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Walter R. Johnston's Will.

I Walter R. Johnston, of the county of Madison and State of Mississippi, do in my last will and testament give unto Newton L. Haxall, five hundred dollars a year provided there should be that much made clear of expenses, the balance of the money that may be made by the farm clear of expence. I give unto Mrs. Juliana Caufland, of Virginia, her lifetime and at her death to be given to her children. (I also bequeath at her death my whole estate to her children, and in case any of the children should die I wish their estate given to the balance of the children and not their Father) I also give unto Henry, Eliza's child his freedom. I also wish him put to the carpenters trade until he is twenty one years of age. I want the tract of land that I purchased from W. Billingsly and the improvement near the river, sold the first of January, eighteen hundred and thirty one, on a credit of one, two and three years. I also want the farm known by the name of Perrarah kept up by the whole of my Estate. I also wish a cotton gin with an inclined wheel and a mill built on my Perrarah farm. I also wish the money that I have in Virginia to go to the use of paying off my debts, and the balance to the use of my farm. I also leave James Cot, of Hinds County State of Mississippi and John W. Cole of Madison County State of Mississippi my Executors.

November 9th. 1838.

attest. Jos. T. Carmichall
Carney Slay
Willia Thompson
Anthony Byrne

W. R. Johnston

W. W. Williams' Will.

State of Mississippi } Know all men by these presents that I William
Madison County } W. Williams, of the State and County aforesaid,
do find myself very weak, both in body and mind and calling to mind
it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will and
Testament. First of all I recommend my body to the grave unto dis
in a decent and Christian like manner at the discression of my fam
and relations. Secondly I recommend my soul to the hands of the almi
ghty God who gave it, hoping through the merits of the blessed Re
deemer to receive his gracious pardon, and as to such worldly est
as it has been pleased God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of the
the following manner. first, my Will is that all my just debts be
paid and all debts due me be collected and applied to the payment of
my debts by my Executors and should my outstanding debts not be
sufficient to discharge my debts my will is that my Father Presly
Williams and Chaffin Smith, do sell as much as much of my prop
erty as will do or as may be thought expedient by my executors
for the welfare of my wife and Children. Also my will and desire
is that my dear and belovving wife do enjoy all my household and
kitchen furniture together with as much of my Crops and stock of
all kinds as will be sufficient for the maintainance of herself
and Children. Also a molatto woman by the name of Polly and
her children

namely Elias, Steves and Jackson my will is that they still remain under the controle of my wife and children during her widowhood and life and the above Slaves it is my will that they remain within the limits of the counties viz Madison Yazoo and Hinds without the executors may think expedient to move them to some other county at some further period. Also my will and desire is that a negro woman and Slave boy namely, Lucy and Sam her son remain in the possession of my Father Presley Williams during his natural lifetime and the lifetime of my Mother Rebecca Williams, without any interruption of any one My reason for it is there has been a contract previously to that effect and after their natural death my will is that the above named Slaves be returned back to my then living children. Also my will and desire is that my Father receive out of my Stock a sufficient Support for himself and mother to be at his disgretion such as he may think necessary for his support. This day of November 1829-

I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in the. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of -

Jos. Lafayette Parker — Wm. H. Williams (Seal)

John McJankin

We the Administrators and administratrix do hereby witness the above signatures -

## Washington Darden's will.

In the name of God amen.

I Washington Darden being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain and make this as my last Will and Testament in the words and form following to wit. Item 1st I resign my body to the grave and my soul to the care and protection of Almighty God who gave it.

2nd I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Darden, one ninth part of my estate both real and personal (to wit) of twenty three eighths of lands lying in the counties of Madison and Hinds also one half of a Town Lot in the Town of Fault. Jefferson county in the possession of P. Williams together with twenty two negroes (to wit) Sam. Hanna. Ellin. Charlotte. Joseph. Vera. Bill. Rasan. Andy. Allen. Zachary. Lina. Willis. Cesar. Isaac. Ned. Jane. Ely. Daniel. Jack. Bob. Clarice. I do furthermore give and bequeath to her Two hundred and fifty dollars money, that I have now in my possession -

Item 3rd I do also give and bequeath to my children (to wit) Evelina B. Reed. Martha A. Darden. Stephen H. Darden. John H Darden. Allen S Darden. George W Darden. Mary Jane E. Darden also including Mackall Walton son of Pamela H Walton, my daughter Dec. in case he the said Mackall shall live to be twenty one years of age, all the remaining part of my property including goods and chattles, lands and tenements to be

equally distributed among them by valuation as they may become of lawful age or many and the property not to be distributed under any other consideration and the part or portion allotted to my daughters to wit, Evelina B. Rice, Martha Ann and Elizabeth M. F. Darden. I do give and bequeath to them and their heirs or issues of their bodies.

Item 3rd The tract or parcels of lands containing the farm and buildings whereon I now reside is not to be divided untill the youngest child becomes of lawful age or marries.

Item 4th. I do also give and bequeath to Scotty and Elijah, slaves not mentioned in in the above list of slaves, their freedom at the marriage pleasure or death of my wife Ann Darden.

Item 5th I do also give and bequeath to the heirs of John Bond of the County of Jefferson one negro man slave by the name of Jack, together with all the Stock and furniture belonging to me that they hold in their possession.

The 6th I do appoint, constitute and ordain Caleb Rice and John Vickers executors to my Estate and my wife Ann Darden Executrix, clothed with full power and authority to act in this my last will and testament. Madison County State of Mississippi February 22nd 1850.

H. D. Runnels
J. B. Kilborn
David Bailey

H. Darden.

## William A. Wiley's Will.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County. } In the name of God Amen.

I William A. Wiley being of sound mind and memory though weak and feeble of body and knowing that man must die, I give and dispose of my property which has pleased God to bless me in health in accumulating (as follows to wit)

1st 3 Negroes, slaves for life. Tom, Nelson and Fanny to my beloved brother John Wiley.

2nd 2 negroes, slaves for life. Nancy, Sandy and Judy to my beloved brother Samuel Wiley.

3rd give a negro boy named Plato & Ann to Hiram A. Runnels son of H. D. Runnels. 4th. It is my will and wish for H. D. Runnels to take charge and act as Administrator and Executor agreeable to this will above and what should follow below. 5th I wish my administrator as soon as circumstances will admit to give and pay unto Judith Sell of Northumberland County Virginia, four hundred dollars her part in full of my effects. 6th. I wish my Administrator and executor to collect all debts dues and demands due me in any manner then pay all just debts or demands I am owing. 7th. I wish if there should be any overplus of money of money after the above requests being complied with and after all

debts and demands being paid such overplus I wish my good and faithful friend H. D. Runnels to have and dispose of for the sake of the giver to his own, use and benefit. 8th. Given my hand in the presence of Patrick C. Jack and Allen Walker this the 11th. day of October 1830.

Signed in the presence of — Wm. J. Wildy (seal)
Patrick C. Jack, Allen Walker

## Hugh Rogers' Will.

In the name of Christ Amen.

I Hugh Rogers of Madison County Mississippi enjoying under the blessings of God, perfect soundness of mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. My soul I recommend to almighty God who gave it, and my body to a decent Christian interment — My sons James and Joseph I make and constitute my Executors to my will, which is that during the natural life of my dearly beloved wife Ann Rogers, the estate remains undivided & in her possession. That half my Cattle and house furniture be at her disposal at death: After which let my negro woman Milly be sold and equal distribution be made of her price, between Martha Johnson, Margaret H. Young James B. Rogers, Chas Robert Rogers, all heirs of my body and that all the residue of my Estate real and personal be and remain entire the property of my youngest son Joseph Revoking by this all other wills by me ever made and testifying the same by affixing hereunto my hand and seal this 9th of July 1828.

Witness in presence of John Vickers — Hugh Rogers (seal)
William Cormack

## David Bailey's Will.

The State of Mississippi — 21st day of January 1831.
Madison County

In the name of God Amen. I David Bailey of the County and State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made in manner and form following (to wit). 1st I resign my soul into the hands of almighty God, hoping and believing in a remission of my sins by the merits of Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix or Executor hereinafter mentioned and my worldly Estate which has pleased almighty God to bless me in accumulating, I give and devise as follows — 1st I give and devise to my beloved and affectionate wife Mary Bailey of the County and State aforesaid, all my lands and tenements in the county and State aforesaid, All my negroes namely, Ann, Sarah, Jack, Indy, Peter, Tom, Dilsey, Lucy, Tim, Sam and Nancy, also all my stock,

horses, Cattle, hogs and Sheep. also all my household and Kitchen furniture. Also all my farming utensils for her the d. Mary Bailey, to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death to dispose of a negro girl Sarah at her will and pleasure the other property above Stated, to be disposed of as follows, (to wit) equally divided between my beloved Sisters and Brothers namely Mary Luster, Nimmans Milly Bailey, Jesse Bailey and James Bailey, at the same reserving a sufficient support for my Father, mother and family during their lifetime Also the increase or decrease to be as above Stated— 2nd I wish my executrix and executor to pay all just demands I owe in any manner whatever — 3rd I wish and request the Orphan's Court of said county to appoint my beloved wife Mary Bailey Executrix and Augustin Kearney Executor, to carry the design of this my last will and testament into effect. Given under my hand and Seal this 21st. January 1831. In the presence.

