I may die possessed of, To-wit; One House and Lot on the West Side of Union Street, Situated in the City of Canton and State of Mississippi, being in size 100 feet front by 100 feet back this being the same property now occupied by me as a place of residence together with all the appurtenances therunto belonging, the household & kitchen furniture and every other thing that is upon said place belonging to me.

I further give & bequeath to my said wife the benefits arising from my Insurance in the Knights of Honor under policy No 17387. Also in the Odd Fellows Benevolent Society under policy No 1794. I further give and bequeath unto my said wife all my right title and interest in and to my one half interest in the mercantile firm of J. M. Anderson & Co in the City of Canton. It is my desire that immediately

627 after my death, or as soon thereafter as possible and account
of stock shall be taken of the entire amount of stock then
on hand - and a full statement rendered of the assets & liabilities
of said firm, It is my desire that the business of said firm be
closed up as soon as possible without an actual sacrifice
of said interest, should however my wife be able to dispose of
her interest as hereby bequeathed in the firm of J.M. Anderson
& Co. by a sale in bulk to my partner Mr. J.M. Anderson Jr
or in any other way, she is at perfect liberty to do so, I
wish it distinctly understood that if I have omitted any thing in
the above recital that I possess now or may possess at my death
& give and bequeath that also to my said wife.

I further hereby appoint my wife Mary V. Anderson the
sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and
it is my earnest desire that she shall not be required to give
any bond upon taking charge of my estate, but that she
be untrammelled and free from any and all bonds usually
required by the Courts, and that she at once upon my
death assume the control and management of said estate
in her own right.

In testimony of the above I hereunto set my hand & seal this
the 5th day of October 1883

Witness

J.M. Anderson Sr



Signed in the presence of the
testator at his instance and request and
in the presence of each other

W. J. Mosby

J. M. Baldwin

Filed November 5th 1883

Last Will and Testament of John Warf Dec^d
In the name of God Amen! I John Warf of Madison County
Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind and memory,
do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and
testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First - I direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executor
hereinafter named as soon after my death as may by them be
found convenient, and for the purpose of paying my said debts I
hereby authorize and empower my said Executor hereinafter named
to sell at either public or private sale at their option the following
described Real Estate situated in said County and State to-wit;
N¹/₂ of N¹/₄ Sec 11 and the N¹/₄ of the N¹/₄ of Sec 11 and the S¹/₄
of the S¹/₄ Sec 2. T. 9. R. 2 East and apply the proceeds arising from such
sale to the payment of my said debts.

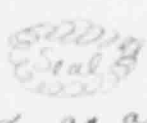
Second - I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary
Warf the following described Real Estate situated in said County
and State Viz; S¹/₄ and E¹/₂ S¹/₄ and the S¹/₂ of N¹/₄ and the

SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 all in Sec 11, T. 9, R. 2 East about 360 acres of land more or less, also a strip or parcel of land 30 feet wide, by whole length from East to West of Sec 12 running across said Section from East to West at the South end of the NW of Sec 12, T. 9, R. 2 East, together with all and singular the tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging including the dwelling house now occupied by us as a Homestead, also all of my household and kitchen furniture, also all of my stock of every description consisting of horses, mules, cows, calves, hogs, sheep &c, together with all my farming implements and corn and fodder and oats and in short all of my personal property goods chattels, notes or other evidences of debt.

Third, - I give to my Grand Daughter Mary Weatherby my Piano now in my parlor at my homestead.

Fourth, - I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife Mary Jane Warf and my Son-in-law George Weatherby my Executors to execute the provisions of this will, having full faith and confidence in my said Executors I don't wish them to go to the unnecessary trouble and expense of executing Bonds nor do I wish them to charge any Commissions for administering on my Estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December A.D. 1877

John Warf 

Signed, Sealed and published by the testator John Warf 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 thereof

Witnesses

George Harvey
R. E. Jones
Thos A Phillips
Singleton Garrett

Filed this 23rd day of March A.D. 1877
E. S. Jiffney Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Susan G Smith Decd.

I Susan G Smith of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being now of a sound mind and good understanding do promulgate and intend this instrument of writing as my last Will and Testament - To my daughter Eugenia G Griffin I give and bequeath my undivided one third interest in and to the following lands situate in the County and State above mentioned viz 1/2 SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 & 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 7 and NW 1/4 Section 17 and N 1/2 E 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 18 and all in Township 9 Range 5 East - To my son Jas Laydon Brown I give my marble top wash stand, and to my Grand daughter Anla Griffin I give my large top Bedstead, bed and the appurtenances thereto belonging. And to my husband P. M. Smith I give

and bequeath all other property of every kind and nature of which I may be now possessed, to have or dispose of as he may see proper. In testimony of all of which I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal on this the 23rd day of September A.D. 1882

Susan G. Smith [Seal]

We the undersigned hereby certify that the testatrix Susan G. Smith did acknowledge the above instrument of writing to be her last will and testament before us and that she signed and sealed the same in our presence as such, and that we also sign our names to this Certificate as witnesses to the same and in presence of each other on the day and date written therein

A. Chichester
J. C. Joyner
John C. Pitchford

Filed for record Dec. 3rd 1883
W. O. Baldwin Clerk

Last Will and Testament of J. H. Weatherby dec'd

In view of the uncertainty of life, I H. Weatherby of Madison County, Mississippi, being of sound mind & memory, do make this my last will & testament.

Item 1st I desire all my just debts paid,

Item 2nd I hereby bequeath to my beloved wife M. J. Weatherby, all my real Estate in the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi consisting of the Livery Stable, and residence & Lot now owned & occupied by me in the City of Canton & lying on Peace Street also the farm lying near the city of Canton, together with all of my personal property, Stock monies & accounts or other evidences of indebtedness, having & excepting the One Thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars hereinafter bequeathed to my Sister-in-Law Mary L. Carson

Item 3rd I bequeath to Mary L. Carson, the Sister of my beloved wife & for years a member of our household the sum of (\$1000⁰⁰) One Thousand Dollars to be paid to her by my said wife M. J. Weatherby.

Item 4th I hereby appoint my beloved wife M. J. Weatherby, Executor of my last will & testament without bond, or security & request that she do & discharge all the acts under this instrument as she best sees fit, as I have full confidence in her judgment in all things. To this end, I have herein desired & expressed that she shall be fully empowered to manage or dispose of all property herein mentioned as may be suitable or satisfactory to her. I request of my wife that so long as her Sister, Mary L. Carson shall remain with her & our children; that

She shall Consider her said Sister, as heretofore, a member of our Common family household, I desire that my said wife take the following policies to wit; the policy in the Knights of Honor, the same in the Knights & Ladies of Honor, the same in the Knights of Pythias & the same in the Iron Hall & Collect same without bond to wear as aforesaid for the benefit & behoof of herself & our children

Signed & Sealed in our presence
this 28th of Dec. 1883 -
attest C.S. Ward
S Cratin
L N Kiser

J.H. Weatherly

Filed Jan'y 14th 1884
W.C. Bledsoe clk
By A.N. Coleman D.C.

Last Will and Testament of John W. Dancy, Decd.

In the name of God Amen:
I John W. Dancy being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made

I direct that all my just debts including funeral expenses and the expenses of administration be paid by my Executors.

I bequeath to my uncle W.E. Dancy, the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid out of any monies belonging to my Estate.

I bequeath and devise to my step daughter Mrs. Ella Dancy the tract of land heretofore purchased by me in Madison County from Low and Mattritchard or either of them to have and to hold to herself and her heirs forever.

I bequeath to my step daughter Ella the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid her out of any monies belonging to my Estate.

I bequeath to my well beloved wife Crook Dancy, the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid her out of any monies belonging to my Estate.

I devise and bequeath all the residue of my Estate both real and personal to my well beloved child Mary Dancy and her heirs forever.

I appoint Robt. Powell and Charlie Priestley the Executors of this my last will and testament. I also appoint Charlie Priestley and Robt Powell the Guardians of the person and Estate of my daughter Mary Dancy.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 14th day of January A.D. 1884
J.W. Dancy

Signed by the said testator John Dancy as and for

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his last will and testament in the presence of us who
at his request in his sight and presence, and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our names as
attesting witnesses. This 14th January AD 1884

George Handy
J. D. Priestley
E. D. Wood
R. E. Jones

Filed May 22nd 1884
W. O. Baldwin Clerk

Last Will and testament of Geo Ann Howell, deceased,

Made and signed June 23rd 1882, I Geo Ann Howell do this day
will all things to Isaac Turner signed viz. one feather bed + one store
mattress + two pillows + one China Churn + one picture called Prince of
monaco + one card cling to the Jews, + two cushions + one set of raised + two cups
and saucers, one chair, one shut one table, two quilts + one glass lamp one
pair of slippers, three neckties + two small silver spoons + one a large one,
four salt crickets, one glass molasses pot, two Gunging baskets, one soap
dish, one tin Basket one cloth rack, one brass Kettle + one for Irons,

Witness
Isaac Turner
Thomas Turner

Geo A Howell

Filed April 7th 1884,
W. O. Baldwin Clerk,

Last Will and Testament of A. C. Crabb deceased.

In the name of God Amen.

I A. C. Crabb knowing the uncertainty of life, and
sound mind, do hereby declare this to be my last will +
testament.

Item 1st I wish all my debts to be paid and funeral expenses
Item 2nd. I bequeath to my wife and children all my stock
my two mules, and all my Cattle.

Item 3rd. I will and bequeath my plantation on which I live, +
the Luckett place, containing Forty acres, which I inherited
from Washington Crabb, all lying and being in Madison County
also all my house hold, and kitchen furniture, to wife
Crabb and my two children Andrew and Ida Crabb. I wish my
to have charge of all my business, and to be assisted by James H. Porter Jr

In testimony whereof I have set my hand this the 11th May 1884

A. C. Crabb
his
mark

Witness
R. E. Jones
Geo. H. Porter
Allen H. Dickson

Madison Co }
 Mississippi } The foregoing last will & testament was signed in the
 presence of the undersigned a Justice of the Peace
 of the aforesaid County by A. C. Crabb on this the 11th day of May
 1850

S. J. Nicholson J. P.

Filed May 31st 1850
 W. C. Baldwin Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Thomas De Norman dead.

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Norman of the County of Madison
 and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory; and considering
 the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do hereby make, publish
 and declare, this to be my last will and testament; That is to say, First after
 all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate real and
 personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:
 To my beloved mother Violetta Ann May Norman the following described land
 lying and being in the County of Madison State of Mississippi, the North half of
 Lot 2 less 3 chains, The N^o of lot 1 less three chains in Sec 7, also the S^o of S^o
 of lot 6, west of the road, and that portion of N^o of S^o of lot 6 lying south of the
 road in section 6, also the S^o of lot 3 in Sec 8, all in T^o 10 R^o 25 E, Section 1 I make
 constitute and appoint D. E. Norman to be Executor of this my last will and
 testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal
 the 11th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred
 and Eighty four.

T. D. Norman Test

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Thomas Norman
 in our presence, and he at the same time published and declared the
 above instrument to be his last will and testament, and
 we at the Testator's request, and in his presence, have signed our names
 as witnesses hereunto, and written opposite our names our respective places of
 residence

John T. Cratis Madison County
 Patrick McGowan "
 Michael Coffey Mad Co Miss

Filed for Record July 15th 1851
 Recorded July 15th 1851.
 W. C. Baldwin
 Clerk

Last will and testament of Emeline Mc Neal deceased -

Know all men by these presents, that I Emeline Mc Neal do hereby will
 and convey my three and four acre lot lying in Sharon and all the things
 July 15th 1851

house furniture, except one feather bed, and one lounge, the bed to remain to
 Coff's daughter Gusty Birtie, and Elly Coff, all the remaining part to be given
 to Martha DePaul, and the stock also to remain in her possession so long as she
 wishes to remain on the place, but if she desires to sell it, then it must be sold
 and the proceeds equally divided with aforesaid heirs, and with Elly Coff
 but the furniture, and stock is hers as long as she lives, but in case of death
 all pass into the hands of the aforesaid heirs, the remaining land, the remaining land
 lying around or in Shivers to be sold at any time after the DePaul stock last
 and divided equally with all the aforesaid heirs and Elly Coff
 Martha will draw a full share in the land, also the share in Martha DePaul
 as long as she lives to give to,

Emeline DePaul

The will in case
 of death, or to sell
 in case she needed
 the proceeds -

Emeline DePaul,

Filed for Record March 2nd 1855. at 11 AM, Recorded March 7th 1855
 W. C. Bellman Clerk

Last will and testament of } Filed for Record to produce file June 16th 1855 -
 Joseph E. Lane dead } Recorded June 17th 1855 -
 Last Will and testament of Joseph E. Lane of Madison
 State of Mississippi,

In the name of God amen!

I Joseph E. Lane being in full health, but of senile and disposing mind
 and memory, do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all other testamentary dispositions by me made,

Item 1st, I will and desire that my Executors or Administrators dis-
 pose of all my Personal or Perishable property, as soon as practi-
 cable by sale, except my household and kitchen furniture which I desire to
 remain undisturbed, and for the use of my single or unmarried family,
 or until my youngest children are twenty one years of age,

Item 2nd, I will and desire that my executors pay or settle out of my
 personal estate all my just debts, and after all my just debts
 are paid, I will give and bequeath my wife Virginia C. Lane shall have
 five hundred dollars in money, and my daughter Mary Ellen Bellman
 shall have five hundred dollars in money, and my daughter Kate Lane
 shall have five hundred dollars in money, and my daughter Willie Lane shall have
 one thousand dollars in money, and my daughter Birtie Lane shall have one thousand
 dollars in money, and my daughter Josie Lane shall have five hundred in
 money, and my son Joseph Richardson Lane shall have twenty five hundred
 dollars in money, and my son William Henry Lane shall have twenty
 five hundred dollars in money, The above monies I desire to be used
 in completing my childrens education, I will and desire that my exe-
 cutors will divide up my personal estate as soon as practicable, and pay

and after the above has been paid I desire the remainder of 634
my personal estate to be equally divided between my wife Virginia C Lane
and my children herein mentioned.

Item 3^d, I will and desire that my real estate on which I now
live known as Pokahuntas, containing thirty nine hundred
and sixty acres of land be kept together and leased or rented out as my
Executors may think best for the interest of my family herein mentioned
until my youngest children are twenty one years of age, I will and
desire that the income from said real estate after paying taxes, and all
reasonable repairs on same, the remainder shall be equally divided be-
tween my wife Virginia C Lane and my children herein mentioned.
I will and desire that my residence, and appurtenances, and lots contain-
ing forty acres of land more or less shall be set apart as a home for my surviving
family until my youngest children are twenty one years of age, and then I will
and desire that all of said real estate and remainder of my personal estate be
equally divided between my wife Virginia C Lane and my children, except my
daughter Mary Ella Colburn, this is to be leased, and if no heirs at her death
to be divided between my other children, namely, Kate Lane, Willie Lane,
Birdie Lane, Josie Lane, Joseph Richardson Lane, William Henry Lane,
I will and desire at the death of my wife Virginia C Lane, the real and personal
estate bequeathed to her by me be equally divided between my children, I will and
desire my lands situated in Section 29 and thirty two Township eight Range Six west
situated in Madison County, State of Mississippi containing one thousand and sixty
acres of land to be sold by my executors as soon as practicable, and the proceeds
to be equally divided between my wife Virginia C Lane and my children herein
mentioned.

Item 4, I will and desire in case my personal estate does not meet all my
debts and wishes as mentioned in the above, that the estate in my real
estate on which I now reside shall be applied in payment of the debts and
expenses until all my wishes are fulfilled as herein mentioned.

Item 5th I do hereby constitute and appoint C. N. Harts, R. W. Caldwell, William
Wilson, D. E. Jiggett and S. B. Calhoun my executors to carry out and
execute this will, I desire my executors to retain J. F. Schuler at a reasonable
salary to assist them in settling up my personal estate at reasonable length
of time.

Witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of May one thousand
Eight hundred and Eighty three.