of A Walker, G. M. Hubert and
Bennett R Trulo, Attest.
Allen Walker G. M. Hubert
B. R. Truly

David Bailey (Seal)

## Charles Anderson's nuncupative will.

The nuncupative will of Charles Anderson deceased as declared in his last sickness and at his dwelling house the said Charles Anderson, declared that he wished all his loose property not necessary to carry on and fulfil the contract made for which his negroes &c were pledged, should be sold and the proceeds thereof paid over to his mother for her use during life remainder to her Children by her second or last marriage and that the contract made for which his property was pledged should be carried on and that after the payment of said contract that the remainder of his Estate should go to his mother for her use during life remainder to her children by her second or last marriage—

## Alexander Halls will.

In the name of God Amen. I Alexander Hall of the State of Mississippi and County of Lawrence knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being weak in body, but of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (to wit) Item 1st It is my well and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my said Estate— Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Bethany Hall two negro girl Slaves for life by the names of Jinny and Rhody, one horse saddle bridle, one bed, bedstead and furniture during her natural life and at her death for her to dispose of said property as she may think proper and in the event of the death of said negroes named in this item, it is my will and desire that my

shall a support out of the remainder of my Estate during her natural life or widowhood - Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Bethany Hall, do keep together during her widow hood such part of my Property as herein after mentioned in this Item for her support and for the purpose of supporting raising and educating my beloved Children that is to say the following negroes (to wit) Halifax, Lindy, Clac, Ezekiel, Reuben Dennis, Foster, Gin and Richmond, and all my Stock of horses Cattle and hogs and partly of all kinds together with all my household and kitchen furniture except such part as is pointed out in the item second and it is my will and desire that my said Executor shall give of such my beloved Children as they shall Severally come of age such property as I shall herein after point out in this my last will and Testament -
Item 4th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Asia P. Ronson, the sum of five dollars as her legacy of my estate in full an equal division — Item 5th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved son William H. Hall, when he shall have arrived to the age twenty one years old one negro boy slave for life by the name of Reuben and if the said negro shall die before he has received him then for my said Executors to make him equal with the others heirs from the sale of some part of my estate when it shall be convenient - Item 6th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved son Hiram R. Hall, when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years old one negro boy slave for life named Dennis, and if the said negro shall die before he has received him then for my said Executors to make him equal with the other heirs from the sale of some part of my said estate when it shall be convenient. Item 7th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved son Hardin G. Hall, when he shall have arrived to the age of twenty one years old one negro boy slave for life by the name of Foster and if the said negro shall die before he has received him then for my said Executors to make him equal with the other heirs from the sale of some part of my said estate when it shall be convenient - Item 8th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved son Howell T. Hall when he shall have arrived to the age of twenty one years old, one negro boy, slave for life by the name of James, and if the said negro shall die before he has received him, then for my said Executors to make him equal with the other heirs from the sale of some part of my said Estate when it shall be convenient - Item 9th. I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mildred B. Hall when she shall have arrived to the age of eighteen years old one negro boy, slave for life, by the name of Richmond and if the said negro happen to shall die before she has received him then for my said Executors to make her equal with the other heirs from the sale of some part of my said estate when it shall be convenient —

Item 10th. It is my will and desire that my said executors shall make my four youngest children to wit Eliza A. Hall, John A. Hall, Harman S. Hall and Obedience O. Hall, equal with they shall severally come of age with the other children from Halifax. Lindy and her increase if any Sue and her increase if there should be any and Ezekiel – Item 11th. It is my will and desire that after all my beloved children shall be made equal with each other from the residue of my said estate together with all increase which may come to the said estate by her ship if any there shall be equally divided between my beloved wife Bethany Hall and all my beloved Children – Item 12th It is my will and desire that Joseph Cooper and Samuel Stamps be appointed my sole Executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament revoking all former wills and settlements by me made – Item 13th It is my will and desire that my said Executors together with the consent of my beloved wife Bethany Hall make such disposition of my land and at such time as they shall think expedient – In testimony where of I Alexander Hall have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last Will and Testament in the presence of each other this twenty sixth of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four – Test. Joseph G. Anderson, D. R. Hulett, Harmon M. Runnels – Alexr Hall (Seal)

The State of Mississippi
Lawrence County

I Samuel Stamps Register of the County and Probate courts in and for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of the last will and testament of Alexander Hall deceased as the same remains of record in my office – Given under my hand and seal of my office this 18th of February 1831.

Samuel Stamps Register

Harrison L. Martin's nonscupative will.

The nonscupative will of Harrison L. Martin late of the county of Marion and state of Mississippi as declared in the time of his last sickness on the twenty third day of August 1831 at his residence in said County, said Harrison L. Martin declared that it was his will and desire that his property should first be applied to the payment of his debts and that the balance of his Estate after the payment of debts should go to his wife Eleanor Martin and moreover said testator called on the company present consisting of John H. Martin and Thomas L. Martin and others to bear witness that such was his will.

John Lowe's Senr. will.

In the name of God Amen. John Lowe Senior of the county of Marion and state of Mississippi, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory considering the uncertain

of human life, and being desirous of disposing of all the worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with, do give and bequeath the same in the manner following to wit. – 1st. I do give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Montgomery, her heirs executors and administrators three slaves namely Dinah, Little Lucky and Little Easter – 2nd. I do give and bequeath to my daughter Patsy Barron, three slaves, Jock, old Easter and Nanny, and at her death to be equally divided between her three youngest Children, to wit, Lomsford, Betsy and Sally; also one other negro boy an idiot by the name of Joe the son of Jock and Easter – 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Lowe and his heirs forever two eighths of land situated in said County of Madison, purchased of Allen Jenkins; also the Eighth of land on which I now reside and their appurtenances. Also three negro boys named Lewis, Edmund, and Boon, and my double barrel Gun – 4th. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Sarah Montgomery deceased, four negroes to wit, Ben, a negro woman named Clarissa and her two Children, named Jemima and Bob, and have and share alike – 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Garver, her heirs Executors and administrators a negro named Sam, one negro woman named Ann and her two Children to wit, Trefina (sometimes called Phibe) and Jackson – 6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Skinner for her natural life a negro boy named Willis a negro woman named Lew and her two Children named Abram and Henry, and at her death to be equally divided between her Children share and share alike – 7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Linda Felder, her heirs, Executors and administrators two negro women to wit, Hannah and Onay. Also a negro man named John – 8th. I Give and bequeath to my son John Lowe and his heirs forever all my lands in Madison County, except the two eighths bought of Allen Jenkins and the Eighth on which I now reside – 9th. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Adams, two negro to wit, Silva and her Child Washington – 10th. I do give to Betsy Lowe Felder, one negro woman named big Lucky and her Child Elijah and in case the should die without an heir it is my will that the said negroes should go to Linda Felder and her heirs – 11th. I give to my grand daughter Betsy McElroy one negro woman named by the name of Lucy (yellow) – 12th. It is my will that my Executors hereinafter named sell my crop of Cotton raised during the year 1851, my stock of horses, cattle hogs and sheep, working tools and household furniture of every description, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows first to the payment of my debts and the balance that may remain after the payment of my debts I dispose of as follows, I wish Eleven hundred dollars the amount I have given at different times to my son Lomsford Lowe, to be deducted from said balance

and one half of what remains. I give to my grandson Frances Lowe, and the residue I wish Equally divided among my children — 13th ly. I give to my son John Lowe, one negro man named Simon — 14th ly. It is my will that Dennis and Phebe the two negroes lately purchased of Peter Weis be sold and the proceeds of such sale be equally divided among my Children share and share alike — 15th ly. It is my will that my Executors do not proceed to divide or distribute the above mentioned property or sell that part directed to be sold except the crop of 1831 till the crop of the present year be made and gathered — 16th ly It is my will that the crop that may be made on my plantation during the present year may be equally divided among my Children — 17th ly — It is my will that my executors continue Abram Caraway as manager of my plantation and hands during the present year and that the written contract now existing between us may be fulfilled — lastly It is my will that Hardin D. Runnels and Mantford Jones be appointed Executors of of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal, this seventeenth day of January 1832 —
Signed sealed published and delivered as and for the last will and testament of John Lowe senior in presence of us who have subscribed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other —

Abram his x mark Carraway — John Lowe senior (Seal)
C. B. Green Dr. F. K. Ward.

## Joseph F. Mower's will.

I Joseph F. Mower being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. Be it known that it is my will that Archibald McGehee do take the whole controle of the business of the firm of Mower and McGehee should he think proper after all debts now made on first of January stock on hand do all use to best of his skill and integrity. Also the controle of the firm of Mower and McMathews to keep a regular account of the business after all the debts of the two firms aforesaid are paid should any thing left after striking a division to each partner I bequeath to the only son of Susan Campbell —

Charles Allen — Joseph F. Mower

The above name is endorsed on the back of said will and the witness by whom the same was proven. Wm L. Balfour Clk.
By Samuel D. Livingston Dept.

## Mercer Washington's will.

State of Mississippi } I Mercer Washington of the State and county of
Madison County } aforesaid considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

First. I will that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate before any division thereof be made. My Executors disposing of such property therefor as they may think most expedient. If my widow Polly Washington, after my decease should wish to remove from my present dwelling my will is that my Executors cause a comfortable and convenient log house to be built on an eighth of land which I purchased of Moses Cook, and all other necessary buildings for the use of my said widow and family, as they may require. I also set apart for the use of said widow and family eighty acres of land which I purchased of William Stouts, likewise twenty acres of the south end of the west half of the north east quarter of Section thirty three in township nine of range one west. So soon as said buildings are prepared my will is that my Executors and heirs then of age shall set apart for the use of said widow and family such negroes, stock, household and Kitchen furniture as they may deem necessary for and their use so long as she remains my widow. My Executors are likewise required to furnish, out of my estate, all reasonable expenses which may be necessary for a comfortable living for my said widow and family including Schooling &c. It is also my will that my Executors call on the following named persons once in each year to examine the situation of my estate and give their advice respecting the same viz. John Gary, William N. Wesley, William Y. Collins, Moses Cook and William Wilson if it should be the opinion of the majority of the said last mentioned neighbours and Executors, by their filing a certificate with the executors that it is expedient to sell all or any part of my land excepting what is heretofore reserved for the use of my widow and family, likewise all or any part of my negroes excepting those hereafter mentioned and those set apart for the use of my family, also stock and every other property belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of; then in that case it shall be the duty of my Executors to sell said property or any part thereof to the best advantage and the amount thereof when realized in cash shall be put on interest in the most safe and profitable way till a final settlement of my estate shall take place reserving from time to time sufficient money for paying all legacies as they may become due and also for the support of the family, and if a sale is not necessary my Executors will manage my farm, hands &c to the best advantage for the interest of the heirs, taking care that the slaves are treated in a humane and proper manner and the farm and stock well taken care of. Should it so happen that my said wife should marry and become the wife of another man after my decease, that being her situation, my will is that she shall receive out of my Estate one negro woman, one horse saddle and bridle, one bedstead, bed and furniture and two Cows and Calves which are to belong to her during her natural life but at her death said property is to revert back to the estate again. I have heretofore given to my daughter Cintha Garner deceased former wife of Thomas H. Garner, the south east quarter of Section thirty

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girl named Sarah. To my daughter Margaret one neg
named Amy. Should any of the above named negroes die o
by accident or otherwise I will that my sufficiency shall
equal out of my estate. I give and bequeath to the al
infant daughters each of them one feather bed and fu
fifty dollars, one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hund
fifty dollars and two Cows and Calves or the value thereo
discretion of my Executors, my will is that should it be the
of my Executors together with these named as their advi
there could be any danger that my estate would not be su
to meet the aforementioned legacies, then in such case they
proportionably each ones share as he or she may be inte
receive it so those who may afterwards be entitled may share
equal proportions to those who have been served before them I
that when my youngest child shall become of lawful age the
that time then at that time my five youngest daughters Ly
Eliza Ann, Nancy, Catharine and Margaret, shall each
have two hundred and fifty dollars to what has been give
as mentioned above. And at that time, I will that all the
of my estate shall be equally divided amongst all my
including all my sons and all my daughters and likewi
grand children May Louisa and Thomas Garner, whic
children are to share the amount of what would have bee
their Mother Cintha Garner, had she been living and I
appoint my said wife Polly Washington, Executrix and
W. Washington and William Pack Executors of this my la
and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
and seal the eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one
- sand eight hundred and thirty two - Signed, sealed and
- hed and delivered by the above named Mercer Washing
his last will and testament, in the presence of us who
- unto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence
Testator -

Mercer Washington (Se

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Witness P. G. Gorsey, Charles. H. Veeder. John. B. Wilson

Talbia Tidwell's Will.

The State of Mississippi } In the name of Almighty God, Am
Marion County } I Talbia Tidwell, being of sound
and disposing mind, but being weak and feeble in body and
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the earth, in a christian like manner, as to respect th
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r. in Township nine of range one west excepting two acres bound
as follows beginning at the half mile station on the section line
divides sections thirty four and thirty five then running south
poles to a stake thence west one hundred and sixty poles to a
thence north two poles to a stake, thence one hundred and
poles to the place of beginning, and as a compensation for
said two acres I have given to the said Thomas H. Garner two
ter acres of land bounded as follows beginning at the south
t corner of section thirty four, in township nine of range one
st, thence running north with the section line to a creek called
hocolate, to a stake, thence to a stake so as to include two acres the
ce to the beginning. I have also given to said Cintha Garner
e negro woman, one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hundred
a thirty dollars, two good feather beds, and furniture and
o Cows and Calves. I have heretofore given to my daughter
lah Garner, wife of Charles C. Garner and my daughter Maria
Wadlington, wife of Felix G. Wadlington, each a sum about equal
that given to the said Cintha Garner deceased. I give and bequeath
my son Irvin C. Wadlington one negro boy named Anthony, one
and furniture worth fifty dollars, two Cows and calves, and
hundred dollars in cash. I give and bequeath to my son
mes M. Wadlington, one negro boy named Winston, one horse
addle and bridle worth one hundred and fifty dollars, one bed
furniture worth fifty dollars and two cows and calves and fo
hundred dollars in cash. I give and bequeath to my son John J.
adlington four hundred dollars in cash. I give and bequeath
o my son William P. Wadlington, one negro boy named Henry,
one horse, saddle and bridle, worth one hundred and fifty dolla
one bed and furniture worth fifty dollars, two Cows and Calves
and four hundred dollars in Cash. I give and bequeath to my
n, Wallace H. Wadlington, one negro boy, named Dock, fourte
fifteen years of age one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hund
and fifty dollars, one bed and furniture worth fifty dollars, two
aws and Calves and four hundred dollars in cash. I give and
equeath to my son Cordell N. Wadlington, one negro boy name
Alfred, one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hundred and fif
dollars, one bed and furniture worth fifty dollars, two cows and
alves and four hundred dollars in cash. The above property giv
I wish them to receive respectfully as each one of them shall become
e age or, should any of them many, which minors. I will at that
time they should receive said property and one year after any of the
above named sons are entitled to the said property as above stated
I will that they shall each receive the said sum of four hundred
dollars in cash. I also give and bequeath to my minor daughters
so they may or become of age the following named negroes to wit
daughter Mary one negro girl named Mandy. To my daughter
Eliza Ann one negro girl named Cintha. To my da
To my daughter Catha

will and desire that all my children namely Celia Shrock Sarah M. Mathews and Isaac King, should each have an equal proportion of my estate according to the provisions of this my will herein provided Secondly. It is my will and desire that Celia my daughter and John Shrock my son in law should have my two negro slaves named Shadrach and Elzer Caroline upon their paying one third of the value of the said negroes within three years from or after my death together with legal interest thereon up to the time of payment to Sarah M. Mathews and also one third of the value of the two negroes aforesaid to be paid in the same time and manner aforesaid to my son Isaac King the valuation of the two negroes aforesaid to be made by three disinterested persons to be appointed for that purpose by the Probate Court of Madison County at its first session or some subsequent time after Probating this my last will and testament. Thirdly. It is my will and desire that (in case my daughter Celia and John Shrock should not pay to my two other children Sarah M. Mathews and Isaac King in the time and manner herein prescribed and in case they should not themselves make other amicable arrangements) the two negroes should be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my three children deducting from Celia and John Shrock's part legal interest on their value for the time they have had the use of the negroes aforesaid — It is my will and desire that John Shrock, my son-in-law should be my executor to carry this my last will and testament into execution, revoking all other wills by me hereafter made I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament. Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of — this fifteenth day of March A.D. 1833.

Attest Charles M. Allen, Stokes M. Ewing — his Talbra × Tidwell (Seal) mark.

## Ann Darden's Will.

The State of Mississippi, Madison County — In the name of God, Amen. I Ann Daran being weak and low of body though of a sound and disposing mind and memory at the same time knowing that we mortal beings must die and return to him who gave them existance which impression induced me to make this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made and having a desire to dispose of worldly effects which has pleased Almighty God to bless prosper my labours in accumulating after a due consideration I wish my estate to be disposed of in the following manner, to wit: Item 1st My body consigned to the dust from whence it came and my soul to Almighty God who gave it.

2nd I wish all my debts and contracts to be paid —

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha Ann Walters, two hundred dollars cash if there should be money or stock sufficient to be paid to her after the debts are paid —

I give and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Martha Ann Reed, two hundred dollars if there should be found in stock sufficient after all my debts are paid to be put out at interest or laid out in profitable property untill she becomes of lawful age. Her little brothers to receive the same to wit Thomas, Robert, and David G. Reeds. Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my beloved grand son, Marshall Walton, two hundred dollars in property when when he becomes of lawful age, in case of his death before he arrives to that age, the same to return to my beloved children to wit. Stephen H. Darden, John W. Darden, Allen J. Darden, George P. Darden and Elizabeth M. J. Darden — Item 6th. The balance of my Estate to be equally divided between my beloved children to wit — Stephen H. Darden, John W. Darden, Allen J. Darden, George P. Darden and Elizabeth M. J. Darden — Item 7th. I wish the Probate court of Marion County to appoint my beloved brother Patrick Sharky of Hinds County Miss. Executor of this my last will and testament and also Guardian of my children — Signed, Sealed and acknowledged this 24th day of January A.D. 1833 — In the presence of us who were in each others presence

Daniel Allen. R. M. Sharky — Ann Darden (Seal)

Schedule Annexed.