Signed, acknowledged and published
by the testator as his last will and
testament in our presence and by
us signed in his presence, and the
presence of each other as witnesses.

L. J. Hulme
W. J. Garr
L. F. Spisorn
W. D. Greaves

Joseph C Lane

Last Will and Testament of J. B. Massey Decd

I John B. Massey of the county of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind memory and understanding do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

Item First. I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses may be paid by my executor hereinafter named, and do subject and charge my real and personal estate with the payment of the same.

Second. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine B. Massey the following described land and lots to wit: the south 1/2 of the west 1/2 of South Range Section 2, the South east 1/4 and the west 1/2 of North east 1/4 Section 11 the south west 1/4 of Section 11 Range 3 East lying in the county of Madison and State of Mississippi, and a certain lot of ground in the city of Canton beginning at the North West Corner of lot number found in Survey No 8 on Carter Street and running east along said Street one hundred and seven and a half feet to a stake placed South Four hundred feet to River Street, thence west with said Street one hundred and seven and a half feet to the corner of lot number six in square No 2, thence North Four hundred feet to the beginning together with all other lands and lots of which I may be seized and possessed also all the household and kitchen furniture and all the farming implements, and all the horses mules and all the crop, hay and stock of every kind and description of which I may be seized and possessed, and also all the debts accounts mortgages due in Euro cash or hand or money or due of any kind that may be due or owing to me at the time of my death of the above bequeathed and devised property to be held by her for and during her natural life or widowhood, and upon the happening either of these events, the above devised property real personal and mixed is to go to my children by my said wife Catherine B. Massey to wit:

John B. Massey, Anna, Walter Robt B. Massey, James M. Massey, Thos B. Massey and Ida Massey, to be equally divided among them share and share alike the whole of any of whom that are then dead receiving their parents shares.

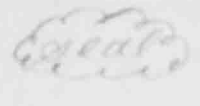
Third. I give and bequeath to my son Caspar J. Massey the sum of Fifty Dollars as a specific legacy which shall be the full amount I intend him to have out of my estate as he has heretofore received advances from me and I direct this legacy to be paid by my executor.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Josephine the sum of One hundred dollars as a specific legacy which is all I intend her to have out of my estate and I direct this legacy to be paid by my executor.

Fifth. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife

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sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and direct
that she shall not be required to give bond and security
for the execution of the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 28th day of Novr ad 1873.

J. S. Massey 

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said
John S. Massey, do 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 this the
28th day of Novr ad 1873.

R. H. Haffner

A. G. Cassell

Geo Baugh

Filed for record June 9th 1885

Recorded July 10th 1885

W. B. Baldwin Clerk

By W. E. Lewis D. C.

Last Will and Testament of A. K. White deceased.

In the name of God amen: I Aaron Kennedy White of the County
of Madison State of Mississippi being of sound mind, memory and
understanding, do make, publish and declare this my last will and
testament in form following to wit: I give my body to the dust, and my soul
to God who gave it, my property or worldly estate I dispose of as follows,

Item 1st. I bequeath all my property both real and personal consisting
of Horses, mules, cattle, Toys farming implements, mowers, debts due
me and all household and kitchen furniture, and all other personal prop-
erty not named above, and the real estate known as the NE 1/4 & E 1/2
NW 1/4 of Sec 31 and N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 32, all of Township 12 Range 11
east, and situated in the county of Madison State of Mississippi to my
beloved wife Rachel White and children named Eliza Cordelia, Henri-
etta Wilcox, Aaron Kennedy as hereafter named,

Item 2nd. My will is that the property named above shall remain undivided
and kept for the use of my wife and children until the young-
est child is 21 years old or married, at which time the personal
property on hand shall be for the benefit of my wife Rachel White, and
the real estate shall then be divided equally between my wife Rachel
White and the three children Eliza Cordelia, Henrietta Wilcox and
Aaron Kennedy

Item 3rd. I truly constitute my wife Rachel White my executrix
to carry out the provisions of this will, she not to be required
to give bond for carrying out these provisions, I furthermore desire
that she shall have absolute control of said property, collect all debts

due me, and pay all my indebtedness, and manage the same as she thinks best for the support of herself and children, giving her the power to sell or exchange any of said personal estate, as she may think advisable, and for the best interest of herself and children, and I do not require of her to get any order of Court to carry out the provisions as named herein

A. K. White

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, who at the request of the testator, signed the same as witnesses thereto

A. J. Grafton
W. C. Carson
T. J. Robinson

July 19th 1884,

Filed Oct 10th 1885

Recorded Nov 17th 1885

C. C. Baldwin Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Sallie Collins

dec'd

Filed for Record the 5th day of February at 10 o'clock A.M. A.D. 1886.

In the name of God, amen, I Sallie Collins being of sound mind and memory, and in the exercise of perfect rational faculties do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament.

Item 1st: I give my body to the dust and my soul to Almighty God.

Item 2^d: I will and bequeath to my dear grand-daughter Sallie McGregor Collins, the sum of one dollar to be paid in money.

Item 3^d: I will and bequeath to my dear grand-daughter Anna Bell Milton and Sallie Bell Milton all that real estate lying and being situated in Madison County, Mississippi & further known and described as the 150 acres off the North side of Sec. 2 Town 10 R. 4 East; East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ & the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30 Town 11 Range 4 East; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ less 10 acres off the E side and 10 acres off the W side of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 35 Town 11 Range 4 East; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35 Town 11 Range 4 East; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ less 10 acres off the N side & 10 acres off the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 35 Town 11 Range 4 East, containing in all 790 acres more or less to have and to hold with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto them, their heirs and assigns forever in fee simple, the said Anna Bell Milton is to have an undivided three eighths interest, and Sallie Bell Milton an undivided five eighths.

interest in the above described property, each to receive their respective interest as they become of age and when they shall marry and I hereby appoint and confirm William Mullin, Executor of this my last will and testament without bond. In witness whereof I have this day Signed sealed & delivered this my last will & testament in the presence of two witnesses.

Sallie Collins (Seal)

Witness
J. K. Hambleton
J. E. Bowie

Filed for Record April 9th & Reopened April 10th 1886.
Last Will & Testament of Maria Ernst deceased

I ordain, publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament, I give, devise and bequeath all the property, real, personal and mixed of which I may be the owner to my husband John Ernst for and during the term of his natural life, with full power to him, however to sell the same or any part thereof in fee simple at his pleasure. But should he not see fit to sell, or should he die before I do, then my daughter Elizabeth Ernst shall have all the household and kitchen furniture in our dwelling house, or which may be therein, when this testament shall take effect and then also, in such case, my said daughter Elizabeth and my son John Ernst shall take in fee simple as joint tenants with right of survivorship, as at common law, twenty five feet of land, fronting that distance on Peace Street in the City of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi and running back two hundred feet, being a strip or twenty five feet of the West side of lot number three in square number five in said City, and my said son John shall take all the stock in trade, material and appliances pertaining to the confectionary store in said City of Canton, and that all the rest of my property, real, personal and mixed shall be divided between all my children share & share alike, including also the said children Elizabeth and John, who are to share equally with the rest, notwithstanding the specific legacies and devise hereinbefore given to them.

Signed sealed, published and declared by me Maria Ernst as my last will and testament on this January 3^d 1872
Anna Maria Ernst (Seal)

We certify, attest, and bear witness that the above will was signed in our presence by Maria Ernst and that we attested the same by her express request as her last will and testament - and that we signed this attestation in the presence of said Maria Ernst and of each other, January 3^d 1872.

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George Muller
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Last Will & Testament of) Filed for record April 10th 1886
 Pattie Cochran of the County)
 of Madison, State of Mississippi) Recorded April 14th 1886

I, Pattie Cochran of Canton Madison County, State of Mississippi do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item First: I will and devise my entire estate real and personal to my three children, Samuel M. Cochran, Wm. Cochran, William B. Cochran and Maria F. Cochran but out of my estate I will and bequeath to Maria F. Cochran one thousand dollars more than I devise to either one of my other children.

Item Second, I wish the Insurance money coming from the Southern Benefit and Mutual Relief Association of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, upon my death to be paid to my said children as provided and as stated in said Policy, which I have upon my life in said Association the provisions of which is that my daughter Maria F. Cochran shall receive \$300.⁰⁰, my son Samuel shall receive \$1000.⁰⁰ and my son William shall receive \$1000.⁰⁰ of said money arising from said policy.

Item Third: I hereby dispoose of the Custody & tuition of my daughter Maria F. Cochran to her brothers Samuel M. and William B. until she attains to the age of twenty or or marries, and I wish her said brothers to have the same powers and authority over the person and the estate of the said Maria as if they had been appointed guardian by the Court of Chancery, and I give them full power to manage and conduct and care for, and to receive the estate of said Maria, and to prosecute any actions and suits, concerning the same as full and complete as if they had been appointed guardians by the Court of Chancery. And I shall expect said Samuel M. and William B. Cochran to support and educate said Maria out of the increase of her estate and not spend any of the principal of her estate, and no bond shall be required of them as guardian.

Item Fourth - The Three Thousand dollars which Maria is to receive from the Policy of Insurance in the Southern Benefit & Mutual Association of New Orleans referred to in the second item of this will I wish and direct shall be invested in United States Bonds, and shall be kept on hand until Maria attains the age of twenty one or marries and shall then be delivered to her.

Item Fifth - I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two children, Samuel M. & William B. Cochran my Executors of this my last will. Of them I require no bond.

or security. They or either may assume and execute this will & trust, or both qualifying the survivor may proceed therein. I wish this will and trust to be executed and carried out as far as can be done without resorting to the Chancery Court.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand name & seal this the 18th of May 1852

Patric Cochran Seal

Signed and published by the testatrix as her last will and testament in our presence, at her request and in the presence of each other, and so by us witnessed on the day of the date hereof

Witness } Hon. St. J. Davis
 } J. Glover & W. L. Crain
 } J. C. C. C. C.

Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Pizah Cooper

Filed April 20th 1886.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Pizah Cooper of the County of Madison, and the State of Mississippi, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in form following, to wit: I give my body to the Lord, and my soul to God, who gave it; my property or worldly estate, I dispose of as follows:

Item 1st

I give to my grand son Charles B. Cooper my cotton gin, my corn mill and the running year shute belonging, two beds and bedding thereto belonging, and one walnut wood robe and one bureau

Item 2nd

I give to my grand son Charles B. Cooper one 1/2 dozen large, and one 1/2 dozen small silver spoons, and all the table ware; also one set cane bottom chairs, one set rush bottom chairs and one cane bottom rocking chair

Item 3rd

I give to my grand son Charles B. Cooper, my book case, one family bible; two volumes commentaries upon the New Testament, two vols. Wesley's sermons and all my other books

Item 4th

I give to my grand son Charles B. Cooper two wash stands with two bowls and two pitchers

Item 5th

I give to my grand son Charles B. Cooper

my top buggy and harness
 Item 6th

I give to my grandson Charles B. Cooper
 2/3 of land being in T. R. Sec known as the Chapman
 Tract bounded by lands of J. B. Massey, Wash Chambers (et al.)
 and Mrs. Hester J. Chambers.

I hereby appoint Charles B.
 Cooper my grandson, aforesaid, without bond & surety, executor
 of this my last will and testament

Irzab Cooper *Sealed*

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in presence
 of the testatrix and in the presence of each other, who
 at the request of the testatrix signed the same as witnesses
 thereto, September 3rd 1877

E. C. Postelle

H. L. Sutherland

M. E. Ballou

Last Will and testament

of
 Samuel Scott, deceased

Filed for Record October 20th 1886

Recorded October 22nd 1886.

I Samuel Scott of the County of Madison and
 State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory make this my last Will:

1st It is my will and desire after my death, that all my just debts
 (shall first be paid out of my estate, and that after my debts) are so
 paid, that the balance of my property whether real or personal or mixed
 shall descend to my brother Elliott Scott, if he shall survive me. This

includes all of my property in the States of Kentucky, Mississippi and
 Louisiana: the property in Louisiana is joint property, and I hold one
 fourth of said property in fee simple, and on the other three fourths a
 claim or lien for twenty eight hundred dollars, that amount of
 money having been paid by me on said property in Taxes and expenses.

2nd The property I own in Kentucky is in litigation, and now undecided
 by the courts, and if not terminated at the time of my death
 when closed, it is my desire that my portion of said property shall descend
 to my brother Elliott Scott,

3rd It is my further will and desire that all the property I so devise
 to my brother Elliott Scott, shall not be subject to any debt, liability
 or obligation that may be owed by or held against my brother Elliott in any
 form thereof, all property so devised is not subject to his said debts.

4th If my brother Elliott Scott should survive me, and die without issue
 then it is my desire that all of my said property descended above shall
 descend to the children of my brother J. D. Scott, namely to James Scott, Ida Scott,
 Ellen Scott and Albert Scott.

August 19th 1876,

Samuel Scott

Witness Mary A. Roberts

Willt ^{her} x ^{mark} H. H. H. H. H.

September 6th 1876.

It is my further will, that if my brother either survive me that he be appointed my administrator, and such is my confidence in his honesty, I do not require him to give bond or security. Saml Scott.

Last Will and testament } Filed for record Nov 15th 1886 -
of } Recorded November 16th 1886,
John F. Ewing dec'd }

In the name of God Amen!

I John F. Ewing of Madison County Illinois being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I commend my soul to God in the hope of salvation and my body to a Christian burial

Item 2nd. I desire all my just debts paid.

Item 3rd. I hereby bequeath all my property in the City of Canton in Madison County Illinois to my dear beloved mother Elizabeth A. Ewing. Said property consists of my store house and lot and the stock of goods therein now being said store house being at the intersection of Hickory and Peace Streets in the City of Canton and described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of said Hickory and Peace Streets and running north along said Hickory Street 110 feet to the boundary line of the lot occupied now by Margaret A. Ewing thence west 30 feet to a stake, thence south 110 feet to said Peace Street thence east along said Peace Street 30 feet to the point of intersection of said store house and lot being the property conveyed by my father Adam Ewing to me. Also I give and bequeath to my dear beloved mother Elizabeth A. Ewing my property lying near the Illinois RR Road in the vicinity, or near the limits of the City of Canton and being the same lot of land conveyed by John F. Cameron & wife to Adam Ewing and of record in the Chancery Clerk's Office of Madison County in Book P. page 655 thereof, the said deed being made on June 10th 1862, the aforesaid property being all my realty in the County of Madison.

Item 4th. I hereby name and appoint Mrs Margaret A. Ewing my sole executrix to carry out the provisions of this instrument and desire that she shall not be required to give bond for the performance of same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto attached my hand this 21st of January 1884.

John F. Ewing

Signed in our presence - }
this 21st day of Jan'y 1884 }
J. D. Ward }
Ed Cowan }
J. Kouten }

Last Will & Testament } Filed for Record. December
20th A.D. 1886

E. S. Cobb dec'd } Recorded December 21st 1886

I, E. S. Cobb, of Madison County, State of Mississippi do make this my last Will & Testament revoking all others.

Item 1st. I have already provided for and given to my daughters Lucy Helms, Mary Ross, Susan Union and Atlanta Marshall, Ida Walker, Nora Pence and I have provided for and given to my sons Howell Cobb and Beauregard Cobb out of my estate, all that I intend they shall have and I hereby declare that my, nor either of them shall have any further in my estate.

Item 2^d. I will and bequeath all of my estate, real and personal and mixed of whatever nature or kind to my wife, Elizabeth Cobb and to my six children, viz; M. S. Cobb, Bettie Cobb, Lilly Cobb, Lamma Cobb, E. S. Cobb & Kate Cobb, each one of said legates to take an equal part & to share & share alike in my said estate.

I hereby invest my wife with the legal title to said estate and I hereby direct and advise her to give to, each one of said children named in the second item of this will, their share of my estate so bequeathed as or she may arrive at the age of Twenty one years old, or as she or he may marry, should they marry before attaining the age of Twenty one years old. But if my said wife should not think it prudent or advisable to give off to any of my said named children their share of my estate at the periods herein named, then I want her to keep all of my estate together and manage it as best she can with joint interest of her self and said named six children, until she may think it proper and prudent to give off to such children their share of my estate herein devised, and my said wife is hereby invested with full power to divide off my estate so bequeathed to and between my said named children & if any of my said children shall be dissatisfied with the division made by my wife and should resort to legal steps in the courts to upset it, then the share of such child or children should be paid with all the costs which my wife may be put to or incur in any way in defending the same.