This is to explain the situation of certain notes towit made payable to me as Ann Darden and not stated as Executrix which said notes grew out of the interest of the younger heirs of the estate of Washington Darden —

Ann Darden

Reuben Harris' Will

In the name of Almighty God, amen. This my last will and Testament, being in sound mind though in feeble health. I do give and bequeath my property in the following order to wit, and at the same time I do constitute and appoint David W. Haly and George Fisher both of the county of Marion and state of Mississippi, my true and lawful Executors to take charge of my Estate and manage it in the following way. I wish all my negroes hired out except a child's part which I wish my wife to have and to be at her disposal. I wish all the balance hired out and the money arising to go to the support and education of my children and any surplus that may be over and above I wish placed in bank an interest if possible — and as they become of age. I want the amount of property and their dividend in the money to be paid over to them as a child's part, and if any of my beloved children dies before they become of age. I want all the property equally divided amongst the rest of my children. I want my beloved wife to have free possession of my tract of land whereon I now live, and to enjoy all the benefits of it as long as she may think proper to remain thereon but should she leave it before my youngest child becomes of age I wish it recited out and the next process applied as in the case of

the hereof my negroes and when my youngest child becomes of age. I wish them to have the tract of land jointly and to do and act with it as they may think proper. I want my beloved wife to have all my household and kitchen furniture to be hers and if my beloved wife wishes to keep any of the children with her until they get large enough to go to school I wish her to be paid one hundred dollars a year each child for the time she may have them in her possession to be paid out of the hire of said negroes though the benefit is not allowed her after they arrive at eight years of age unless the said child or children is receiving an education to the satisfaction of my Executors. I wish my beloved wife to have all of my stock of cattle and hogs and farm horses say four head in number as she may select. I wish all of my stage property disposed of as soon as possible and the proceeds applied after all my just debts are paid as in the case of the hire of my negroes and after all my just debts are paid I wish all monies that may be left applied as above after paying over to my beloved wife a child's part and any business I have omitted in this will. I leave to the judgment and discretion of my old and long tried friends David W. Haley and George Hoher, keeping in view the raising and educating of my dear and beloved children - Almighty God amen -
Signed by me this 27th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832
in presence of Test Nathan Warren, Robert H. Watts
J.W. Coates. Reuben Harris

State of Mississippi
Madison County } This day personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace for said County, Robert H. Watts. and says on oath that he saw Reuben Harris deceased subscribe his name to the above will and acknowledged it also to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 26th Oct 1832.
Sworn to and subscribed this day before me
Charles Moore J.P. Robert H. Watts.

## David Langford's will

In the name of God. Amen.

I David Langford, being weak in body but of sound and disposing memory considering the uncertainty of human life do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) 1st. I bequeath my soul to God who gave it - 2nd It is 1st
2nd my will that all my lawful debts be paid - 3rd. I give and bequeath
3rd to my loving wife Penelope Langford, one negro boy named Peter and one mulatto boy named Sam; also all my land not heretofore disposed of specially also all my household furniture together with all my stock of every kind to me belonging also all the
4th utensils belonging to my farm 4th - I give and bequeath to my mother-in-law (Mary Matthews) one negro woman named Harriett and her child Rosann, also a tract of land being the E½ S.E¼ of Section No 4 Township No 15 of Range 3 East

5th. It is my will that all the bequests above disposed of to my wife & Mother-in-law, except the land specially bequeathed to Mary Matthews should go to my beloved brother William Langford, at the death of my wife and Mary Matthews — I do hereby appoint Thomas Pattarchite and Samuel McCarty executors to this my last will and testament — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of November A.D. 1833 — Sterlinea before signed — signed sealed & in presence of John R. Ward
John T. Well Barnabeth his x mark Herron

Davia Langford (Seal)

## Samuel Wilson's Will

Vernon 27th. July 1833 —

As my health is bad and life so very uncertain I feel it my duty to say something about the way I would wish my affairs managed hereafter in case I should die. In the first place I would have all my just debts paid. I also wish my negro man Jo, to be sold my negro woman Diana, and all my home hold furniture I wish to be kept together for the benefit of my family and as they are at this time without a permanent home. I would like for my Executor to procure one for them. And as my estate, when my business is settled will be principally in money, I wish it to be kept at interest and as my Children becomes of age to be equally divided among them, first paying the expense of education &c. I also appoint my brother Wm Wilson, to be my Executor. After reflecting on the foregoing, I wish my executor by the consent of my wife to have the power of removing my effects any where, where they think proper, and also if they should think best, when a home for my family is procured, to purchase some suitable slaves for the maintenance of my family — It is also my intention that my wife whenever she wishes, to have an equal part with my children — Given under my hand this 27th September 1833 —

test. Saml. T. Jackson John B. Wilson

Saml Wilson.

## James D. Ross' will.

The State of Mississippi } In the name of God, Amen
Madison County } I, James D. Ross, being in sound mind and knowing that is appointed unto man once to die make this my last will and testament. It is my wish and desire that my property shall after paying all of my just debts remain in the hands of my beloved wife Sandal Ross during her natural life or widowhood and if she should ever marry then for my property to be equally divided between her and my four Children Viz William D. Ross, Bennett B. Ross, Sarah ann Rosa and Calhoun Ross. It is my desire that my Children shall receive a liberal education out of the proceeds of

my estate, and do hereby appoint my beloved wife Samaal L. Rob my Executrise — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Wm. D. Hart, Sarah Hart

James D. Rob (Seal)

Lewis Gartley's Will —

I Lewis Gartley of the State of Mississippi and County of Madison being in bad health: but of sound and disposing mind and memory and believing that life is uncertain and that it has been ordered of God for all flesh once to die: do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament — And first after my death I direct that my body be decently interred, And as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows. 1st I order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come to the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate, and effectuate this my intention, I do hereby invest in my executors full power and authority to dispose of my crop or crops of cotton and such part of my personal and perishable property (except the slaves) as they may think proper and necessary to raise funds sufficient to pay the same —

1st. Item and in consideration of the love and affection I have for my wife Louisa, I give and bequeath unto her to have for ever during her widowhood all my real estate lying in the state of Mississippi together with all my stock of hogs, cattle, horses farming implements of every description and all my furniture of every description and also the following named negro slaves to wit: Tanner, Dave, L Daniel, Nelson, George, Emily, Sarena, Dorcas, Ambrose, Hastop, Isaac, Robbin, Ben, Bill, Luna, Susan, Sinai, Milly and Ellen, and at the death of my beloved and affectionate wife Louisa, I direct that the following named negroes shall devolve to her nearest of kin to share and share alike. Tanner, Dave, L Daniel, Nelson, George, Hastop, Susan, Sinai, Milly and Ellen and in case my wife should die leaving a lawful heir of her body begotten, living at the time of her death then to devolve to said heir and should my wife marry a second husband or die leaving in either case it is my will and desire that my mother if she be living shall have during her natural life the following named negro slaves to wit. Sarena, Dorcas, Ambrose, Isaac, Robbin, Ben and Bill and after her death to go and devolve to my nephew Joseph S. Davis in case he be living in fee simple and if he be dead then to devolve to his nearest of kin on his mothers side. I also direct at the death of my beloved wife all my real estate in the state of Mississippi shall go and devolve to my nearest relations according to the present laws of descent of the State of Mississippi. I also further direct that my beloved wife shall have the two following named slaves namely Jack and Patsy untill she marries a second husband,

dies then Jock is to devolve to William Carradine and Patsy is to devolve and go to my nephew Joseph S. Davis. I also direct that the services of big David shall go towards paying the debts of my estate until the first day of January A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty eight at which time, in consideration of his long and faithful services rendered, I desire that he shall be set free for life. I also give and bequeath unto my nephew Joseph S. Davis all my interest, claim and title in and to all lands lying and being in the State of Louisiana being two hundred arpens more or less – I also direct that the sum of five hundred dollars be paid to Joseph S. Davis to be applied towards his education and also the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to my sister Martha Brown said sums to be paid to the said Joseph and Martha, as ~~these sums~~ can be raised out of the crops after the payment of my debts – I case Parker Carradine has a living child in the year A.D. 1836, I direct and desire ~~the~~ shall have two hundred dollars. I also direct ~~the~~ two hundred dollars shall be paid to Samuel Pearce, if living as soon after the payment of all the debt of my estate as the money can be conveniently raised from the sale of Cotton. I also give and bequeath unto Joseph S. Davis my double barrel shot gun. And I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed neighbors James P. Thomas, James Dunlavey and my beloved wife Louisa my executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I Lewis Gartly the testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four – The last word in the last line of the first page after the word George erased and the words (on his written seal) inserted in the ninth line of the second page after the word Rice also the word having inserted in the first line of second page before signing and sealing and delivering hereof – Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us who have subscribed in the presence each other Test David Rice Mountford James, J. G. Ewing.

I Lewis Gartly do hereby make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my codicil to my last Will and Testament made on the 20th August 1834 as follows viz. first the legacy of two hundred dollars directed to be given to Samuel Pearce, I hereby revoke and request that said sum of two hundred dollars be ~~paid~~ to Keighly Sanders, Senr. in the place of said Pearce. and further I hereby appoint Lorenzo Latham my Executor in the room or place of James Dunlavy named in my said will of the date above referred to. Item

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eleventh day of April eighteen hundred and thirty five.

Witness present
Wm R Carradine
George Snively

Lewis Gartly (seal)

## Robert Sims's Will.

In the name of God. Amen.

I Robert Sims of Hinds County, State of Mississippi being sick of body, but of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and Testament – In case of my death I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah Sims, all the property I may die possessed of, during her life, and at her death, my wish is it may be equally divided amongst my children as hereafter designated. To my daughter Anne Dennon formally Anne Sims, the wife of Joel Dennon I give and bequeath five dollars. To my son Samuel Sims, I give and bequeath an equal share with the rest of my children after deducting what he has already received. To my son Robert Sims I give and bequeath an equal share with my other children after deducting what he has already received – To my son James Sims, I give and bequeath an equal share with the rest of my children after deducting what he has already received – To my daughter Sarah, I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my daughter Fanny I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my daughter Mahalah, I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my daughter Lucinda, I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my son Jesse, I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my son David I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – To my son Elijah, I give and bequeath one tenth of my property at the death of my wife – I hereby appoint James Sims of Hinds County and State of Mississippi to be the Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty two –

Witness Sam Smith
William × Chamberlin
mark

his
Robert × Sims
mark

## Hugh M. Simpson's Will.

In the name of God. Amen.

I Hugh M. Simpson of the county of Hardeman and State of Tennessee being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament I in first

1st It is my will that all my Just debts be paid – I give and bequeath

2nd to my beloved wife Sarah Simpson all my property wherewith it has pleased God to bless me be held by her and at her disposal during her life or widowhood – I will and bequeath to my

3rd wife Sarah Simpson should she marry again, and children part of my property, that is that the property shall be equally divided among her and each of my children, share & share alike –

4th I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Simpson and my brother James Simpson Executrix and Executor

of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of December A.D. 1831 -
Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of Richmond Carrol, Jurat. Justus Lake - Jurat } Hugh M. Simpson (seal)

State of Tennessee }
Hardeman County } I Thomas J. Hardeman clerk of the County court of said County, do hereby certify that at a court begun and held for said County at the Court house in the town of Bolevar on the first monday of January A.D. 1832. Present William Polk, Chairman, and the other Justices of said court among other things the following is among the proceedings of said Court (to wit) the last Will and testament of Hugh M. Simpson dec.d was produce in open court for probate and the execution of the same by the testator proven by the oaths of Richmond Carrol and Justus Lake subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded - and I do further certify that the foregoing copy of the said will of the said Hugh M. Simpson, is a true and correct copy from the original filed in my office - In testimony whereof I have hereunto
L.S. set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at Bolevar this 4th day of January A.D. 1832.

Thos. J. Hardeman clk.

State of Tennessee }
Hardeman County } I William Polk chairman of the county court for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Thomas J. Hardeman whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate is the clerk of said court, duly appointed and qualified and that full faith and credit are due his official acts as such and that the foregoing certificate is in due form of law - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of January A.D. 1832.

Will Polk Ch.m

## John M. Coleman's Will.

In the name of Almighty God, Amen -

This my last will and testament is in the following words - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife a child's part of all my personal estate and I wish my wife to keep in her possession all my property after my just debts are paid and to live on the tract of land we now live on untill my youngest child becomes of age at which time my children can do as they think proper with each child having an equal right in said land as my beloved children becomes of age they have a right to their division in the personal property that may be on hand at that time. I appoint my beloved wife Ezebella Coleman and my brother Absalom Coleman, my true and lawful Executors, to this my last will and testament - I here give to my executors the management of my personal estate keeping in view at all times the raising and educating of my dear and beloved children - Signed and delivered sealed

by me this 10th day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 - I am in my perfect mind - Witnesses - D. W. Healy, John A. Wiley -

John M. Coleman - (Seal)

## Brook Hill's nuncupative will

We the undersigned do solemnly swear that we were called upon on or about the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty four by Brook Hill of the County of Madison in the state of Mississippi while upon his death bed, at his own home, to take notice that the following words or to that effect, (or as near as we can recollect) were and should be his last will and testament, to wit, That it is my will that all of my property, if I have any after my just debts are paid, is to be given to my wife Mrs. Hill. -

Signed this the 23rd day of February A. D. 1835 -

Lawson. F. Henderson.

## William Balfour's Will.

In the name of God Amen -

I William Balfour of the county of Madison and state of Mississippi being sick of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that it is appointed unto man to die and the days of the years of my pilgrimage are but few, yet being as many as fall to the common lot of all men - I think it best to make a disposition of the little property that it has been the pleasure of God to bless me with, in the following manner, to wit - My will and desire first is, that after my death that my body be disposed of according to the wish of my Children, for God hath said of man dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return again. My soul I recommend unto God who gave it: and hath said as I live you shall live also - My will and desire next is that all my just debts be paid and the balance of my property after my debts shall have been paid be equally divided between my three Children to wit. Charles R. Balfour, Eliza Ann Balfour and Emily Balfour, and if either of my Children without lawful heir of their body shall die my will and desire is that the property be equally divided between the other two and so in case of a second death the survivor receive the whole - and in case all my three aforesaid Children to wit Charles R. Balfour, Eliza Ann Balfour and Emily Balfour, shall without legal heirs of their body, that the whole of the property be equally divided between William L. Balfour and Julia Gartley, my daughter and wife of William Gartley, or their Children - I constitute and appoint Charles R. Balfour, Executor to this my only and last will and testament. I further desire that should Charles R. Balfour my Executor as aforesaid - it must to advantage of all concerned to sell or any part of the free hold estate he shall have full power so to do first by obtaining to consent of my son William L. Balfour and my son-in-law William Gartley and the money arising out of such sale to be laid out in the manner and for the benefit of my said three

children to wit, Charles R. Balfour, Eliza Ann Balfour and Emily Balfour subject to the same course as mentioned before as the Land estate had not been sold, but when the money arising out of such sale shall be laid out it must be by my Executor Charles R. Balfour, by and with the approbation of my son William L. Balfour and my son-in-law William Gantly — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of Nov.r 1834

in presence —
Robt. V. Davis, Wm A. Echols

Wm Balfour (seal)

## William McGinsey Will.

In the name of God Amen. I William McGinsey, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament — In the first place my will and desire is that in the event of my dying in this Section of the Country, that my body be decently buried by the side of my wife in McDonell's grave yard Hill and that my Executors have my grave and that of my wife and deceased child all inclosed with one wall of Stone and that they procure suitable tombs stones for each of the Graves and that the expenses be defrayed ~~out~~ of any moneys which may come to their hands —

2nd Ly. My will and desire is that my executors sell the lands lying on Elk Creek on the waters of Watauga which are now in suit between Polly Howard and myself, so soon as the same shall be determined in my favor upon a credit of twelve months taking bond and approved security from the purchasers — also upon the same terms the shares of three of the heirs, or legatees of R. White in a one hundred acre tract of land on the Oar bank of Cranberry and the money when collected to be handed over by my Executors in this State to my executors in Tennessee for the purpose of being by them inverted in the purchase of lands in the state of Missouri at government price for the use and benefit of my son Robert V. McGinsey, his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby give and devise unto my said son one hundred and sixty acres of land in the state of Illinois the particular location of which may be run reference being had to the deed for the

3rd same to his heirs and assigns forever — 3rdly. I give and bequeath unto my son Robert V. McGinsey all my slaves except four to wit Sarah, Matilda, Marcus and Caumina, to him and his assigns forever, the three first of the excepted slaves my will and desire is shall be sold upon a credit of twelve months in the fall of

4th 1831 — 4thly — I give and bequeath unto my beloved mother Flora McGinsey my negro boy slave Caumina also one good

5th bed and furniture to her and her assigns forever — 5thly I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Robert V. McGinsey two good beds the same which came by his mother with all the furniture which came with them the Bureau which was his mothers all her jewelry all my books all my paintings all my silver plate, my large looking Glass all my Glass ware and one half of all the balance of my domestic furniture such as counterpains,