Item 3^d. I hereby appoint my said wife my executor without any bond. Witness my signature this January 22nd 1886.
E. S. Cobb.

As the witnesses hereto we have signed this will at the request of E. S. Cobb in the presence of each other and in his presence do his last Will and

I, J. H. Buford have subject to the charge hereinafter mentioned all my real Estate in fee simple wherever situated, and which is now owned by me and in which I have any undivided interest, whatever, and not otherwise heretofore disposed of by me, and also all of my live stock consisting of horses, mules, cows calves sheep &c, and all of my farming implements and vehicles consisting of wagons, buggies, plows, harrows &c. the said real estate being subject to a charge of the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to be paid by the said J. H. Buford, to my executors in distribution among my legacies as hereinafter mentioned.

Item 3^d It is my will and wish that my executors pay to Mrs. Katie Lewis and Mrs. M. A. Dunton each the sum of Five Hundred Dollars as a special legacy which shall be a special charge upon all of my property not herein above enumerated, and that all of the balance of my property, consisting of money on hand, mortgages, trust deeds, notes, accounts, pike stock, be converted into money by my executors as soon as practicable and be divided between my brother J. H. Buford, and my sisters Mrs. Katie Lewis, Mrs. M. A. Dunton, Mrs. J. L. Clark and Mrs. J. A. Henderson and my nieces Mrs. Julia Brown and Mrs. Fannie Jennie daughters of my sister Mrs. Meador and Mrs. Eda Vance daughter of my sister Mrs. Horace Stafford and Lela J. Clark daughter of my sister Mrs. L. L. Clark in the following proportions, to wit: one share each to the said J. H. Buford, Mrs. Katie Lewis, Mrs. M. A. Dunton, Mrs. J. L. Clark and Mrs. J. A. Henderson and one half of one share to each of my said nieces Mrs. Julia Brown, Fannie Jennie, Mrs. Eda Vance and Lela J. Clark making five (5) whole shares share and share alike and (10) one half shares share and share alike. It is my further will and wish that all the rents, profits and moneys due, or that may become due from the rent or lease of lands shall be collected by said executors, and that said sums of money so arising together with said sum of Five Thousand which is made a special charge on the lands herein devised to said J. H. Buford, be also paid to my said brother J. H. Buford, and my said sisters and nieces in the same proportion as herein above mentioned and provided. I have the utmost confidence in the honesty and integrity of my brother J. H. Buford and my brother-in-law Robert Henderson, and hereby and herein nominate and appoint them and both of them as my executors to carry out this my last will and testament, and excuse them from making any bond or bonds as such executors, or making any inventory, annual or final accounts to the Chancery Court and hereby therein give them and to the survivor of them full power and authority to make all deeds or conveyances of any of my lands, to cancel, close out, settle or compromise any and all mortgages, trust deeds, suits, actions, claims or demands whatsoever, in favor of or against my estate as fully and effectually as I could do were I living, the object being to save the

costs and expenses, of getting orders and decrees of Court in such matters.

Given under my hand & seal this the 29th day of July A.D. 1885

J. H. Buford
Testator

The foregoing was carefully read over to James H. Buford in presence of each of us, and by him declared to be his last will and testament, and then signed and sealed by him in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and witnessed by us at his special instance and request in his presence and in the presence of each of us

J. C. Liddon
J. B. Little
G. L. Boyd
W. L. Morgan
Witnesses

State of Mississippi
Holmes County

Be it remembered that on this the 18th day of March A.D. 1885, personally appeared before me an acting Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County and State J. B. Little, G. L. Boyd and J. W. Liddon subscribing witnesses to the above foregoing instrument, which purports to be the last will and testament of Jas. H. Buford, late of Holmes County, State of Mississippi, but now deceased, and he also late on the 29th day of July A.D. 1885, who after being by me first duly sworn as the law directs upon their oaths State that they and each of them assembled at the residence of R. Henderson in the City of Corinth in said County & State on the date above specified and the instrument of writing above referred to as the last will and testament of said decedent was read over to him in their presence and in the presence of each other, and that he then and there in their presence voluntarily and without being required to do so, signed his name to said last will and testament above referred to, and that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument so signed by him and witnessed by affiants in their presence, and in the presence of each of them, to be his the said Jas. H. Buford's last will and testament and that they in the presence of the said J. H. Buford and in the presence of each of us at his request subscribed their names as attesting witnesses thereto, and affiants further made oath that to the best of their knowledge and belief the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory I went to & subscribed before me, at my office in Corinth on the 18th day of March 1885

J. B. Little
G. L. Boyd
J. W. Liddon

J. W. Martin
Clerk

State of Mississippi }
Holmes County }

I Jas T. Meade, clerk of the Chancery Court of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing pages and part of a page contain a true and correct copy of the last Will and testament of Jas. H. Buford, dec'd and the proof thereon, as the same appears of record in my office in Will Book A. pages 486, 7, 8 & 9.

Witness my signature & official seal this 25th day of March A.D. 1857

Jas T. Meade clk
By J. M. Siver & Co.

Last Will & Testament of Ruben T. Stokes deceased
Filed March 26th A.D. 1857.

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

I Ruben T. Stokes of said County of Madison and State of Mississippi, do make declare & publish the following disposition of all my real & personal property and estate, to be my last will and testament

1st. I will and devise that all my just debts including my funeral expenses, be fully paid

2nd - I bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Anna A. Stokes my buggy and all my household & kitchen furniture and also one half of my real & personal property. The said real property thus and herein devised to her to embrace no home-
stead

3rd I further bequeath and devise the sum of one dollar "per stirpes" to the children of my late sister Nancy J. Hall, Eliza H. Wilson, Sarah H. Helm & Julia F. Fly, the said children to take said sum of one dollar in the place & stead of their mother and not as individuals

4th I further bequeath and devise to my brother Samuel L. Stokes and to my brother W. M. Stokes in trust for his children and to my sisters Tranquilla J. Hamilton and Patience L. Williams, all the remainder of my real & personal estate owned by me at the time of my death to share & share alike in them and to be divided equally among them, four in number.

5th I authorize and empower my brother W. M. Stokes to act for his children in a division of the real & personal estate thus and herein devised & bequeathed in item 4. and to resort to Chancery Court or any other legal proceedings, and any act or disposition by sale mortgage or transfer that he may see fit to perform or do in reference to the share of property real & personal devised & bequeathed to him in

trust for his children, shall be binding on them and as legal and valid as if done under or decree of the Court.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this the 7th day of January A.D. 1887.

Reuben T. Stokes

The foregoing will was signed by the said Reuben T. Stokes in our presence and signed and attested by us in his presence at his request on this the 7th day of January A.D. 1887.

Witness

H. T. Rimmer

J. J. Cornington

Last Will & Testament of Timothy McMahon decd
Filed July 29th A.D. 1887.

I, Timothy McMahon of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, revoking all wills heretofore made by me, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament; That is to say, I give and bequeath all the estate, real, personal and mixed of which I may die possessed unto Louis Lindeman, now residing in the City of Canton, County and State aforesaid. I hereby nominate and appoint said Louis Lindeman executor of this my last will & testament and direct that no bond be required of him in any Court whatsoever. I further direct that he be not required to make any account to any Court for any of his doings in regard to my estate. I also give him full power to sell any real as well as personal estate and to make a good and valid title to the same.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal on the 24th day of November 1885.

Signed, sealed wholly in my own hand on the day aforesaid
Timothy McMahon *(Signature)*

Witness

A. C. Orrick.

I, Timothy McMahon do hereby publish and declare the writing on the opposite page of this sheet to be my last will and testament and I also give & bequeath to the said Louis Lindeman all money arising from my life insurance policies.

Witness my hand this 25th day of July 1887

Timothy McMahon

Signed by Timothy McMahon as his last will and

testament in our presence, and we at his request and
 in his presence and in the presence of each other have
 set our hands as witnesses this 25th day of July 1857
 F. D. Pratt
 C. J. Priestley
 Wm. W. Neal

Last Will and Testament of Agnes Bartley, dead

Filed for Record October 11th 1857.

The last Will and Testament of Agnes Bartley of the City of Canton
 County of Madison, State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and
 disposing memory do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my
 last Will and Testament,

1st. I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Virginia Henderson
 my lot in Couchs Addition to Canton described as follows "E^g of
 Lot 12 Couchs Addition to Canton" with all the improvements thereunto
 belonging to her and her heirs forever,

2nd. I hereby appoint, nominate and constitute Green Robinson my
 Executor to carry out the provisions of this my last Will and Testament
 having confidence in his integrity. I do not require him to give Bond or
 Security as such Executor. I wish my executor to manage my Estate
 making necessary improvements &c etc whenever required or needed,

Signed and Sealed this 7th day of October 1857.

Agnes ^{the} Bartley
 made

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Agnes Bartley in
 our presence and acknowledged by her, to each of us, and to at the same
 time publish and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be her last
 Will and Testament and we at the Testator's request, and in her presence
 have signed our names as witnesses hereto,

J. H. Lewis Oliver ^{the} Carmichael
 John D. Brantley, Annis E. Allen

Last Will and Testament of Della Wright, deceased

Filed for record Nov 30th 1857.

In the name of God, Amen. I Della Wright being of sound mind
 and disposing memory do will and bequeath my house and lot
 No 12 in Kidders Addition to the City of Canton as follows, To my
 beloved husband George Wright one half interest in the above described
 property, And to my beloved daughter Carrie Fields one half interest
 in the above described property.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence
 of Francis Leonard & Nellie Fields and in the presence of each other and in
 presence of the testator this 25th day of March AD 1857
 Della Wright
 made

Witness
 Francis Leonard
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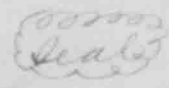
This 23rd day of March 1887.

Last Will & Testament of George W. Grafton decd.
Filed December 21st A. D. 1887

State of Mississippi, Madison County, I, G. W. Grafton being of a sound mind, and taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will & testament, revoking all other wills previously made by me. — To my daughter Maggie I give and bequeath the (80) Eighty Acres of land upon which my dwelling house rests with all the appurtenances of said land, household & kitchen furniture; also all my personal property, stock of every description, making it obligatory on my daughter Maggie to pay all my just debts, and further more give to my daughter Maggie 40 Forty acres of land situated in Big Black Swamp.

To my sons, James, Cornelius & Newton, I give & bequeath all my real estate situated in Lincoln Co., to be equally divided among themselves. I further wish the money that is derived from the land sold to Dixon Morgan, or to any one else whom my children may delegate to be Equally divided among all my children.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 9th day of January 1879

G. W. Grafton 

Signed sealed and published by the testator as & for his last will and testament in our presence at his request & in the presence of each other and so by us witnessed on the day of the date thereof

Witness } T. J. Grafton
 } J. A. Ross
 } W. Law

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Last Will and Testament of Francis Hester. do
Filed December 22^d A.D. 1887.

I, Francis Hester of the County of Madison
in the State of Mississippi, being of sound, disposing
mind and memory do make, publish, and declare this
as my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st. I give my soul to God and trust to his good
goodness to guide me during the remainder of my short
stay on earth.

Item 2nd. I wish my debts all paid after which
I give, bequeath and devise all of my personal estate
and property of every kind and description that I now own
or that I may at the time of my death own and sit on N^o 2 of
the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 25 T. 10 R. 5 East in Madison County, Mississippi
to my daughter Cassia Ann Bibe and appoint her my
Executrix to execute this Will and that she be authorized to
carry out the same without giving any bond as such Executrix
in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22^d
day of June 1883.

Francis Hester

Signed and delivered in the presence of

J. W. Barnett
B. E. Cameron
J. J. Cameron

Mississippi Madison County }
Last Will and Testament of Elijah Hester deceased

Filed for record January 11th 1868

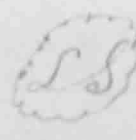
In the name of God amen. I, Elijah Hester of said State and County
being of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this
my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me made.

Item 1st. I give my body to the dust to be buried in such a
manner as may suit my Executor and my soul to Almighty God.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my wife Francis all my property
both real and personal to her own use benefit and behoof forever
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the 12th day of August 1868.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Francis Hester Executor to this
my last Will and Testament.

In presence of
H. S. Cobb
P. W. Hester
J. R. Brooke J. P.

Elijah Hester ^{his} 
mark

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Last Will and Testament of Mary Wade.

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Wade sick in body but of a sound and disposing mind do leave all my property personal real and mixed to my four children namely Wm. Wade, John Wade Jas. Wade and Catherine Wade. I appoint my son William Wade my executor and no security from the Court shall be required of him. He shall have full power to manage all my property the same as I hold. He shall have full power to sell any portion and all of the real estate when he may deem it for the benefit of all my children.

This is my last will & made in the City of Canton and State of Mississippi This Janry 12th 1888.

Witness John Kelly
A. J. Semmes.

Mary ^{her} Wade
mark

Mary Lannigan.

Filed for Record Dec 3rd A.D. 1888

Last Will and Testament of Mrs M. V. Bailey

1. I M. V. Bailey being in feeble health but sound mind, desire to arrange my business while I have strength and vigor of intellect. I give and bequeath to My daughter, Emelia Lawson, First a portion of land containing eighty acres (80 acres) lying in Madison Co Miss. to wit: S 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 N 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec 9 Township 5. Range 2 W, Acres 80 - I enclose this in the deed given me by Auditor Groves from the State of Miss.

I desire her to have and hold the said land for her personal benefit if she desire to sell or dispose of it; let her do so, at her pleasure, after My death it is hers without tax.

Written on the second of Oct (2nd of Oct) in the year 1888

Lizzie Rafter

M. V. Bailey

Adm Virginia Braunsford Witness.

L. R. Hollows

Oct 1st 1888

2. I have bargained to sell a piece of land containing (160 acres) one hundred and sixty acres to Berry Cotton. The land was to have been paid for in two years, but being an old family account I have been very lenient to him only receiving the money that ought to have been paid for said land. I desire that should he desire to pay for the land after My death, he can pay for it. My daughter E. L. Fisk will intend leaving the land solely to her - he should pay her the date six hundred and eighty dollars with this year's interest to

M. V. Bailey

3. I M. V. Bailey being of feeble health but sound mind, desire My worldly business, at My death, I desire the land I had bargained

to sell to Berry Collins, which he has not yet been able to pay me for to be given to my daughter Emma Lawson Furr - to be hers to have and to hold, without reserve I desire her at my death to be sole owner of the said one hundred and sixty acres which he now has in his possession - It has now been surveyed, but let it be so divided that it take in sixty acres of wood land lying beside the land and sixty acres of open land - she to own land and improvements on said place

H. B. Bailey

Oct 2nd 1888

Lizzie Rafter
Ada Virginia Bradford - Witness
L. R. Willows

Last Will and Testament of David E. Jiggitts

Know all persons by these presents That I, David E. Jiggitts of Madison County Miss., Considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound Mind & Memory do make & declare publish this My last Will & Testament,

- 1 First I give & bequeath unto My Sister, Pauline J. Gaddis all of My Estate, both real & personal situated in Yazoo County Miss.
- 2 Secondly, I give & bequeath to Noble brother Wiley J. Jiggitts all of My Estate both real and personal situated in Madison County, Mississippi.
- 3 Thirdly I give & bequeath Nothing to the Children of My Sister H. M. Nicholson for having Married S. T. Nicholson against My wishes.
- 4 Fourthly - I give & bequeath Nothing to the Son of My Brother Lewis M. Jiggitts on account of the utter selfish & base treatment received by Me from his Widow Laura R. Jiggitts now the second wife of S. T. Nicholson.
- 5 Fifthly, I give & bequeath Nothing to the Children of My Sister Mary Ellen Young on account of the utter selfishness & baseness of her Husband Richd. Young.
- 6 Sixthly, I appoint My brother Wiley J. Jiggitts Executor of this My last Will & Testament and request him to be kind to those who have been kind to Me & use not abuse what I have given him, Also to bury Me at My demise by the side of My Father in a Mausoleum as he shall see fit.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set hand & seal & publish & declare this to be My last Will & Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this, the _____ day of _____ 1888

Filed for Record Dec 4th A.D. 1888

David E. Jiggitts *(Signature)*
Great Seal

Last Will and Testament of Catharine Semmes

Filed December 11th A.D. 1888.

In the Name of God Amen, I Catharine Semmes being in full health but of sound mind, do make this My last will and testament hereby working all others by Me heretofore made, and give up all I will My soul to God, through the merits of his dear Son Jesus Christ My Lord and Savior, and My body to the Earth from which it was formed,

Item 1st I desire My Executor hereinafter named to pay to Dr. S. Coratin for his wife My Grand Daughter Mattie R. Coratin, One Hundred Dollars provided the said Dr. S. Coratin did not realize that amount upon the sale of certain land conveyed to him as I promised in that respect to pay him said sum.

Item 2nd I desire all My property of every kind to be converted into Money either privately or publicly as to My Executor may seem best and after paying the two legacies mentioned in items one and four to be divided equally share and share alike between the children of My sons Dr. A. T. Semmes & William Semmes and My daughter Mary C. Luclett, and the children of My deceased daughter Virginia E. Luclett and Jane Semmes and hereby authorize and empower My said Executor to convey said property by deed to the purchaser or purchasers, without the intervention of the chancery Court.

Item 3rd I desire My Grand Son Oubustin Luclett to have two silver watches now in my possession, as the same fell to his share on the private division and he has received the same.

Item 4th I desire My Executor to pay to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Natchez the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Item 5th I wish My Grand daughter Alice to have My bureau and picture and My Grand daughter Kate to have My gold Medal, silver Cup and washstand.

Item 6. I give to My daughter Mary C. Luclett My work table and to My Grand daughter Ophelia My large looking glass.

Item 7. I hereby constitute & appoint My son Dr. A. T. Semmes My Executor to carry out this My last will, and request that he be not required to give bond and security, signed by us as subscribers witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and at her request.

C. A. Luclett Sr

Witness

N. C. Orms

A. H. Coleman

C. Semmes

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Last Will and Testament of Thomas Stuart

Filed December 28th A.D. 1888

I Thomas Stuart of Canton Madison County Mississippi -
Do Make Publish and declare My last Will and Testament as follows,
I give Devise and Bequeath to My Wife, Nancy Elizabeth Stuart and her
Heirs and assigns forever all My Property and Estate - whether Real Personal
or Mixed and I constitute and appoint without Bond My said Wife sole
Executrix of this Will, in Testimony whereof I here sign My Name
August 20th 1888

Thomas Stuart
Witness
Jas. M. Leitch
A. Purman

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Smith

In the name of God Amen -
I Elizabeth Smith of the County of Madison in the State of
Mississippi being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty
of life and the certainty of death do make publish & declare
this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other
wills by me heretofore made especially a will made by me
April 12th 1873, witnessed by J. B. Geaves, D. Wadsworth Rice and
C. L. Thomas. - I give and devise to my daughter Mrs Mary B.
Gresham my undivided half interest in certain lands I
own in Leake Co, Miss described in a deed from Mariah
S. Moore to me dated 26th April 1872 and recorded in
Deed Book J on page 24 of the records of deeds of that
County the other half interest being now owned by L. F. Gresham
husband of the said Mary B. Gresham. All the remainder
of my property now situated and being in Madison and
Hinds County and consisting of both real and personal
property, I give and bequeath to my three children Louisiana
Martin, Ada B. Crisler, Steven D. Smith and my grand
daughter Julia Eugenia Colburn - to each one fourth -
But should the said Eugenia Colburn die before I do without
children then in that event I wish the one fourth hereinbefore
devised to her to be divided equally between said Louisiana
Martin, Ada B. Crisler and Steven D. Smith, And should
the said Julia Eugenia Colburn die before I do and leave a
child or children, and said child or children should die
before I do then it is my will and desire that the one fourth
hereinbefore devised to the said Julia Eugenia Colburn shall
be divided equally between said Louisiana Martin, Ada B.
Crisler and Steven D. Smith.

I hereby nominate and appoint
my son-in-law S. J. Crisler my Executor & direct that
he take charge of my Estate and pay my funeral
Expenses & any other debts I may owe as soon

as convenient after my decease. This Sept 8th 1884
Elizabeth Smith

Witnesses

W.A. Montgomery
W.H. Potter
W. Calum Wells

State of Mississippi }
Hinds County }

Personally appeared before
the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the State and
County aforesaid W.H. Potter who being duly sworn states on oath
that Mrs Elizabeth Smith signed the above and foregoing
will in his presence and in the presence of W.C. Wells +
W.A. Montgomery and that he and the said Wells + Montgomery
signed the same in her presence and in the presence of each
other, at her request, and that said Elizabeth Smith was then
over the age of twenty one and of sound and disposing mind
and memory

W.H. Potter

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January 1889
W.H. Harris J.P.

Filed January 8th 1889

H.V. Vandell Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Boaz

State of Mississippi Madison County.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Boaz being of sound mind and understanding and feeling
duly sensible in my old age of the uncertainty of life, and being
desirous to arrange and dispose of my temporal affairs so that at
my death no contention may arise relative to the same upon which
account I make the following devise, I give and bequeath to my
son Ellis the such furniture viz: one walnut colored low peaked
arched bedstead. One feather bed. One mattress, Bolster and two Pillows
One walnut colored wardrobe, one walnut colored bureau without marble
slab. I bequeath to my grand son Oscar one walnut colored
bedstead (Solid head and foot board) one feather bed. one mattress
two Pillows and one Bolster. To my son Henry I give and bequeath
all and singular my stock of Cattle; all of my household furniture
not otherwise herein mentioned, all of my dining room kitchen
and dairy furniture together with all of my silver, China porcelain +
stone ware and glassware, I also bequeath to son Henry one Duple
Case gold watch + chain. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my mark and seal
in the presence of these witnesses this the 8th day of August one thousand, eight hundred and
eighty one

Witnesses - { D.J. Nichols
Eck M. Nichols
O.C. Rouland -

Elizabeth Boaz
her
mark

Filed July 4th 1889

H.V. Vandell Clerk

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Last Will and Testament of Otho R. Singleton

Filed Feb'y 15th 1889

I, Otho R. Singleton, of the County of Scott State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament:-

- Item 1st I give to my grand daughter Eliza Singleton, named for my deceased wife and daughter of my deceased son Richard Harper Singleton, the following described real estate, lying and being in the County of Madison State of Mississippi (it being the same bequeathed to me by my deceased wife) viz:- $\frac{1}{2}$ Surk wth SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 12 and $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and wth SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 all in T^o. 9 R. 3 East supposed to contain 320 acres.
- Item 2nd To my grand daughters Virginia and Eleanor Singleton, Sisters of said Eliza Singleton I give jointly my house and lot in the City of Washington D.C. located on Nth St. NW. bought of Misaud J. Harvey and numbered 1682. These my grand daughters are by law I presume interested in my paid up Life Policy for \$5200. in the New York Equitable Life Assurance Society, numbered 115269 to the extent of the amount accrued, to their father Richard Harper Singleton in said Policy. It not, I desire that they have each \$400. out of the money realized from said Policy.
- Item 3rd To my Sister in law Susan J. Handy wife of William Handy supposed to be at present at Atlanta Ga. I give my small house and lot in the City of Canton Mississippi, at present occupied by James Cannon and bought by me of Samuel Cochran and fronting on Carter Street of said City.
- Item 4th To my niece Sallie Otho Singleton Caumont of Rutherford County Tenn. daughter of Edward and Sallie Caumont I give my gold watch, chain and seals.
- Item 5- To my dear little friend Beatrice Sampson daughter of Mrs. E. B. Sampson of Washington D.C. in consideration of her uniform kindness to me, I give the sum of \$300 to be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable.
- Item 6- To the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Forests Scott County Mississippi, I give a lot of ground, bought by me of Mrs Crook (being the only one I own in said Town) for the use of said Church to be held or disposed of as the said Trustees may deem best.
- Item 7- To my brother in law Wth M. Yandell of Canton Mississippi I give \$100 and my two pistols.
- Item 8- To my brother in law Henry V. Yandell I give \$100, my violin and small shot gun.
- Item 9. To my Son in law Junius M. Smith of Charlotte N.C. I give my gold headed cane, bosom Sticks and sleeve Buttons.
- Item 10. To my daughter Kate S. Smith wife of Junius M. Smith of Charlotte N.C. I give all the rest and residue of my estate whether real personal or mixed and wherever located & all my bonds notes or evidences of debt subject to one condition only, viz- should she die without an heir or heirs of her body, or children of such heir or heirs, then my house and lot in the City of Washington D.C. or

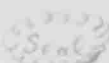
Fifteenth St. N.W. numbered 1620, at her death, must descend and become the property jointly of my said grand daughter Virginia, Eliza and Ellen Singleton, or to the survivors of these sisters and the heirs of those who may be deceased.

Item 11. I hereby appoint my said daughter Kate S. Smith as my sole Executrix without bond or security, to manage my said estate trusting that she will carry out my will to the letter, and when needed will consult my friends W^m May Spandell, Capt William Priestley or George Harvey Esq.

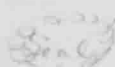
Item 12. I appoint Dr Arthur Peter of Louisville Ky, grand father to my said grand daughters Guardian for each of them, to act as he may deem best in their behalf, and request that no bond or security be required of him as such Guardian.

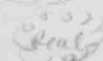
Lastly I desire that this instrument be probated in Washington D.C. or in the Chancery Court, County of Madison, State of Mississippi as may prove most convenient to my said Executrix, and that it be placed on record at both of said places, as I have considerable interests in each.

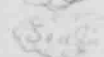
Signed and sealed this 16th day of August 1888

O. R. Singleton 

The undersigned witnesses Certify that Otho R. Singleton in the presence of each and all of us acknowledged that he signed and sealed the foregoing instrument as his last will and testament on the day and year last above written and we and each of us, signed the same as witness in his presence and in the presence of each other, with our seals attached this 16th day of August 1888.

R. W. Pippen 

Madison M. Jayne 

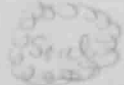
Saul F. Davis 

District of Columbia to Wit:

On the Twelfth day of January 1889 came Kate S. Smith and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that she does not know of any will or Codicil of Otho R. Singleton late of said District, deceased, other than the foregoing instrument of writing, and that she received the same from among the valuable papers of the deceased sealed in an envelope and addressed to Kate S. Smith and said Otho R. Singleton died on or about the 11th day of January 1889.

Kate S. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me



Thos W. Buckley, Notary Public

District of Columbia

Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

Holding a Special Term for Orphan's Court Business

January 25th 1889

District of Columbia

This day appeared Madison M. Jayne one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and testament of Otho R. Singleton late of the District of Columbia, deceased and made one

on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the Testator therein named acknowledged that he signed this will; that he published, pronounced and declared the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing he was, to the best of his apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, and Capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that his name as witness to the aforesaid will was signed in the presence and at the request of Testator and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

Test: Dorsey Clagett

Register of Wills

Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

Holding A Special Term for Orphans' Court Business

January 29th 1889

District of Columbia, To wit;

This day appeared Samuel J Davis one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Otto R Singleton late of the District of Columbia, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the Testator therein named, acknowledged that he signed this will; that he published, pronounced, and declared the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing he was to the best of his apprehension, of sound mind, and Capable of executing a valid deed or contract; and that his name as witness to the aforesaid will was signed in the presence and at the request of Testator and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

Test: Dorsey Clagett

Register of Wills

Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

Holding A Special Term for Orphans' Court Business

February 7th 1889

District of Columbia, To wit;

This day appeared Richard W Paper one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Otto R Singleton late of the District of Columbia, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator therein named sign this will; that he published, pronounced, and declared the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing he was, to the best of his apprehension, of sound and disposing mind and Capable of executing a valid deed or contract and that his name as witness to the aforesaid will was signed in the presence and at the request of Testator, and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto.

Test: Dorsey Clagett

Register of Wills

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia

Special Term For Orphans' Court Business

District of Columbia, To wit;

I, Dorsey Clagett, Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, and Ex officio Clerk of the said Special Term for Orphans' Court Business do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of Otto R Singleton deceased, and the probate thereof.

filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia aforesaid, and also that the said will after having been proven by the witnesses whose names appear in the foregoing probates was proven by the witnesses whose names appear in the foregoing probates was by order of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, holding a Special Term for Orphans' Court Business duly admitted to probate and record on the 9th day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.



In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said Supreme Court, Special Term for Orphans' Court Business, this 9th day of February, Anno Domini 1889

Dorsey Clagett

Register of Wills for the District of Columbia and
Ex-officio Clerk of the said Special Term for Orphans' Court Business

Supreme Court of the District of Columbia
Special Term for Orphans' Court Business

District of Columbia, To wit:

I, Edward J. Bingham, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that Dorsey Clagett, Esquire, who executed the foregoing attestation is the Register of Wills in and for said District, duly Commissioned and qualified, and Ex-officio Clerk of the said Special Term for Orphans' Court Business; and that the said attestation is in due form of law and by the proper officer.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal,
this 9th day of February, Anno Domini 1889

E. J. Bingham

Chief Justice

District of Columbia, To wit:

I, Dorsey Clagett, Register of Wills in and for the District aforesaid and Ex-officio Clerk of the said Special Term for Orphans' Court Business, do hereby certify that Edward J. Bingham, Esquire, whose genuine signature is attached to the foregoing Certificate, is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, duly Commissioned and qualified.



In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said Supreme Court this 9th day of February, Anno Domini 1889

Dorsey Clagett

Register of Wills for the District of Columbia
and Ex-officio Clerk of the said Special Term for Orphans' Court Business

No 3568
Adm. Ct. 114

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia holding
a special term for orphan & Court business
District of Columbia to wit:

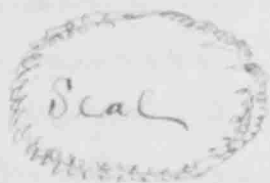
The United States of America

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting
Know ye that on the 2nd day of March in the year of
our Lord 1889, Administration of all the goods chattels and
credit of Otho R Singleton late of the District of Columbia de-
ceased was, by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia
aforesaid, granted and committed unto Kate Smith the said
Kate Smith an Executrix of said Otho R Singleton deceased,
having first executed a bond to the United States, with good
sureties approved by the said Court in the penalty of Three
Hundred dollars conditioned for the faithful performance
of the trust in her reposed and having also taken the required
oath

Witness, Walter D Cox Justice holding the
special term of the said Supreme Court for
Orphan & Court business at this Court the
day of March in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty nine
and of the Independence of the United
States the one thousand and thirtieth

Test

Dorsey Clagett
Register of the District of Columbia



Last will & testament of M. J. Wilson

Madison County Miss. April 1st 1889. This is my
last will to be in good mind. I this day will everything
both real and personal to my daughter Estelle Wilson my said
husband Jeremiah Wilson is to have the care of my estate
both Real and Personal so long as she may need them
to return to my daughter at any time she may wish

M. J. Wilson

M. J. Wilson

R. S. Stinson

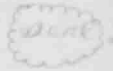
W. C. Kove

Last Will and Testament of Mary J. Colquhoun

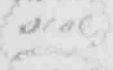
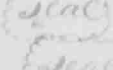
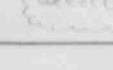
In the name of God: Amen
I Mary J. Colquhoun of the County of Madison
and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and
memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail
and transitory life do therefore make ordain and publish

and declare this to be my last will and testament: That is to say my real estate consisting of One Hundred and Sixty five acres of land with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and likewise all my personal property I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: To my unmarried daughters Sallie E. Colquhoun & Estelle Colquhoun Clara C. Colquhoun Hortense Colquhoun their heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath all of my property both real and personal after my decease to be divided equally between them to share and share alike Likewise I make constitute and appoint my said daughters Sallie E., Estelle, Clara C. and Hortense to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy seven

Mary F. Colquhoun 

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary F. Colquhoun as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us soles at the request of said Mary F. Colquhoun and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names and respective places of residence as witnesses

W. R. Parker 
 Jas. E. Hart 
 N. J. Parker 

- filed for Record Sept. 21st 1877 -

- Last Will and Testament of N. C. Hargon M.D.
 The State of Mississippi }
 Madison County }

In the name of God amen
 I William C. Hargon of the county of Madison State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament.