6th. Blankets &c to him and his assigns forever — 6thly. all the rest and residue of my domestic furniture consisting of articles such as are before mentioned I give and bequeath unto Flora McGinsey
7th my mother and her assigns forever — 7thly. My will and desire is that my Executors sell all the rest and residue of my property upon a credit of twelve months taking bond and approved security from the purchasers saving and excepting however my best waggon, gear for five horses jack screw and the following horses, to wit, my bay mare Nancy, my bay mare Fanny, my grey mare my horse Charley and my sorrell horse with a ~~blaze face~~ as well also the tract of land which came by my wife, on which I now reside, my waggon and team I wish reserved for the purpose of removing my negroes to the State of Tennessee if necessary to remain there only untill a suitable purchase can be made of lands in the State of Missouri as hereafter described and to assist in the cultivation of said lands. I wish the negroes which I have directed to be sold and all my stock of horses not before excepted, my cattle, hogs, sheep and crop and all other property not otherwise disposed of to be sold on the same day or the sale continued from day to day except my lands. I wish those on Elk on the Watauga and my interest in the one hundred acres of land on cranberry, to be sold by my Executors in the respective neighbourhoods and if a favorable opportunity offers at public
8th 8thly. My will and desire is that all the property which I have left to be sold ~~sold~~ sold, in the fall of 1831 except the lands on Elk upon a credit of twelve months and that the money be collected as soon as practicable after it becomes due, by my executors in this county or paid over to my executors in Tennessee, and it is my will and desire that they will apply the same to the expenses necessary incident to the removal of the slaves which I have given to my son Robert N. to the state of Missouri and in the purchase of lands in said state at Government price the expense of settling them on lands so to be purchased and that the negro slaves which I have given my son be removed to said State of Missouri and be worked together upon said lands and that they be in no event hired out and that a suitable person be hired from time to time to superintend said slaves and the management of ~~this~~ farm and be paid by my executors out of any moneys which they may have in their hands or by a share of the crop as my executors may think most advisable —
9th 9thly. I wish my executors in Burke to rent or lease out the lands which I live on which have descended to my son Robert N. McGinsey subject only my rightly as tenant by the curtesy but should my said son die before he obtains to the age of twenty one years then I devise unto Robert McDonell ~~Pate~~ his heirs and assigns two thirds to William F. Pate his heirs and assigns one third of whatever interest I may have acquired in said tract of land by virtue of a certain deed of relinquishment and

quit claim from Saml. C. Pate. Eliza. G. Pate William J. Pate and Thomas Corpy and Mary L. his wife to any right or interest which they have or may have in the aforesaid tract of land but in the event that my executors shall be advised by those in whom they have confidence that they cannot leave the Gold mines on said lands then my desire is that they shall endeavor to procure an order of the court of Equity decreeing a sale of said tract and if practicable that the money be drawn by my said executors in the county and be inverted by them in the purchase of lands in Missouri at Government price for the benefit of my son Robert V. his heirs and assigns and in the event of his death before he arrives at the age of twenty one years without issue then I devise to the said Robert McDowell Pate his heirs and assigns two thirds and to the said William J. Pate his heirs and assigns one third of any interest which I may have in said lands by virtue of the relinquishment aforesaid -

10th. 10th. In the event that my son Robert V. McGinsy shall die without issue and before he arrives at the age of twenty one then I give and devise unto the children of my brother John H. P. McGinsy their heirs and assigns all the property which I have given including the negroes or directed to be settled for the benefit of my said son except my interest in the tract of land last

11th. above mentioned - 11th. - I case the debts due me should exceed what I owe then I wish the surplus when collected to be laid out in the purchase of lands in Missouri subject to the instructions terms and conditions given in this my last will in the other case when lands have been directed to be purchased in that state and in the event of the death of my son without issue before twenty one the lands so purchased to go to my brother's children their heirs & assigns -

12th 12th. - I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends Charles McDowell and John Rutherford Jr. of this county of Burke and my brother John H. P. McGinsy and A. James Dobbins of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee my executors to this my last will and testament with an earnest request that the two former will perform the trusts which are to be executed in North-Carolina and the two latter the trusts which are to be executed out of this State. but I more particularly commend unto my brother John H. P. McGinsy the guardianship and educa. of my infant orphan son and request that he will take him home with him and keep him untill he is old enough to be placed at school and then will give him a liberal education. though it is not my wish that he should study a profession. I am anxious too that he shall receive his slaves and such moneys as may be coming to him when ever my executors in this state shall be ready to deliver over the same and that he will invest the money in the purchase of lands and see that the same are managed with prudence and skill untill the arrival of my son to the age of twenty one years according to the direction of this my last Will and testament and should my said brother die before my son arrive at lawful age that

is to say before twenty one. It is my wish and request that his uncle Robert McDowell Tate will take charge of his education and property and manage the same under the directions heretofore contained. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at my residence in the County of Burke this 22. day of December 1834 - Signed, sealed and delivered to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us -

O. B. Irvine. John Waterfield
Abner H. McKenzie.

Mrs. M Gimsey (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Burke County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1831

The last will and testament of William McGimsey deceased was presented in open court by Charles McDowell one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of John Waterfield and Abner H. McKenzie two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion of said Executor who qualified according to law ordered that certificate of probate be granted unto him -

Test J. Erwin Clk
By J. Erwin D.C.

State of North Carolina
Burke County

I Joseph J. Erwin Clerk of the court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of William McGimsey deceased now remaining filed in my office - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, done at office in Morganton this 11th day of November A.D. 1834 and in the 59th year of the Independence of the United states -

Test
J. J. Erwin Clk.

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Rebecca Talbots Will

In the name of god amen I Rebecca Talbot of Taunton in the County of Bristol State of Massachusetts Widow of Elkanah Talbot deceased being sound in mind and memory but weak in body do make & ordain this my last will and testament in following to wit

1st To my adopted Daughter Margaretta Caroline Tubbs I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel I also give and bequeath to the aforesaid Margaret Caroline Tubbs the following articles namely One Mahoe bedstead and Curtain belonging to it bed bolster Pillows and bedding One pair fulled blankets One White Spread two pair of Sheets, and two pair of Pillow cases One Wash Stand wash bowl and Ewer One Settee six windsor Chairs One gilt framed looking Glass One pair of Britannia brass Candle Sticks.

I give and bequeath to my Sister Ann Tubbs the improvement of my half of the farm which was given to me by my Father of which She owns the other half, situated in Taunton for the Term of five years from my decease including the house and all the buildings on said Farm I Also give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Sister my part of the Stock and farming utensils on said farm also will and bequeath her what provissions there may be in the house and what produce of the farm there may be on hand at the time of my decease

I also give and bequeath to my Mother in law Mrs Rebecca Hall my Easy chair

I give and bequeath unto my Son William Henry Talbot my Pearl ring and to my Son Lemuel Tubbs Talbot I give and bequeath my mourning ring and a ladys plated walking Stand and unto my aforesaid Son I give and bequeath all the rest of my property whatever it may be

I nominate and appoint my Brother in law Benjamin Talbot, My Executor to this my last will and testament requesting him to be guardian to my two aforesaid Orphan Sons

In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty five

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Abner Cobb Mary Cobb James Bullock

Rebecca Talbot (L.S.)

A true copy

Attest A Barney Regr

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bristol ss

I Asahel Dassett, Register of the Court of Probate for said County of Bristol do hereby certify that at a court of Probate holden at Taunton in and for said County on the first day of August Eighteen hundred and ~~twenty~~ twenty six Benjamin Talbot of Newyork in the State of Newyork Merchant was duly appointed Executor of the last will and Testament of Rebecca Talbot late of Taunton in the County of Bristol Commonwealth aforesaid deceased a copy of which is hereunto annexed and took upon him said trust by giving bond as the law directs which appointment was in full force at the time of his decease

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Said Court this Sixteenth day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty five

A. Dassett.

Robert T. Olds will

In the name of god amen I Robert T. Olds of Madison County being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do Mathewdain and publish this as my last will and testament be the first place I recommend my Soul to almighty god who gave it and my body to be decently interred at the direction of my Executor herein after named Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Ann and brother William all my estate to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike after all my just debts are paid Thirdly I hereby nominate and appoint William Wade my executor to this my last will and testament revoking all Others

Given under my hand and Seal this 28th day of February 1836

John R. Tillar Jr.
John C. Clay

Robt. T. Olds

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Joseph W. Campe nuncupative will

State of Mississippi
Madison County } the undersigned being called on by Joseph W. Campe of the County and State aforesaid being sworn the 13th day of July A.D. 1836 deposeth of the approach of his dissolution to witness the disposition which he the said Joseph W. Campe wished made of his property made agreeable to his wish the following Statement

1st. He desired a certain negro girl about ten years named Sue be given to Elizabeth P. Prewitt then a resident in the family of the said Joseph W. Campe

Second That the tract of land on which he resided at the time of his death should be sold by his administrators

3rd. That his administrators should purchase a tract of land of suitable size for the employment of his slaves and place them on it

4th That his slaves should be not kept together

5th That his wife should have an equal portion of his property with his children

6 That his wife should have the privilege of drawing her share of the property at any time after the payment of his debts if she should desire to do so.

7th That Sidney D. Sharp of the State of Tennessee and David P. Perkins and William J. Denson of the State of Mississippi and Madison County Shall act as administrators

This 13th day of July 1836

Witness
E. Christmas

James Brown

Joseph T. Pugh

James Brown

Elias McWhay will

State of Mississippi Madison County
November the 6th 1836.