I will and bequeath to my wife Eveline E. Hargon my undivided one half interest in the house and lot with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and described as follows commencing at the south west corner of the lot sold to Eveline E. Hargon by E. A. Stokes and J. M. & C. E. Mills thence west along the northern boundary of Peace street 125 feet to Dail Road property thence north along line of said Dail Road property 258 feet to Franklin Street thence east along Franklin street 102 feet thence south east to the beginning.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Julia A. Mayfield

the house and lot with all the appurtenances thereunto be-
longing and described as follows commencing at the south
west corner of the lot deeded to Julia A. Hargon by Max
Gerstner thence west along Peace st. 23 feet thence north to
Franklin st. thence east with Franklin street 28 feet thence south
to the beginning.

3^d I will and bequeath to my son Joseph Hargon the house
& lot with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and de-
scribed as follows commencing at the south east corner of
a lot sold to Eveline E. Hargon by E. A. States and J. M.
& L. E. Mills thence east along Peace street 27 feet
thence north to Franklin street thence west with Frank-
lin street 27 feet thence south to the beginning. I also
will and bequeath to my son Joseph Hargon one lot
described as follows beginning at a stake on the right
of way of the New Orleans Jackson and Great North-
ern Rail Road company 50 feet south of James How-
ton's ~~lot~~ south west corner thence south with said right
of way property 200 feet to a stake thence ^{east} - feet to a stake
on the western margin of a street running east of Steam
mill thence north with said street 200 feet to the in-
tersection of two streets thence west with the streets to
the beginning containing about ~~two~~ acres.

4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Eva Stella Hargon
a house and lot with all the appurtenances thereunto belong-
ing and described as follows Beginning at the south
west corner of Mrs. Erickson's lot thence north with her
line 210 feet thence east with her line 210 feet thence
north 12 feet thence west 210 feet thence north 28 feet
thence west 184 feet thence south 250 feet thence east
210 feet to the beginning I also will and bequeath to my
daughter Eva Stella Hargon the house and lot with
all the appurtenances thereunto belonging and described
in a deed to me by Joseph Collins as follows lot no. 4
in square no. 7 in town of Coanton fronting Peace street
and running back south 200 feet including blocks with
shop all the above described property lying and being
in the city of Coanton County of Madison State of
Mississippi

5th I will that all the money and personal property if
any to be be equally divided between my wife Eveline
E. Hargon and my daughters Julia Mayfield and
Eva Stella Hargon and my son Joseph Hargon at
my death.

6th I will that my wife Eveline E. Hargon be the sole ex-
ecutrix of this my last will and testament without
bond or surety.

7th I will that there be no division of the real property herein

bequeathed to Eveline E. Hargon, Julia A. Mayfield Joseph Hargon and Eva Stella Hargon until my son Joseph Hargon arrives at the age of 21 years but to be held in trust by Eveline E. Hargon executrix herein named for them.

5th I will that should there be a division of the personal property and money at my death that all the personal property and money herein bequeathed to my son Joseph Hargon be delivered to W. H. Priestley to be held in trust by him for my son Joseph Hargon until he becomes 21 years of age without bond or surety.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day January 1886.

Witness

H. O. Hargon

W. H. Priestley
Carroll Smith
E. L. Hargon

Subscribed in minute books
p. 34 min. book

Recorded September 21st 1889

W. V. Yandoo

Filed for Record February 25th 1890 at 8 a.m.

Last Will of London James.

State of Mississippi
Madison County

I, London James, being of sound mind and of good judgment, do hereby make the following disposition of my property, both personal and real as my last will and testament. All of my personal property, except one cow, one kitchen safe and one feather bed shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash. Also my place described as follows: - The W¹/₂ E¹/₂ S¹/₄ Sec. 30, T. 12, R. 5, E. containing 40 acres more or less situated in Madison County, Mississippi shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash. - After all expenses of said sale are paid the net money derived from the sale of said property shall be disposed of as follows: - My wife Margaret James shall have the sum of ten dollars. The remainder of the money shall be equally divided among the following named persons, Joe James, Bailey James, Mary A. Vanarsdel, Sarah Linn, Betsie Roper, Harrison Williamson and Adam Williamson or their heirs. - Dianna Bracy shall have the cow which shall be exempted from sale. - My wife Margaret James shall have the kitchen safe and Amelia Parker shall have the feather bed. - I hereby appoint Matthew Levy as my executor to carry out the provisions of this will, which shall be done within six months after my death. The said Matthew Levy shall receive a reasonable compensation, out of the cash proceeds of my property for his services as executor of this will.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of February

A. D. 1890.

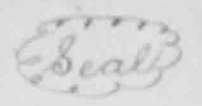
Witness

A. B. Linn

D. R. Vanarsdel

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

London ^{his} ~~mark~~ James



This day personally appeared before me W. J. Linn a Justice of the Peace of said County the within named London James who acknowledge that he sign sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year mention

Witness my hand this 22nd day of February 1890
W. J. Linn
J. P.

Recorded March 10th 1890.
H. V. Vandell.

Filed for record March 12th 1890.

Last will of Willie Jones.

I Willie Jones hereby make this my last will & testament.

I give & devise my house & lot in Canton to my sister Sallie Cousins who lives in Virginia I want the house & lot sold to the best advantage & the proceeds paid to said Sallie.

I give my bureau to Chana Washington also the bed & clothes on which I sleep.

My large mirror I give to M. C. Macafield also give him the furniture in the bed room. The things in the front room I give to said Chana & Macafield. My clothes trunks & chests I give to Chana Washington & Survey Jones to be divided between them.

(Signed by F. B. Pratt for Willie Jones - she being unable to write) I give my money to Chana Washington after paying my debts.

Signed this 2nd day of March 1890.

F. B. Pratt sign the name of Willie Jones to this at her request.

Willie Jones

By F. B. Pratt.

Signed by F. B. Pratt for Willie Jones at his request in our presence & signed by us at the request of said Willie Jones in her presence & in the presence of each other. & in the presence of said Pratt she the said Willie Jones declared the above to be her last will and testament.

F. B. Pratt - I Sham Jackson -

State of Mississippi } Filed for record June 23/90
 Madison County } Recorded July 9th 1890

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Ann Ray, of said County and State, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but feeble in health and apprehensive of an early death do make publish and declare my last will and testament, as follows, hereby revoking all others,

Item 1st Having disposed of all my property by deed to my two sons B. J. Barrier and Jackson Harvee Ray, and directed how the same shall be managed controlled and disposed of, fully, I make this will for the purpose, simply, of appointing a Guardian for my sons B. J. Barrier & J. Harvee Ray, and I hereby appoint my brother J. M. Kelly, of Yazoo County, Mississippi the guardian of the property of said minors hereby investing him with full discretionary powers in managing, controlling and handling their property, as far as I am able to do and relieve him from giving bond and security as such.

In testimony whereof,
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 14th day of June 1890, after the interlineation of the words J. Harvee Ray
 Mary Ann Ray

We the undersigned hereby, certify that the foregoing will was signed by the testatrix in our presence and we signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other, said testatrix having declared the same to be her last will and testament.

Witnesses

A. J. Crawford
 W. W. Randal

Last Will and Testament of } Filed for Record 23rd P.M. Aug 5th 1890
 Presto A. Horn of the County } Recorded August 19th 1890
 of Madison State of Mississippi

I Presto A. Horn of said County and State do hereby make, ordain & establish, this my Last will & Testament as follows

Item 1st I give devise & bequeath to my wife Mattie J. Horn a certain lot or parcel of ground in Canton Mississippi now occupied by Gaudelet & Maxwell as a store house, same being the south half of north half of Lot No four in square number eight of the plat of said town, being 25 feet front on Liberty Street & running back east by parallel lines two hundred feet together with all buildings & appurtenances thereto belonging, I also give my said wife all provisions & supplies that may be on hand at the time of my death, also all accounts notes & bonds (except State and United States bonds) due me at the time of my death or thereafter to become due, I also give to my said wife one half of all money,

+ Currency of every kind I may have at the time of my death, also one half of all State and United States bonds together with coupons attached, that I may then have

Item 2nd I give devise & bequeath to my son William Preston Horn the following property - viz- the building in Canton Mississippi known as the Capell & Baughw building, same being South half of Lot four in square 8 in Canton Mississippi together with all the buildings improvements & appurtenances thereto belonging. I also give to my said son one half of all State and United States bonds with coupons attached and one half of all moneys or currencies I may have at the time of my death.

Item 3rd I also give to my said son William Preston Horn the following real estate lying in said County viz- the 5/2 of 6/2 of 36/4 of section 18 & 6/2 of 36/4 of section 19 in Township 8 Range Two East

Item 4th I also give & devise to my said wife Mattie J Horn all the real estate in said County where & on which I now reside except so much thereof as is given to my son William Preston Horn by the third clause of this will.

Item 5th The real estate herein given to my said wife & son, I do give to them & their heirs & assigns forever

Item 6th The mules horses & Stock of every kind the farming utensils & all other personal property I may have not otherwise herein disposed of I give and bequeath to my said wife

Item 7th I hereby nominate my wife Mattie J Horn as executrix of this my last Will & Testament & desire that she shall give no bond as such. It is my desire that she proceed to wind up my estate with as much dispatch and at as small cost as possible, & without any inventory or appraisement of my property.

Item 8th I hereby nominate & appoint my friend William Priestly, of said County guardian of the estate of my son William Preston Horn, and earnestly desire that he shall accept & execute said trust but if he should not accept the same, then I appoint my said wife guardian of my said son.

Item 9th I hereby revoke and annul the following deed heretofore made by me that is to say, I revoke and annul a certain deed of gift dated 1st day of April 1874 by which I conveyed to my said son William Preston Horn the 1/2 of 11/2 of Lot No 4 in Canton Mississippi recorded in Book 13 B page 570 of the land records of said County. I also revoke and annul a certain other deed of gift made on the 29th day of November 1878 by which I conveyed to my said son one half of the South half of lot No 4, in square number 8 in Canton of said said deed being recorded in Book 16, page 345 of said land records. I also revoke & annul a certain deed of gift made by me on 29th day of November 1878 conveying to my said wife the 1/2 of 1/2 of said lot No 4 in sq No 8 in Canton which deed is recorded on page 344 of said Book 16, all which deeds contain the power of revocation. Witness my hand & seal this 21 day of November 1878

P.A. Horn (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by Preston A Horn as & for his last Will & Testament in our presence who at his request & in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed the same as witnesses
W.B. Pratt J.W. Maxwell Jno Hardy

Codicil

I Preston A Horn on this 3^d day of June A.D. 1880 do make & ordain this as a codicil to the foregoing will, hereby establishing my said will in all respects except as altered by this Codicil, that is to say I desire & will that in case of the death of my son William Preston Horn before he marries or before he attains the age of twenty one years all the property of every kind and description given to my said son, I do in that case desire shall go to my two nephews Joseph Barker & Early Barker, but if either said Joseph or said Early Barker shall die before my said son then the property given to both by his Codicil shall go to be the property of the survivor of them.

Signed Sealed & declared by Preston A Horn as his Codicil to his will this 3^d June 1880
J. W. Maxwell
F. B. Pratt
J. H. Handy

Witness my hand & seal
P. A. Horn (Seal)

The Last will and Testament of Mrs Emily P. Prichard } Filed for Record May 5th 1890
Recorded August 20th 1890

In the name of God Amen.

I, Emily P. Prichard of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi of Lawful age and sound and disposing mind do make this my last will and Testament. I give my body to the earth and my soul to God who gave it. I give unto my Brother Andrew Carroll Stovall two hundred acres of land of my home place which is in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi four and a half miles east of Canton in sections 10, 11, 22, and 23 T. 9. R. 3. East, which two hundred acres are to include the building, and my present residence. If I have failed to give the correct description by sections it is to be the land on which I now reside known as the home place and where I have lived for many years. I give unto my Brother Andrew C. Stovall the property of all kinds I may have on the home place, including Stock household and kitchen furniture and provisions of all kinds. I give to my Brother Andrew Carroll Stovall and my Sister Sarah Elizabeth Smylie the remaining part of the said home place to be divided between them share and share alike. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother Andrew Carroll Stovall the Executor to my will and request that he be not required to give any bond for the faithful discharge of his duty. In proof whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of July 1875 A.D.

Witnesses

Emily P. Prichard (Seal)

Dan Nicholson (Seal)
Jos C. Smylie (Seal)
Josie Smylie (Seal)

Last Will of } Filed for records Nov^r. 26 1890
Pedin Hendricks. } at 12. m.
Recorded Nov^r. 26th a. d. 1890.

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

In the name of God amen
I, Pedin Hendricks of said County of Madison
in said State of Mississippi being of sound
mind and memory make this my last will
and testament revoking any testamentary
disposition by me heretofore made.

1st I wish and desire that my funeral and
testamentary expenses including those of
my last illness - shall first be paid as
promptly as possible and then my just debts
to be paid as hereinafter recited.

2nd I specially wish and desire that all of my
real and personal property in this Madison
County and State of Mississippi being all
that I now own and the increase of said
personal property - and any other real
estate I may acquire before my death shall
be held and controlled by my wife during
her natural life time should she survive
me, and that after the death of both my
wife Eliza Jane Hendricks and myself,
I wish and desire that all of my property
both real and personal, be sold to the
best advantage, and that the entire
proceeds of the sale of same be disposed of
as follows viz. as hereinbefore stated I wish
my funeral and testamentary expenses
including those of my last illness shall first
be paid then my other just debts shall be
paid and the residue of the proceeds of sale
my said property to be disposed of in the
following manner.

3rd I give devise and bequeath to my two sons
A. W. Hendricks and J. B. Hendricks and daughter
Emma Virginia Hendricks a child's part of the
proceeds of the sale of my said property and to
the children of my deceased daughter Mary
Viola Coker and the children of my daughter
Elizabeth Coker, and the children of my daughter
Mary Fitzgerald, and the children of my son
W. W. Hendricks and the children of my son
J. S. Hendricks and the children of my son I. S.
Hendricks and the children of my son W. S.
Hendricks shall have a like share of the proceeds

6) of the sale of my said property equal to the share of my said sons A. W. & J. B. Hendricks, and daughter Emma Virginia Hendricks, in other words each group of my said grand children shall have simply a child's part of the proceeds of the sale of my said property.

4th It is my special desire and request that my daughter Emma Virginia Hendricks shall remain with and be supported by my wife until the date of her marriage.

5th I nominate and appoint Thomas Atkinson of Hinds County, and William Baskins of the County of Madison, both of the State of Mississippi executor of this my last will. of them I require no security having the utmost confidence in them that they will truly and faithfully carry out the provisions of this my last will. They or either of them may assume and execute the trust, or both qualifying the survivor may proceed therein.

In witness whereof, I have signed published and declared this instrument as my last will and testament at said County of Madison, State of Mississippi this the 29th day of October A. D. 1890.

Pedir ^{his} x Hendricks.
_{mark}

State of Mississippi }
Madison County. }

The said Pedir Hendricks in said County of Madison, State of Mississippi on the 29th day of October A. D. 1890, signed the foregoing instrument and published and declared the same in our presence as his last will and we at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other on said date have hereunder written our names as subscribing witnesses thereof.

E. H. Green
M. B. Harris.

The last will and
testament of Alabama
P. Dawson

Filed for Record
at 9 o'clock a.m. March
20th 1891


Recorded March 21st 91

- Know all men by these presents that I Alabama P. Dawson being of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. First I will that my executor herein after to be naming is to have a substantial iron railing put around the grand yard lot in Canton where repose the mortal remains of my sons John and William - I will further that at my death my executor shall see that I am buried in said lot between the graves of my dear Cherran and that over my remains and over that of my sons shall be erected substantial brick vault for all of which purposes I devote the sum of one thousand dollars if that sum be sufficient and more if it be not sufficient. Said money either more or less to be expended first in paying Cal. Willie Lyons Twenty dollars for the expenses due on the lot land after in such way as my executor shall deem best.
- Second - I will to my executor ten per cent on the value of all my property and money which I leave at my death in the event he does not collect any thing from the Morgan note - which note I surely find him or have done in my life time
- Thirdly - I wish the money due on a note held by me for one thousand and fifty dollars - and ten hundred dollars for which I have no note to be paid Colucella send my brother Ben R. Winter and to be given to my two nieces Elizabeth Blawie Winter and Mary Cooper Winter daughters of Ben R. Winter.
- Fourth - I surely appoint Henry S. Foot Jr. my nephew - my executor and invest him with all necessary power to carry out this my last will and testament, it being my desire that no bond be required of him -
- Fifth - I give the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars to be expended in having erected over my Mother's grave a head and foot stone and in repairing the monument over my father's grave

673 They are both buried in the Cemetery in
Tusculum Alabama.

Smith I will to Sam Dawson Harper - Alla Dawson Fuller
and Francis Dawson executor each the sum of five
hundred dollars as a memento in compliment of their former
Smith I will to Isaac Ella Stewart all the Remainder of
my property real and personal which I do not here
after dispose of. All the same to be kept in the name
of my said executor to be by him kept and invested at
his discretion until said Ella shall marry or until
ten years after my death if she shall not marry
and while so kept by him the income of same shall
be paid yearly to said Ella and when she marries or
if not married in ten years after my death my
executor shall turn said property over to her and
if my executor shall deem best he can give to her
whenever a part or whole of said property before she
marries or before the ten years have elapsed - This
legacy to be charged with a sufficient sum annually
to keep my Cemetery lot in complete order and repair
of said Isaac Ella Stewart should die before she
marries or the ten years elapsed after my death I will
that the said property be divided into two parts
one part I will to the Protestant Episcopal Church
of Mississippi to be invested and the income paid
annually to the widow and orphan fund of said Church
The other part I will to be divided between my named
sons Francis Dawson executor Alla Dawson Fuller
and any other child of my former or near relatives
who at the time of my death may bear my name or the
name of either of my sons John or William Lewis if one
either of the above named be not living at my death
let the whole be divided among the living

Further I will that my executor Henry S. Fort or shall have full
power to sell or otherwise dispose of my real estate and
moveables or other instruments to the same do as to fully
comport to the best of his ability & judgment my last will
and testament - as fully as I myself could do if alive
and desirous of selling all or any of my said real estate
I Intestamentally which I have here set
my hand & seal all said will being in my own hand
writing and by me written this the Tenth day of November
Eighteen hundred and seventy four.

Alabama Francis Dawson 

State of Mississippi } Chancery Court
Madison County } Sept 26th 1891

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing hereto attached purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Alabama F. Dawson, deceased, of Madison County, Personaly appeared before me, H. D. Youell, Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said County A. N. Paster and W. B. Reiner who being duly sworn depose and say that the foregoing will is wholly in the true writing of Mrs. Alabama F. Dawson which said writing is familiar to them. That it was signed and published by the said A. F. Dawson as her last will and testament on the day and year therein mentioned and having to the said A. N. Paster - by Mrs. A. F. Dawson for safe keeping. That the said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age, and they know of no other will made by said testator sworn to and subscribed by her this 26th day of Sept 1891

H. D. Youell }
Chancery Clerk }

A. N. Paster
W. B. Reiner

To all whom it may concern - This is to declare and certify that I hereby renounce the executorship of the will of my deceased Aunt Mrs. Alabama F. Dawson, and decline to act thereon our said will being of date the 10th day of November 1874. And desire that some person be appointed by the proper Court to carry out the said will in my stead and place.

H. D. Foster

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State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Filed For Record 9 am. nov 15th a.d. 1890
Recorded April 6th a.d. 1891

Last will and testament of Eliza Grafton, I Eliza Grafton of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi being of a sound mind but of an unsound body & taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life & the certainty of death do make this my last will & testament.

To my Grand daughter Alpha Grafton, I give & bequeath my residence home stead with all its appurtenances & the same containing forty acres more or less. I direct that this take effect from & after my death.

I request & appoint J.A. Cook to act as my executor without bond

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of July 1890

Eliza Grafton (S.S.)

Witness
A.N. Grafton
J. M. Anderson

State of Mississippi } Filed For Record 9 am. nov 15th a.d. 1890
Madison County } Recorded April 6th a.d. 1891

I, Susan Grafton of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being of a sound mind but of an unsound body and taking into consideration the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament. To my niece Alpha Grafton I give and bequeath my undivided landed interest containing sixty acres more or less. with the condition that for one year after my death, I desire all rentals or income from said lands to go to my Brother Thomas Grafton.

I hereby appoint J.A. Cook as my executor to act without bond

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th Sixth day of May A.D. 1890

Susan Grafton (S.S.)

Witness
A.N. Grafton
J. M. Anderson

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Last Will and Testament } Filed for record April
of R. C. Smith } 24th 1891.

Recorded April 24th. 1891.

January 1st 1891.

My strength being well nigh spent & feeling that my end is fast approaching I make this my last will & Testament.

Item 1st. I will & bequeath to each one of my children fifty shares of the Capital Stock in the Mississippi State Bank aggregating \$30,000⁰⁰. Not to be delivered to them however until he or she comes at the age of Twenty four years old. I hereby give my friend L. Foot the right to vote said stock so bequeathed to my children at all stockholders meetings of said Bank as he wishes. The annual dividends to be declared upon said stock, I will, shall be invested by Foot from year to year in other stocks, or bonds, or loaned out, at interest for the benefit of each child, & also delivered to such child when he or she is 24 years old. But should should any of my children die before arriving at the age of 24 years old their surviving brothers & sisters shall take equally the the share of such deceased child. Should all my children die before arriving at the age of 24 years old my wife shall have the legacies herein bequeathed to my children. I leave my friend L. Foot trustee for my children to manage controll & invest the childrens property herein bequeathed.

Item 2nd. I will give & bequeath to my wife A. D. Smith all of the balance of my estate, real, personal & mixed, money, notes, bonds stocks &c. and the money to be collected on all the insurance policies on my life. The money collected from life insurance policies I advise you to invest as soon as possible in some good stocks, or loan it out with good security, under the advice of my friend Foot.

Item 3rd. Out of the Estate & money I give my wife I trust you will educate, support & maintain our dear little children as you will have ample means to do so, without stint to yourself. The advice & counsel of my law partner Robert Powell, will be given you willingly & without charge which I advise you to always get in connection with the advice of L. Foot. I also direct that you pay to the Building and loan association all my monthly dues on all stock now held by me or yourself, till the stock matures as I regard it a good investment for you. No bond is required of L. Foot. Item 4. If any of my children shall marry & die leaving issue surviving them before arriving at the age of 24 years old then the surviving issue of such deceased child shall take the share of my deceased child.

R. C. Smith.

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Last Will and testament of
R. S. Beatty made October 4th
A. D. 1890.

Filed for record Aug 3rd 1891
Recorded Aug 4th 1891

Realizing the uncertainty of life & the certainty
of death and being of sound disposing mind
& memory, I R. S. Beatty of Canton Mississippi,
do make declare and publish this my last will
& testament as follows. Viz

1- I now have deposited to my credit in the Miss-
issippi State Bank of Canton Miss the sum of
One Thousand Dollars and out of this sum I desire
& direct that all my just & legal debts shall be paid
& should it not require all of this one thousand
dollars to pay my said debts, I direct & bequeath
such balance of One Thousand dollars, any,
to my sister Laura W. Donaldson of Lexington Miss
& my niece Olivia Bertram of Port Gibson Miss
to be equally divided between them
Should my said debts equal or exceed said sum of
One thousand dollars I bequeath nothing to
them.

2- I will & bequeath to my grand nephew Robert
McClarty of Water Valley Miss my watch & Ring.

3- I have a policy of Insurance upon my life
issued by the Knights of Honor No. for the sum
of two thousand dollars & policy of Insurance
upon my life issued by the Knights of Pythias
No 12637 for the sum of Two thousand dollars
Both of these policies are payable on their faces
to Madamie & Lula Harrison (Lula has never mar-
ried) of McClarty of Water Valley Miss these two pol-
icies of Insurance I will & bequeath to said Madamie
& Lula (both of whom are my nieces) to be equally
divided between them.

4- I give will & bequeath & devise all the residue
of my property both real & personal to my niece
Madamie Harrison of Water Valley Miss in fee simple
and appoint her the executrix of this my last
will & testament and direct that she be not
required to give any bond as such executrix
and I empower her to collect any money
that is bequeathed to her herein and all my
property that is bequeathed or devised to her
herein the same as if she was twenty one
years of age (she being now over eighteen years of
age) and direct that no guardian be appointed
for her to do such things & acts. She being of

sufficient & sound mind and discretion
to act for herself in such matters -

attested at the request of
R^d Beatty in his presence
& in the presence of each
other this the 7th day of
October 1890

R^d Beatty

Dr C Street
W. H. Powell

Last Will & Testament of } Filed for record Sept 26th A.D. 1891
Eva E. Hargow } Recorded Sept 26th A.D. 1891

Realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty
of death and being of sound disposing mind & memory, I, Evaline E. Hargow
of Canton Mississippi, do make declare & publish this my Last Will
& Testament as follows

I give & devise unto the children born & to be born of Julia, a Mayfield
begotten by J. P. Mayfield her husband the following described
Lot of Land situated in the City of Canton County of Madison & State
of Mississippi to wit:

Beginning at the South East corner of the intersection of the Right of Way
of the I. C. Rail Road Co. with Franklin Street which point of beginning
is on the South Side of Franklin & on the East Side of said Rail
Road Co - and running thence South along the eastern margin
of said right of way 100 feet & thence East to the western boundary
of Jos Hargow Lot and thence North 100 feet to Franklin Street &
thence West along the Southern boundary of said Franklin Street
to the point of beginning

I give bequeath & devise in fee simple to my daughter Eva
Stella Hargow all the residue of my property Real & personal
& mixed - I owe no debts. Witness my hand & seal this the
16th day of September A. D. 1891

Eva E. Hargow (Seal)

Attested by us at the
request of Evaline E. Hargow
in her presence & in the
presence of each other
this the 16th day of September 1891

W. H. Powell

C. Smith

679 In the matter of the Estate } Filed for Record Sept 26th 1891
of } Recorded Sept 26th 1891
Eva E. Hargow deceased }

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Chancery Court of September Term 1891

Personally appeared before me W. V. Gaudin Clerk
of the Chancery Court in & for said Co. & State, W. B. Powell & Corroli
Smith who being duly sworn upon their several Oaths do say as fol-
lows. That on the 16th day of September 1891 Eveline E. Hargow
was of sound disposing mind & memory & that on said day she made
signed declared & published her last will & testament & requested W. B. Pow-
ell & Corroli Smith to witness the same as her last & original will &
testament - That on said day the Eveline E. Hargow was more
than 35 years of age & at said time & until her death her mansion
house & fixed place of abode & residence was in Canton Miss. that
said instrument of writing made on said 16th day of September 1891 &
declared & published by said Hargow as her last will & testament
was signed by the said Eveline E. Hargow as Eva E. Hargow in her
own hand writing & published by her in the presence of the said
W. B. Powell & Corroli Smith & the said Eva E. Hargow requested these &
others the said Powell & Smith to write their names upon said will
as witnesses to the same which they did in the presence of the said
Eva E. Hargow & in the presence of each other.

Witness my hand & official seal this the 26th day of September
1891

W. V. Gaudin
Chancery Clerk

W. B. Powell
C. Smith

For record of Protols see ment. Book 5 p 142

Will of }
Stephen Hart } read for record Dec 12th 1891.
Recorded Dec 21. a. D. 1891.

In the name of God. amen. I Stephen Hart of
the County of Madison State of Mississippi being of sound mind
and memory. and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory
life do hereby make - ordain publish and declare - this to be my
my last will and testament - After all my lawful debts are paid
and discharged. the residue of my estate both personal and real
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Hart.
In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed my seal the Seventeenth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

Stephen ^{his} Hart ^{Seal}
_{mark}

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Stephen
Hart in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and
he at the same time published and declared the above instrument

so subscribed to be his last will and testament, and we at the testator's request - and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names - our respective places of residence.

Jas. E. Hart
Madison Co. Miss
Loula Gibbs. Madison Co. Miss
Celea Cole Madison Co. Miss

State of Louisiana } Filed for record December
Parish of Orleans } 29th a. d. 1891 at 9 a. m.
City of New Orleans } Recorded December 29th 1891

- Copy -

29th April 1878. Last Will and Testament of Miss Rebecca Clanton.

Be it known that on this day the twenty-ninth of the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight I William Joseph Castell a notary public in and for the Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana duly commissioned and qualified proceeded to the Convent known as the House of good Shepherd on Bienville Street accompanied by Miss William B Lancaster Francois Marionious and Sylvester Harper all three of lawful age residents of this City and competent witnesses herein for the purpose of receiving and making the last will and testament of Miss Rebecca Clanton whom we met in the front room of said Convent and who declared that considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory but ill in body as appeared to me said notary and said three aforementioned witnesses. it is her wish and intention to make and publish these presents as containing her last will and testament which will and testament she dictated to me notary in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses in the words - form and manner following to wit: My name is Rebecca Clanton - I am the daughter of Robert Clanton and Mary Anne William Clanton I was born in Madison County Mississippi my father and mother are both dead. I give devise and bequeath all and singular whatever I may die possessed of in moveables and immoveables rights and credits especially my right title and interest in and to all property real and personal in Madison County Mississippi unto the Sisters of ^{the} Good Shepherd of New Orleans this includes all inheritance and rights to inheritance

from my father and mother hereby instituting said sisters of the Good Shepherd my sole heir and legatees. I hereby appoint Mr Joseph Mitchell of New Orleans executor of this my last will and testament with seizin of my Estate - This will has been thus dictated to me Notary by the testatrix in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses and written by me notary as dictated in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses and afterwards read in a loud and audible voice by me notary to the testatrix in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses whereupon the said testatrix declared that she perfectly understood the same and persisted therein in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses. Thus done and passed at one time without interruption or without turning aside to any other acts in said room. the day, month and year first above written in presence of said three aforementioned witnesses who hereunto sign their names together with said testatrix and me notary after the reading of the whole. The whole being dictated - written, read, signed and passed in presence and hearing of said three aforementioned witnesses.

Original signed

Rebecca W. Clanton

W. B. Lancaster

Sylvester Harper

Manion Louis ^{F. Cois}

W. J. Castell Not. Pub.

I certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the original act extant in my current register.

Seal

In faith whereof I grant these presents under my signature and the impress of my seal of office.

New Orleans - Oct 10/1878.

W. J. Castell.

Not. Pub.