This is the last will and testament of Elias McWhay
I desire that all of my property consisting of real and
personal estate shall be sold on the first day of Jan
uary next on a credit of one two three and four years
secured by note and approved security after the payment
of my just debts I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Catharine McWhay all of my property both real and personal
estate for her sole use and benefit I appoint Dexter
Lawson & Henderson the sole executor of this my last
will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and year above mentioned

Attest
N. G. Jones
John Young

Elias McWhay (Seal)

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James M. Smith's will

I James M Smith of Mad
ison County and State of Mississippi of sound and dis
posing mind being well aware of the uncertainty of human
life it having been appointed of God for all men to die
do coolly deliberately and deliberately of my own free will
and accord make and ordain this my last will and
testament, first in accordance accordance with the de
cree of Heaven that dust thou art and unto dust thou
shalt return I direct that my body be decently interred
in a respectful manner free from the pomps vanities of
the World Secondly believing that honesty is the best
policy and that mankind should deal with each other
on the square and true I direct that all of my just
debts be justly paid so soon as a sufficiency for
that purpose can be raised from the sale of my crop or
crops of Cotton next I will and specially direct that my
mulatto Girl Angeline and her child a female named
Pamelia Octavia be immediately set free after my decease
they not to be included in any inventory as part of
my estate and I direct that the sum of five thousand
dollars be paid to said Girl Angeline to be vested by my
Executors in real estate in the State of Indiana or Ohio
the rents profits and issues of the same to go to said
Angeline during her natural life and at her death to
go and devolve to her child said Pamelia Octavia
entailing the same to said Pamelia Octavia and
her posterity and I further direct that a further
sum of five thousand dollars be given and paid

to said Pamelia Octavia (she being now about four years old) so soon as she arrives at the age of Eighteen years to be vested in real estate as directed in the case of Angeline the rents profits and issues of the same to go to said Pamelia Octavia during her natural life and at her death to go and devolve to her posterity if she has any and in the event of the said Octavia dying without a lawful heir of her body the property hereby intended upon her is to go at her death (said Pamelia Octavia) and be distributed as my other effects as herein after directed and I further direct that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of aiding said Angeline and her children in erecting their home or homes in Ohio or Indiana immediately after my decease I will and direct my that my slaves (except Angeline and Octavia) be kept at work and employed upon my real estate until they gain or earn a sufficiency to pay all my debts then I direct that my entire estate both real and personal be equally divided between my brother Coleworth Pinckney Smith and my sister Ellen Cornelia now the wife of Henry A Moore (reserving however at all times the legacies directed for account of said Angeline and Octavia) said property to remain in the possession of said Coleworth Pinckney and Ellen Cornelia during their natural lives then to devolve to their heirs or representatives and I hereby beg leave to earnestly request that my executors attend kindly to my wishes in relation to said Angeline and Pamelia Octavia and lastly I do hereby appoint my brother Coleworth Pinckney Smith and my brother in law Henry A. Moore Executors of this my last will and testament made the twenty fifth day of may in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Witnesses present
L. Latham
James H. Dixon
M. H. Harper

Witness my hand and seal

James M Smith (Seal)

George C. Pattersons will

In the name of god amen I George C. Patterson of madison county and State of Mississippi aware of the uncertainty of human life and being at present in low health but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament

first. It is my will that all my debts be paid

Second I give and bequeath unto my Kind Father Randolph Patterson of Tarborough north Carolina one half of all my property consisting chiefly of money and other personal estate in consideration of the great kindness which he has at all times shown me

Third I give and bequeath the other half of all my property to my relation Margaret Pitt of Tarboro north Carolina who has always shown me much affection and friendship

Fourthly I appoint William S. Rayner to be Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of February 1839.

Signed sealed and delivered as and for the will of George C. Patterson in presence of Wm McBride — G. Patterson (Seal)

Gardner Faulkner R R Barrington

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Fielding Oakleys will

In the name of god amen I Fielding G. Oakley of the county of madison and State of Mississippi being sick and weak in body of sound mind do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say

1st I do hereby appoint James S. Clark my Executor

2. I give and bequeath all my effects after my debts are paid to my three brothers and two Sisters to be divided equally among them share and share alike

3. I appoint my brother William his Executors or administrators after his death trustee for my Sisters to hold all the effects that I give to them as their share of my estate for their use the proceeds of said estate to be paid to them annually or biannually as my Sisters may desire

4. I give to my brother William One and above his share of my estate my watch

5 I give to Eliza Clark my horse poney for her kind attention to me during my last illness

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal and published this as my last will and Testament

Signed sealed and delivered as — Fielding his + mark Oakley (Seal)

his last will and testament by the testator in our presence who at his request and in his presence have hereunto set our hands as witnesses

John Alsworth
McClark

A nuncupative Codicil to the last will and testament of Fielding Oakley

The said Oakley gave and declared it as his last wish and desire that his mother should in the first place take from his estate funds sufficient to purchase her a negro woman such as she might wish

The nuncupative Codicil to the will of Fielding Oakley

declared on his death bed in the presence of John Germany and William Clark.

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John Pettis's Will

In the name of god amen I John Pettis of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being weak in body though of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and Ordain this my last will and testament as follows viz I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth such portion of my estate as is the legal and usual provision for the widow during her natural life and at her death the property to revert to the Children of my beloved daughter Elizabeth Sutherland which together with the balance of my entire estate I wish equally divided between the Children of my said daughter Elizabeth Sutherland and that as they become of age each one shall receive its portion of said estate. I do further appoint and Ordain my beloved wife Elizabeth Pettis and Daniel Sutherland Executors of this my last will and testament Investing them with power to sell and convey to all or any portion of said estate as may appear to them of most advantage to the legatees

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty Seven

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of: James H. Dunlavy
Ellis P. Papmore
James Dalton

John Pettis (Seal)

Franklin P. Allisons case

In the name of god amen I. Franklin P. Allison being in my proper mind I am deeply impressed with the opinion that I shall ere long pass from time to eternity persuaded it is incumbent upon me to make some disposition of my property which is as follows In the first place I wish to be buried in a Christian like manner at Andrew & Beatties old plantation unless winter or cold weather then latter to Logan County Kentucky and there buried with my relations As further my request that my mother Margaret Allison of Logan County Ky shall have my negro woman slave Lucy then the remainder of my property be disposed off and my lawful debts paid William E Howard and John Smith is hereby appointed my administrators Agnes M Wilson is requested to remove my body to Kentucky

July 26. 1837

A. E. Gillespie

Franklin P. Allison

Henry Ridley's will

State of Mississippi Rutherford County

County Court August Term 1835 At the above Term the following paper writing purporting to be the nuncupative will of Henry Ridley deceased was admitted to Probate as such Court

On Tuesday evening the 22d day of July we visited Henry Ridley Esqre the Physician having been sent for in great haste he was attacked with the Cholera but we thought not dangerous at the time In a short time he became worse before which time another Physician Dr. Cook had arrived we understood that he had dispatched a messenger for his brother Col ~~Henry~~ Ridley who arrived between six and ~~four~~ seven o'clock by that time the disease had made Rapid Progress and was fast assuming its most Malignant form As soon as Col Ridley Entered and approached the bed side the deceased turned towards him and as he clasped his hand exclaimed oh my brother my brother I wish I could have a few moments case that I could talk with I want you to promise to settle my business On being asked if it was the whole or a part of his business he replied the whole I wish you to do the best you can for me I wish James Morton to be made safe he was asked by col Ridley how he was to ascertain the situation of his business you said you must hunt it out your self you can ask James Morton he knows more about it than any body else

soon after she enquired if he had time he would make a
will Col Ridley replied that if he could mention his wish
before the Gentlemen present it would answer as well as if
written that Mr. Webb was present and understood the nature
of such wills he spoke quietly that he wished Nelsey (his wife)
to have the place he then lived on specifying it in the following
precise words I wish Nelsey to have this place when he was
stopped by a spasm after a lapse of a few minutes he was
asked what else he wished his wife to have but before he could
answer a recurrence of the spasm and their continuance
in quick succession prevented any further conversation on that
or an other subject.

Geo Thompson
Edwin S. Webb
Thomas Smedhus

And at November Term 1835 It appearing to Said Court that
Henry Ridley deceased had made a nonuncupative will and
testament which was admitted to probate at August Term
1835 and Moses Ridley having applied for letters of
administration with the Said Annexed and he having
Joined with James Morton Walter Webb and James Ridley
his Securities in the sum of One hundred and fifty ~~dollars~~
thousand dollars and Qualified according to law to him
they are granted

I John R Laughlin Clerk of the County court of
Said County do certify that the forgoing is a true copy
of the nonuncupative will of Henry Ridley ~~dec~~ and Testament
as admitted to probate at August Term 1835 and of the
administration granted thereon to Moses Ridley at November
Term 1835

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal of
Office in Murfreesborough this 23d day
of November in the year of our Lord one
thousand Eight hundred and thirty
five

John R Laughlin clerk

State of Tennessee
Rutherford County } 30 S.

I John Fletcher chairman of the
County Court of said County do hereby certify that John R
Laughlin whose official signature appears to the forgoing
certificate is an acting Clerk of said County and that his
said attestation is in due form of law and that all of his
official acts are entitled to full faith and credit in any
Court or office in the united States

Given under my hand and Seal at the County
of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee this 23
day of November 1835

John Fletcher Chr. (Seal)

James Daughety's will

In the name of god amen I James Daughity of the county of Northumberland and State of virginia being in perfect sense and memory calling to mind the certainty of death make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner as follows in the first place I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Daughity all of my estate for the support of her and family during her ~~natural~~ life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto James B. Daughity one negro boy ~~Frank~~ Tom and Delia girl and unto Belladan B. Daughity one negro boy Frank and I also give unto Jeremiah T. A Daughity one negro Girl Sarah Ann in the next place I give unto Rebecca Wildy one negro girl Vina and unto her mother Jane Wildy one negro James and it is my desire that the balance of my negroes at the death or marriage should be equally divided among all of my children that is to say James B. Daughity Baladan B. Daughity & Jane Wildy and I also give unto Aurilius Daughty son of James B. Daughity Eighty dollars when collected out of my estate which is now in the hands of William Alford of Rutherford county in the State of Tennessee and the balance of my estate to be equally divided among my three youngest children James B. Daughity Baladan B. Daughty and Jane Wildy as witness my hand and seal this the 27th day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty

in the presence of
Wm M Appleby
Thomas Flint

James Daughity (seal)

At a court of Quarterly session held for Northumberland County at the court house on Monday the 10th of May 1830 this last will and testament of James Daughity deceased was proved by the oaths of Wm M Appleby & Thomas Flint the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Test.