Last will and testament - } Filed for record 1 P.M. A.D. 1891
W. M. White } Recorded Jan 8 A.D. 1892

I William M. White of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament;

1st - I give demise and bequeath to my wife Caroline E. White, the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5 Township 10 Range 5 East and South $\frac{1}{2}$ South East $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32 Township 11 Range 5 East containing two hundred and forty acres, upon which my dwelling house is located. This land is designed as off home for my wife Caroline E. White and daughter Alice White and at the death of my wife Caroline E. White it shall belong to my daughter Alice White

2nd - My daughter Emma Steen, shall have the East $\frac{1}{2}$ South West $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5 Township 10 Range 5 East and the South $\frac{1}{2}$ South West $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32 Township 11 Range 5 East containing one hundred and sixty acres

3rd - My son Thomas White shall have during his life for his support - the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5 Township 10 Range 5 East containing one hundred and sixty acres. At the death of my son, Thomas White this land to be equally divided between my daughters Emma Steen and Alice White

4th - I give demise and bequeath to my grand daughter Emmett R. Hinton one hundred dollars in cash

5th - I give demise and bequest to Jas A. Remover five dollars in cash

6th - The remainder of my money on hand at my death to be equally divided between my wife Caroline E. White, my daughters Alice White and Emma Steen and my son John White and Thomas White,

Witness my signature this 17th day of December
1888

William M. White

Witness

E. M. Melvin

W. T. Rimer

27th

I hereby appoint my son J. J. White Executor of
this my last will and testament and that he shall
not be required to give bond as Executor

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

Personally appeared before
the undersigned Justice of the Peace of the County
of said E. M. Melvin one of the subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of W. M. White. who being first duly sworn
deposeth and saith, that he saw the above named W. M. White
whose name is subscribed thereto sign and deliver the same,
that he this deponent, subscribed his name as a witness
thereto in the presence of the said W. M. White, and that he
saw the other witness W. T. Rimer sign the same in the presence
of the said W. M. White, and in the presence of each other on
the day and year therein named,

Witness my hand and official this 17th day of December 1888

Saml Melton

Will of } Filed for record & am. Jan 4th A.D. 1892
Stephen M^c Daniel } Recorded Jan 13th A.D. 1892

I Stephen M^c Daniel of the town of Livingston in Madison
County Mississippi being of sound mind & memory & understanding
do make my last will & testament in manner & form following
First. I give & bequeath to my wife Eliza M^c Daniel all of my
property both Real & Personal to have during her life & after
her death. I give & bequeath the same to my daughter Nellie
Smith the wife R. T. Smith.

In testimony whereof I
hereunto set my hand & seal & published & given this
to be my last will & testament in the presence of
the witnesses named below this 21st day Feb 1890

S M^c Daniel Seal

Signed sealed declared & published by the said Stephen
 McDaniel as his last will & testament in the presence
 of us, who at his request & in the presence of each other
 have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto
 J. T. Nicholson
 J. D. Lewis

July 5th 1890

I hereby nominate & appoint my wife Eliza
 McDaniel my Executrix of the above will & it is my
 desire & wish that no bond shall be required
 of her.

J. McDaniel

Witness
 J. T. Nicholson

Will of Tish Cross } Filed for record Feb 3rd 1892
 Recorded Feb 3rd 1892.

I Tish Cross, being of sound and
 disposing mind and recognizing the uncertainty of
 life do make this my last will and testament. I
 desire first that Mr Henry Blakeman of Canton
 Mad Co Miss be the administrator of my estate
 and that no bond be required of him. Second
 that all my just debts be paid and that the
 residue of my property real and personal go to my
 mother Eliza Olive for her use during life and
 then to my sister Fyl Barnest.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of
 January 1892.

Witnesses
 C. S. Priestley
 C. B. Blakeman

Tish ^{her} Cross
 mark

Will of Austin Powell } Filed for record Feb 9th 1892. at 3 o'clock P.M.
 Recorded Feb 22nd 1892.

Knowing that it was once appointed for
 all men to die and being weak in body but of sound
 and disposing do make this my last will and testament
 I give to my wife Callie Powell all my property both real and
 personal during her natural life and after her death to my son John
 Powell. It is my will that my son above named shall be kept paid
 by my wife Callie Powell while she may live as witness
 my hand and seal this Jan 31. 1892.

Witness
 J. R. Powell

Austin ^{his} Powell
 mark

Will
of
Elizabeth Reece

} Filed for record mch 5th 1892
Recorded. March 5th 1892

I Elizabeth Reece of Madison County State of Miss. being of sound mind and memory and understanding do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. I give and bequeath to Harriet Mabry and Wesley Mabry and their heirs all of my household furniture and all the rest of my personal property. In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and seal and publish and decree this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below this third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

Elizabeth ^{her} _{mark} Reece

Witnesses

J. M. Holly

L. B. Stalley

John ^{his} _{mark} Walters

We Hattie and Wesley Mabry and our heirs agree to take care of and support Elizabeth Reece as long as she lives
Harriet Mabry

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

Will

John F. Hall

I have this day March the 16th 1892 granted conveyed and delivered to H. B. Barnett in trust for my children and specially in trust for my afflicted daughters Martha Hall and Eugenia Hall all of my real estate and personal property in Madison County Mississippi. Having full confidence in H. B. Barnett I hereby authorize and empower him without bond to sell and dispose of any of my estate real or personal after my death, that he may think best for the support and custody of the aforesaid daughters during their natural lives and the balance of my estate (after making a sufficiency to properly support and maintain the said named daughters) shall be equally divided amongst my other children and grand son Walter Merchant. If H. B. Barnett as trustee shall think it best (after my death) to sell and dispose of all my real estate and personal property

for the purpose of realizing means to be used
 in maintenance for the support and maintain-
 ance of the above named daughters during their
 lives and the surplus to be divided amongst
 my other children. I hereby authorize and
 empower him to sell and dispose of any and
 all of my property and all of his acts shall
 be as binding and valid as if done by myself
 I authorize the said W. B. J. Barnett
 to make deeds of conveyance to lands that
 he may sell of mine and to see and collect
 any and all debts that may be due and owing
 me at my death. I hereby request and author-
 ize W. B. J. Barnett after my death to pay
 call my just debts and burial expenses
 before any division is made by him of my
 estate. I hereby request W. B. J. Barnett as trustee
 to give out of the surplus of my estate to the
 children of Sarah Williamson dead an amount
 equal to what their mother would have been
 entitled to if she were alive.

John Hall

Witness
 A. B. Thornton
 L. D. Hullum

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State of Mississippi
 Madison County

The said John Hall in the County of Madison
 and State of Mississippi on the 17th day of
 March 1892 signed the foregoing instrument
 and published and declared the same
 in our presence as his last will and we
 at his request and in the presence of each
 other on said date have hereunder
 written our names as subscribing witnesses
 thereof

L. P. Donnahoo Jr.

A. B. Thornton
 L. D. Hullum

The State of Mississippi
 Madison County

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Personally appeared before
 me a Justice of the Peace of the said County, the
 within named John Hall who acknowledged that
 he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing and
 on the day and year therein mentioned as
 his own act and deed

Given under my hand-
 official seal at my office
 this 17th day of March 1892

L. P. Donnahoo Jr.

Will
of
Mrs L. R. Fellows

Filed for Record 23rd day of April 1892 and
Recorded 23rd ~~day~~ April 1892

James Pruisilly Clerk

Being on the eve of a journey, which may prove to be a
disastrous one to me I desire to write this as my
last will and testament. My Est- is not encumbered with
debt, the only one now owed by me being a small amount owing
to Jos Gilman, which is well secured. After paying
this debt- and the last sad rites over my body I desire
there may be a head and foot stone of Marble, not to
cost over \$50, each- shall be placed, at the grave of my
deceased husband J. G. Fellows- his daughter Eliza
and of myself. If any portion of my Est- should be
left I desire it to be paid to the proper person, to be
used for the benefit of the Canton Presbyterian Church
of which I am a member.

My step-daughter Julia Goodhue shall have all my
personally, of ~~my~~ every kind, in my house as a memento
of her mother's ^{various} kindness, to my late husband- also
to myself ever since I have been engaged in business.
I desire to present to L. St. Keiser- the contents of
my Awe-stand- asking in return that he shall
pay any debts of the business that may come in
after my decease demise as I have always conducted
my affairs, on a cash basis, there can not amount to
much. Feeling the solemnity of the occasion- I solemnly
declare these to be my last request- if this journey should
prove to be a fatal one-

Canton Miss

L. R. Fellows

July 24th 1889

I request my friend R. W. Hoffmann
to serve as my executor

L. R. Fellows

Will of
Emma L. Lusk

Filed for Record 29th April 1892

Recorded April 29th 1892

Emma

I, Lusk of the city of Canton, County of Harrison and
State of Mississippi, widow, being over the age of
twenty one years and of sound and disposing mind
and memory, do now hereby on this 30th day of February
1889 in the city of Canton, County and State
aforesaid, ordain, publish and declare the fol-
lowing to be my only true and lawful last will
and testament. That is to say: I give devise
and bequeath unto James Carter Lusk Meyers

whom I have raised from infancy all the property
of which I may die the owner, real, personal and
mixed whether in possession or expectancy and
to include choses in action, money and everything
belonging to me, whenever the same may be obtained
with absolute power of use and disposition, but
if any of my said property shall be undisposed
of or unconsumed by the said James Carter
Turk Myors any such property so remain-
ing to become the property in fee simple of any
children he may leave him or surviving or
failing such children then the descendants
and failing such children or descendants of
such children him surviving them in fee sim-
ple to any child or children of George H and
Virginia Fern Leaville who may survive him
and failing such then in fee simple to my
heirs generally: And I have by made and execu-
-tute and appoint D. S. Calhoun Esq the executor
of my last will and testament, and do not that
no bond shall be required from my said executor
on taking out letters testamentary or at any stage
of the administration of my estate and that he not
be required to account to any court: but if the said
James Carter Turk Myors shall be of proper age
to become executor of this my last will and test-
ament then I desire that he not seek the said
D. S. Calhoun Esq shall be the executor of this
my last will and testament with like direction
as to the non requirement of bond or bonds on
accounting

In testimony of all which I hereby
set my signature on the day and year and
at the place first mentioned
Emma L. Turk

The undersigned witnesses do hereby attest that we
saw Emma L. Turk sign by name to the
foregoing last will and testament and that she
signed the same in the presence of all of us and that
we each attested the same as the last will and
testament at her request and in her presence
and in the presence of each other on this the
30th day of March A. D. 1889

Lehas M. Anderson
Lizzie Rafter
L. W. Hollows

(Over)

= Codicil of Emma L Turk =

I hereby cancel and declare the will made by me which is rec'd on this 7th page two pages 687-688 & M Howard Emma L Turk

I Emma L Turk do hereby declare the following as a codicil of my last will and testament: I devise and bequest to my faithful servant Henrietta Johnson the sum of Three hundred dollars in cash to be paid to her by my Executor out of any money or rents and if there shall not be so much in hand then this legacy is to be charged on my Estate

Emma L Turk
State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

Personally appeared before the undersigned James Priestly Clerk of the Chancery Court the within named Emma L Turk who acknowledged that she signed and delivered the foregoing will on the day and year therein mentioned as her act and deed

Given under my hand and official seal this 29th day of April 1892
James Priestly clk
J M Grafton DC

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Chancery Clerk of said County the within named Emma L Turk who acknowledged that she signed and delivered the foregoing will on the day and year therein mentioned as her act and deed, which will is recorded on pages 687 + 688 of this book.

Given under my hand and official seal this 29th day of April 1892
James Priestly clerk
By J M Grafton DC

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

Personally appeared Emma L Turk who acknowledged that she signed the instrument of writing on the margin of this page in the presence of J M Howard as witnesses & being sworn by me stated it is her intention to revoke this & only will made which is recorded on this & the two preceding pages

Given under my signature & official seal at Canton Miss Sept 30th 1895
J M Grafton DC

Last Will and Testament
and Codicil of Peter Anderson
Deceased

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Filed for Record at 10²⁰ o'clock A. M. on the
13th day of July A. D. 1892 & Recorded July 13th 1892
James P. Bristley clerk

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit; on the twentieth
first day of November in the year one thousand eight
hundred and sixty seven Racella B. Anderson an
executrix named in the last will and testament of Peter
Anderson late of the City of Philadelphia Pennsylvania
deceased, appearing in open court before Edward S. Tucker
Surrogate of the County of New York and made applica-
tion to have the said last will and testament and codicil
thereto, which relates to both real and personal estate and
on such application the said surrogate did ascertain
by satisfactory evidence who were the heirs and next of
kin of the deceased, and their respective residences
and surrogate did thereupon issue a citation to
said heirs and next of kin by their respective names,
stating their places of residence requiring them to appear
before said surrogate at his office in the City of
New York on the twentieth day of December then
next to attend the probate of said will, and if answers
to wit; on the said twentieth day of December, satisfac-
tory evidence by affidavit was adduced and presented
to said surrogate of the Service of the said citation
in the mode prescribed by Law. It being ascertained
on the same day or before any proceedings were taken
up, on the said will, that one of the parties cited
was a minor having no general guardian residing in
the State of New York a special guardian was appointed
in due form of Law to take care of his interest, in
the matter of proving said will - by an order duly
entered for that purpose by said surrogate, and
on that day no one appearing to oppose the probate
of said will, such proceedings were thereupon had
afterwards that said surrogate to the proofs of said
will given in and set forth and upon this twentieth first
day of December in the year one thousand eight hun-
dred and sixty seven, he adjudged said will and
codicil thereto to be a valid will of Real and Personal
estate and the proofs thereof to be sufficient, which
said last will and testament are as follows, that is
to say -

In the Name of God Amen - I Peter Anderson
Gentleman residing at present at Gramary Park House,
in the City of New York being of sound and disposing
Mind Memory and Understanding, blessed be God for
The same and being mindful of The uncertainty of life

and the certainty of death - do make, constitute and ordain - this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and disclaiming null and void any and all other will and wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item, I give and devise to my nephew James W. Anderson the son of my late brother Nelson Anderson, all my land and real Estate of which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may be entitled, situated and being in the State of Mississippi to him and his heirs forever, as I believe that the deeds of said lands and real Estate have been most or all of them destroyed at Holly Springs by the ravages of war. I now declare that the lands and real Estate so as above given and described and which are situated in the State of Mississippi; are so nearly as I can describe the same as follows - that is to say: to wit. one equal undivided half part of the plantation in the County of Janice, in said State - whereof my said Nephew is now or lately was the owner - of the other equal undivided half part. Second; also one equal undivided half part of the plantation near Holly Springs in said State of Mississippi - whereof the undivided equal half is now or ^{lately} was owned by Walter Goodman. Third. also one equal undivided half part of the tract of land on the Mississippi River, near the Town of Commerce - whereof the other one equal undivided half part - is now or lately was owned by my said Nephew who derived the same from his father being the same tract on which at one time was established a wood yard. Fourth also all my right title and interest to any and all lands now or late held by Walter A. Goodman in trust for his father Walter Goodman and myself, my interest in the same being one equal undivided half part thereof. Fifth also my plantation in Madison County in said State of Mississippi, consisting of the lands purchased by me from Mr. Colman and about two hundred acres purchased by me, I think from Mr. Montgomery, also a quarter section of Swampwood land on the Big Black River which is, I think in Yazoo County. The said lands mentioned in this fifth section being during the life of my wife part of the plantation of which the land owned by her at the time of our marriage, constituted a portion and which portion by her will, was given to her sister Mrs. Jane A. McWilliam. Sixth also all my land and real Estate, situated in the State of Arkansas of which at the time of my death I may be seized or in which I may have any interest. I hereby

declare that the foregoing enumeration and specification of the lands and real estate and interest in lands and real estate and interest in lands and real estate in the State of Mississippi, so devised to my nephew is not intended to be exclusive of any other land or interest in land in said State to or in which if any I may at the time of my death be seized or entitled, but if at the time of my death I shall be seized or otherwise entitled to any other land or any interest therein the State of Mississippi not herein before specially mentioned, the same is nevertheless, to pass and go, and I hereby give and devise the same to my said nephew and his heirs, as fully and absolutely as though the same were alone particularly mentioned and described. I then I give and bequeath to my said nephew James M. Anderson all my personal property, which at the time of my death may be situated in the State of Mississippi; and all claims and demands which I may then own or to which I may then be entitled against any and all persons or persons, then residing in the State of Mississippi. I then, In case my said nephew James M. Anderson, shall not be living at the time of my death, then and in ^{such} case I give, devise and bequeath all such land real estate, and interest in land or real estate and all such personal property and all such claims and demands as are above declared to be given devised and bequeathed to my said nephew to his wife and children or to such of them as shall ^{then} be living, to have and to hold the same in equal shares and interest to them and their heirs forever. I then, The will executed by my wife in Edinburgh and approved by my endorsement now in the hands of Mrs J and St. McMillie for probate I confirm, and if my said nephew James shall, out of the three Crops bequeathed to me in said will, realize and receive a net amount sufficient, he shall cause to be erected the tombs mentioned in the will of my wife; and to pay such such sum, if any as may be due Mrs McMillie for or on account of the fifteen hundred dollars per annum reserved to her out of the said three Crops by said will. I then, I hereby constitute and appoint my said nephew, James M. Anderson, the executor of so much of this my last will and testament only as relates to my property and estate situated in the States of Mississippi and Arkansas as here by waiving security for the performance of his duties in said office, and declaring that he is

not to have any authority over or to act in respect to, any
 of my property, except such as is above given devised
 and bequeathed to him in said States of Mississippi and
 Arkansas. Then I give and bequeath to my Brother James
 Anderson of trust Charlton Saratoga County in the State
 of New York twenty three shares of the Capital Stock
 of the Manhattan Company (A Corporation transacting
 the business of banking in the City of New York,
 Then I give and bequeath to my Brother John Anderson
 of trust Charlton afore said, forty three shares of the
 Capital Stock of said Manhattan Company. Then I
 give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Anderson of
 trust Charlton afore said, forty three shares of the Cap-
 ital Stock of said Manhattan Company. Then I give
 and bequeath to my sister Isabella Anderson of trust
 Charlton afore said forty three shares of the Capital
 Stock of said Manhattan Company. Then I give
 and bequeath to my niece Racella B. Anderson
 of the City of New York forty eight shares of the Capital
 Stock of said Manhattan Company. Then I give and
 devise and bequeath to my said niece Racella B.
 Anderson all the out residue and remainder of my
 Estate both real and personal and of whatever
 nature or kind and where soever the same may
 be situated, of which I may be seized or to
 which I may be in any way entitled at the time
 of my death to have and to hold the same to her
 and her heirs and assigns forever. Then I hereby
 declare that any person taking any interest by
 devise or bequest under this my will, shall
 be considered as releasing all claims against my
 estate and that each and every of the above be-
 quests and devises are made on that express
 Consideration. Then I make nominate consti-
 tute and appoint my niece Racella B. Anderson
 and my friend Frederick W. Cozzitt, of the City of
 New York and the survivor of them, and whick-
 ever of them, if but one, shall take upon himself
 or herself, the execution of this will, to be
 Executrix and Executor of this my will except
 as to that portion of my property situated in the
 States of Mississippi and Arkansas, and all the
 Authority herein and hereby given to them is
 given to each of them whenever acting. In
 witness whereof I have to this my last will
 and Testament subscribed my name and af-
 fixed my seal at the City of New York this thirteenth
 day of October Eighteen hundred and sixty four.

Peter Anderson

Witness J. M. Morrison Henry H. Cooper, Benj. D. Silliman
 We the undersigned, do attest and certify that on this thirteenth
 day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty
 four, the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed
 at the end thereof by Peter Anderson the testator, who
 is known to us, in our presence, and in the
 presence of each of us, that we saw him sign
 and seal the same, and that he then and there at
 the time of such signing and sealing, declared
 the said instrument to be his last will and Testament
 and that we there, upon at his request and in his
 presence and in the presence of each other subscribed
 our names as witnesses to said will and signed this
 attestation. J. M. Morrison residing at Yorkers J. N.
 place of business, Manhattan Co, 40 Wall St N.Y.C.
 Henry H. Cooper residing at 19th 22nd Street N.Y.C. place
 of business, 43 Wall St. Benj. D. Silliman residing
 at 34 Clinton St Brooklyn, place of business 43
 Wall St N York

I Peter Anderson formerly of the State
 of Mississippi, but at present residing in the City
 of Philadelphia, Esquire, do make and publish
 this codicil to my last will and Testament executed
 by me in the City of New York on the thirteenth
 day of October in the year of our Lord, one thou-
 sand eight hundred and sixty four, in the first
 place, I do hereby revoke and make void so much
 of the third Item of my said last will and Testament,
 which provides that in case my nephew
 James H. Anderson should die in my life time
 that certain property shall go to his wife and chil-
 dren, and I do hereby confirm the devise and be-
 quest made by me in the first Item of my said
 last will and Testament to my said nephew James
 H. Anderson and do give, devise and bequest to him
 all and every part of the property given to him by the
 said first Item of my last will and Testament
 to have and to hold the same, and every part thereof
 to him the said James H. Anderson his heirs,
 executors Administrators and assigns forever and
 it is my express will, that in case the said
 James H. Anderson shall die in my life time,
 the devise and bequest hereby, and in the said
 third Item of my said last will and Testament,
 given to him shall not lapse, by reason of the
 death of him the said James H. Anderson but
 shall go, in the same manner, as if the said
 James H. Anderson had survived me. Item. I

do hereby revoke annul and make void the fourth item of my said last will and Testament, having paid in full the claims of Mrs James S. Hillie, under the will of her sister my late wife I do give and bequeath to my Nephew the said James W. Anderson the following Bonds Stocks & Securities to wit; Four hundred and twenty five Shares of the Stock of the American Land Company, Two Hundred Shares of the Stock of the Michigan, Southern, and Northern Indiana Rail Road Company known as the old stock, Five Bonds of one thousand dollars each of the St Louis Alton & Terre Haute Rail Road Company, being of the second mortgage Bonds of the said Company, Three other Bonds of the said Company for one thousand dollars each, known as in come Bonds, also three other Bonds of the said Company for one thousand dollars each, known as first mortgage Bonds, also three Bonds of the United States of America, for one thousand dollars each, bearing an interest of six percent per annum, and numbered respectively 42,136, 42,137, & 42,138, and also Five (5) other Bonds of the United States of America for one thousand dollars each known as 5/20 and numbered respectively 114,617 - 114,618 - 114,619 - 114,620 - 114,621; and being of the issue of 1865; and whereas by the second item of my said last will and Testament I did give and bequeath to my Nephew the said James W. Anderson, debts due, and personal property belonging to me in the state of Mississippi; I do hereby enlarge the said bequest and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said nephew James W. Anderson, all debts that may be due and owing to me at the time of my death by any person or persons, or Bodies Corporate or Politic in any of the states lately in rebellion against the united States of America and all the personal property which I may have or which may belong to me in any of the states aforesaid and not given or bequeathed by my said last will and Testament or by this Copied and whereas by the fifth Specification of the first item of my said last will and Testament I did give and bequeath devise my land in Madison County to my said Nephew James W. Anderson, a portion of which is described as about two hundred acres purchase of Montgomery and whereas I find the land thus described to consist of two hundred and eighty acres and was purchased of a person by the name of Weister and constituted a portion of

land known as the Dorsey tract, now I do hereby give and devise the said land to my said nephew James H. Anderson his heirs and assigns forever, and it is my express will that no devise or bequest, given or made to my said nephew James H. Anderson by my said last will and Testament or by this codicil, shall lapse by the death of my said nephew James H. Anderson in my lifetime, but shall go and be disposed of in the same manner as if my said nephew James H. Anderson, had survived me then I do hereby charge the payment of my debts on all my property alike. I then I declare it to be my will, that should any devise and bequest contained in my said last will and Testament, or in this codicil, fail by any reason whatsoever, the same will be considered, deemed and taken as part of my residuary Estate and I do give, devise and bequeath the same to my residuary legatee Rebecca B. Anderson, her heirs, executors, Administrators and assigns forever, and whereas there are out standing Bonds by which I am obligated to guarantee to certain purchasers the titles of the American Land Company, I do give and do grant unto my executors and also unto Walter A. Goodman and Charles Butler power and authority jointly and severally to execute and deliver deeds in conformity to the tenor of such Title Bonds and I declare that the deeds so executed by said persons shall be binding on my heirs, executors, and administrators. Lastly I declare this to be a codicil to my said last will and Testament, which I hereby republish in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the Thirty first day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven. Peter Anderson (L.S.)

Witness Saw H. Guitley, W. S. Phillips, James J. Barclay the undersigned, do certify that on this Thirty first day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven, the within instrument was signed and sealed at the end thereof by Peter Anderson the Testator and at the time of said signing and sealing he declared the said instrument to be a codicil to his last will and Testament, and that he thereupon at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto, and subscribed the attestation, and we further certify that the word "first" in the fourth line from the top of the first page and the words "said first" in the eighth line from the top of the said page were first written or erased.

Saw H. Guitley, W. S. Phillips James J. Barclay

In the matter of proving the last will and Testament of Peter Anderson Deceased. As a will of real and Personal Estate Examination of Witnesses, sworn and examined in the above entitled matter County of New York to wit: James M. Morrison of said County being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said will says: I was well acquainted with Peter Anderson now deceased. I knew the above named decedent for ten years before his death. The subscription of the name of said decedent to the instrument now shown to me and offered for Probate as his last will and Testament and bearing date the 13th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty four was made by the decedent at the City of New York in the presence of myself Benjamin D. Silliman and Henry H. Cooper the other subscribing witnesses. At the time of such subscription, the said decedent, declared the said instrument - so subscribed by him to be his last will and Testament - and I thereupon signed my name as a witness at the end of said instrument at the request of said decedent, and in his presence. The said decedent at the time of so executing said instrument was upwards of the age of twenty one years and of sound mind, memory and understanding, and not under any restraint, or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate. I also saw said Benjamin D. Silliman and Henry H. Cooper - the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said will and know that they so at the request of said decedent and in his presence

Sworn this 20th day of December } J. M. Morrison
1867 before me Likien J. Tucker }

County of New York, to wit: Benjamin D. Silliman of Brooklyn Kings County being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter, and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said will, says I was well acquainted with Peter Anderson now deceased. I knew the above named decedent for twenty years before his death. The subscription of the name of said decedent to the instrument now shown to me and offered for probate as his last will and Testament, and bearing date the thirteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty four was made by the decedent at the City of New York in the presence of myself James M. Morrison and Henry H. Cooper the other subscribing witnesses

at the time of such subscription, the said decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be his last will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as a witness at the end of said instrument, and at the request of said decedent and in his presence. The said decedent, at the time of so executing said instrument, was upwards of the age of twenty one year, and of sound mind, memory and understanding, and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate. I also saw said James M. Morrison & Henry H. Cooper, the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said will and know that they did so at the request of said decedent and in his presence.

I sworn this 20th day of Decr 1867 before me } (Benj. D. Silliman
Gideon J. Tucker }

County of New York to wit; Samuel H. Gaither of the City of Philadelphia Pennsylvania, being duly sworn as a witness in the above entitled matter and examined on behalf of the applicant to prove said will says I was acquainted with Peter Anderson now deceased I knew the above named decedent for a short time (31st May) before his death. The subscription of the name of said decedent, to the instrument now shown to me and offered for probate as a codicil to his last will and Testament and bearing date the thirty first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven was made by the decedent at the City of Philadelphia in the presence of myself William A. Phillips and James J. Barclay the other subscribing witnesses. At the time of such subscription, the said decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament, and I thereupon signed my name as witness at the end of said instrument, at the request of said decedent and in his presence. The said decedent at the time of so executing said instrument was upwards of the age of twenty one year and of sound mind, memory and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real estate. I also saw said William A. Phillips and James J. Barclay the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said Codicil to said will and know that they did so at the request of said decedent and in his presence.

I sworn this 23rd day of Decr 1867 before Saml H. Gaither }
Gideon J. Tucker }

County of New York to wit: James J. Barclay of the City of Philadelphia Pennsylvania being duly sworn as a juror in the above entitled Matter and by me on behalf of the Applicant to prove said will, says I was well acquainted with Peter Anderson now deceased. I knew the above named Decedent for one year & upwards before his death. The subscription of the name of said Decedent to the instrument now shown to me and offered for Probate as his last will and Testament and bearing date the Thirty first day of May in the Year one Thousand eight hundred and Sixty seven ~~was~~ was made by the Decedent at the City of Philadelphia in the presence of my self, Samuel H. Gaitley and William A. Phillips the other subscribing witnesses. At the time of such subscription the said Decedent declared the said instrument so subscribed by him to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament; and I thereupon signed my name as a witness at the end of said instrument at the request of said Decedent, and in his presence. The said Decedent, at the time of so executing said instrument, was upwards of the age of twenty one Year, and of sound Mind Memory, and understanding and not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to devise real Estate. I also saw said Samuel H. Gaitley & William A. Phillips the other attesting witnesses sign their names as witnesses at the end of said Codicil to said will and know that they did so at the request of said Decedent and in his presence.

Sworn, this 23rd day of Dec } James J. Barclay
1867 before me Edward Tucker }

County of New York. Recorded the preceding last will and Testament and Codicil thereof of Peter Anderson deceased as a will of Real and Personal Estate together with the proofs and examinations taken and had in the Court of the Surrogate of the County of New York relating to the said last will and Testament which said Record is hereby signed and certified by me pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes the Thirty first day of December in the Year one thousand eight hundred and six seven Edward Tucker
Surrogate

State and County of New York S.S.
Surrogate's Office

I William B. Attkin Clerk to
the Surrogate's Court of said County do hereby certify
that I have compared the foregoing copy of the last
will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Peter Anderson
deceased together with the probate thereof with the origi-
nal record thereof now remaining in the office and
have found the same to be a correct transcript there-
from and of the whole of such original record.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of office of said surrogate,
this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Eight hundred and sixty eight

Wm B Attkin
Clerk to the Surrogate's Court

State and County of New York S.S.
Surrogate's Office

I Edward J. Tucker Surrogate
of said County and presiding Magistrate of the Surro-
gate's Court do hereby certify that the foregoing exam-
plication of the last will and Testament and cod-
icil thereto of Peter Anderson deceased together with
the probate thereof is authenticated in due form and
by proper officers

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, and affixed the seal of the Surrogate's Court
this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight hundred and sixty eight

Edward J. Tucker
Surrogate

The State of Mississippi S.S.
County of Marshall

Exemplification of Records

I John B. Howard Clerk of the Chancery
Court, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify
that the foregoing Twenty one (21) pages, contain a true
and correct copy of the last will and Testament and
Codicil thereto of Peter Anderson deceased, as the
same appear of record in my office on Record
Book No 18 pages 202 to 209 of the Record of Wills
in my said office. Given under my hand and seal of said
Chancery Court hereto, at office affixed, in the City of
Holly Springs this 30th day of October A.D. 1888

John B. Howard Clerk
By Jos M. Butt Secy



The State of Mississippi
Madison County

I James Priestley Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a just, true and perfect copy of an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter Anderson deceased.

Witness my hand and official seal at office this 14th day of July A. D. 1892

[Signature]

James Priestley Clerk
J. M. Crutson D. C.

Last Will and Testament (Filed for Record at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of Aug - A. D. 1892 & Recorded Aug 13th 1892)

State of Mississippi
Madison County

I James L. Ray of Madison County Mississippi of sound mind and memory make this my last will and I give devise and bequeath all my estate and property real and personal as follows: The 1/2 of Citron Section 14 Township 10 Range 5 East and a half interest in the 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 of section 9 Township 10 Range 5 East which I want sold as soon after my death as my executors may think expedient and the proceeds and the proceeds of said sale of said lands to be used in payment of my funeral expenses and all my just debts and the 1/2 of S. 1/4 and the 1/2 of S. 1/4 S. 1/4 with all my personal property to be retained and used as a home and for the maintenance of my children so long as they live and if they die young singly or until my youngest living child shall become of lawful age then said property to be sold or otherwise disposed of as my executors may think best and the proceeds to be equally divided between my living children or their heirs

I depart with out bond as the executors of this my will J. L. Bunch, F. P. McKay and S. C. Ray of Madison County Mississippi in witness whereof I have signed, published and declared this instrument as my will at said County this 16th day of May 1892

James L. Ray

Witness
J. L. Bunch
F. P. McKay
S. C. Ray

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

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Personally appeared before the undersigned
a Justice of the Peace of the said County, the within
named James J. Ray, who acknowledged that he
signed and delivered the foregoing Deed on the day and
Year therein mentioned as his act and Deed
Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of May A.D. 1892
L. P. Dolichot J. P.

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