G W Bates CCR

Cop. Teste

M B Crall DC

Harvey L. Dinwiddies Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Harvey L. Dinwiddie of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi of sound mind & Memory do make & publish this my last Will & testament

First — I wish all my just debts paid as promptly as may be in the power of my Executor —

Secondly

I bequeath whatever of my estate may be left after the discharge of my debts to my Mother Phebe Dinwiddie of the State of Kentucky & to my three sisters. Caroline. Phebe & Evaline equally share & share alike

Thirdly

I appoint my friend John H. Barker Executor of this my last W.&

November 4th 1837

Signed in presence of

James H. Cobb

Tobias M. Sawyer

H. L. Dinwiddie.

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Milton P. Ewings Will

In the name of God Amen. I M. P. Ewing late of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi do make and publish this my last will and testament being of sound mind and discriminating Judgement.

1st Item 1st I will and bequeath unto my Brother Jesse H Ewing my negro woman Patsey and Louisa her Child & their increase.

2nd Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto J. H. Ewing two notes of hand on Dr P. H. Martin the first is due October 15th 1837 for twenty five hundred dollars, the second due October 15th 1838, for twenty seven hundred and fifty dollars, and also a note for something upwards of Eighteen hundred and odd dollars, endorsed by Remuny and Little, and also my medical Books in Madison County Mi. which amount to Eight or ten hundred dollars, and one Note on E. Crisp for One hundred dollars. And the said Jesse H. Ewing when he Collects the above mentioned notes shall pay to Mrs Margaret White One thousand dollars, Also to Mrs Eliza Dunaway one thousand Dollars, Also Susan Ewing One thousand. the above mentioned legacies are the sisters of the maker of this instrument. As before mentioned I will and bequeath unto Randle Milton Ewing third son of my oldest brother (Andrew) One thousand dollars to be paid when the above notes are collected, I will and bequeath unto Jesse H Ewing four hundred acres of land lying in Scott County Mississippi and Situated in Township 8. Range 6 and section 14 R. E. I will and bequeath unto William Ewing. two hundred and forty acres in same Township. Same Range and section 23

The above mentioned Jesse H Ewing is to pay all the debts of M P Ewing which amount to about Eight hundred dollars.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty seven

August 3d 1837

Moses P. Crisp

E. Crisp

M. P. Ewing (Seal)

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court October Term 1837

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Milton P. Ewing dec^d was produced in Court for probate & proven thus. Moses P. Crisp one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being first sworn deposes and says that he became such in the presence of the said Milton P. Ewing and at his request and that he verily believes he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he executed the same – Ordered that said paper writing be admitted to record as such will of the said Milton P. Ewing deceased. Whereupon Sepa W. Ewing in Court here gave bond in the sum of thirty thousand dollars with William L. Ewing and A. B. Ewing his securities & qualified according to law – Ordered that he have letters of Administration with the will annexed granted to him

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court December Term 1837

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Milton P. Ewing dec^d was produced in Court for probate & proved thus. Ezekiel Crisp one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being first sworn deposes & says that he became such in the presence of the said M. P. Ewing and at his request and in the presence of M. P. Crisp the other subscribing witness thereto & that he verily believes he was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing the same

State of Tennessee Davidson County

I Smith Criddle Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing will & probate thereof are truly Copied from the files and minutes of my office

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said County Court at office in Nashville this 4th day of December A.D. 1837

Smith Criddle

State of Tennessee
Davidson County } I Elisha S. Hall Chairman of Davidson County Court aforesaid do hereby Certify that Smith Criddle whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate is Clerk of said County Court, duly qualified according to law, and that his Certificate is in due form of law – Given under my hand & seal this 4th day of December 1837

E. S. Hall (Seal)

# Will Bennetts Will

In the name of God Amen: I Will Bennett of the County of Madison, in the State of Mississippi, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made,

1st First— I direct that all my just debts be paid by my executors, hereinafter named as soon after my decease as possible.

Also it is my will and desire that the persons, who may be appointed as the law provides, to appraise my personal estate shall under the direction of my executors hereinafter named, and with the assistance of my friend William H. Fleming, make a just and true valuation of all the property real, personal and mixed, belonging to the said Fleming and my self jointly, by virtue of the Copartnership of Fleming & Bennett including all Claims and debts, due and unpaid to the said firm, and make a full and plain Statement of all debts and unsettled liabilities to others from the said firm of Fleming & Bennett, so as to show the nett value of my interest as one half owner of the said joint property, It is then my will and desire that my said executors offer my said interest, so ascertained, to the said William H. Fleming he giving his promissory note or notes, for the purchase money on such time and with such security as my said executors may approve; On the payment of which, my said Executors shall convey all my right, title and interest, in and to the same, in fee simple, to the said Fleming; But should the said Fleming decline to purchase my said interest on the terms aforesaid, I direct that, as soon after my decease as possible, my Executors, sell at public auction, or otherwise proceed to realize my interest in said property; Also I direct that all the estate, real, personal and mixed whereof I may be seized and possessed at the time of my decease, in my own right and independant of the Copartnership of Fleming & Bennett aforesaid be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, for its fair and reasonable value either in Cash, or on Credit with sufficient security, as they may think most Conducive to the interest of my estate, And I do hereby vest in my Executors aforesaid, full power and authority to sell, dispose of and convey either in fee simple, for a term of years, or otherwise as may be most advantageous to the interest of my estate, the whole or any part of my real estate, in as full and ample a manner in every respect as I could do myself if living.

It is my will and desire that the nett proceeds of my Estate when realized be placed in the hands of James Waller Esq. of the Corn market in the City of Worcester England who has directions for the disposal of the same, to which end I direct, that whenever any part of the proceeds of my estate may from time be received by my Executors, hereinafter named to the amount of One thousand dollars or more, the same be remitted in the most safe and convenient manner to the aforesaid James Waller Esq. as speedily as it can be conveniently done by my said Executors; and the acknowledgement of the said Waller to my said Executors of the receipt of any such remittance or remittances shall be a full release and discharge to my said Executors from all further responsibility for the amount thereof.

Finally I do hereby make, constitute and appoint my esteemed friends William Henry Fleming, Henry K. Moss and Alexander Allen, Executors of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix my seal in the presence of the witnesses whose names are here to subscribed

this twenty fifth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

Signed, sealed, published & declared by Will Brunett, the testator whose signature is hereto affixed, as his last will and testament, in the presence of each of us, who at his request, in the presence of the said testator, and of each other, have respectively signed our names as Witnesses hereto

A. H. Handy
Samuel B Davis
Benj. L Bell

Will Brunett (Seal)

## Amariah Nichols Will

In the Name of God. Amen;

I Amariah Nichols of the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi being in bad health and being mindful of my Mortality, revoking all others do make, ordain, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following=

First — It is my will and desire, that all my lawful debts may be paid as soon as possible —

Secondly — It is my will and desire that all my property of every nature and Kind, Real and Personal should remain and be continued together as it now is for the free use and benefit of my Wife Malinda and my Children (to Wit) Elizabeth Mary Ann, Susan, Obadiah, Martha Jane, Cassandra and Lucinda Caroline, during the widowhood of my Wife Melinda, or unless one or all of my Children should Marry or attain the age of Majority, then ~~in either~~ case, that is the Marriage of my Widow, or the marriage or attaining the age of Majority by any or all my Children, It is my will and desire, that if in Case my Wife should Marry, she shall have an equal part of my personal Estate, and in like Manner should a Child marry or Come of age they shall have an equal share of my personal Estate, and in no Case shall my wife if she remains a Widow during her life be disturbed in the possession and enjoyment of my real Estate, but in Case she should marry, then in that Case, whenever my youngest Child may marry or Come of age, then all my real Estate may be sold or divided as may seem most beneficial and proper; And it is my will and desire, that during the Widowhood of my Wife Malinda she shall have the management and Control of all my Estate, aided and advised by two or more of her prudent and discreet neighbors, Without, being called on or required to give any Bond or Security of any kind Whatever to any Court or person or persons Whatsoever, And in Case my Wife Malinda should Marry it is my will and desire that my said Wife Malinda Jointly with my Children who may then be of sufficient age shall Choose two discreet prudent persons to act as Guardians for my Children who may not be of age. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my

name and affix my seal this Eighth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of
H. Lemmrall
Joseph Leavell
Joshua Nichols
G. T. Faber.

A. Nichols (Seal)

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Personally appeared in open Court Joseph Leavell one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Amariah Nichols deceased, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he signed the same in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of the other witnesses who signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and that the said Testator signed, sealed and published the annexed will in this affiants presence and in the presence of all the other witnesses as his last will and testament, And that the said Amariah Nichols was at the time of sealing and publishing said will of sound mind and Memory and in full possession of his faculties

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court Febry 26th 1838
Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate

Joseph Leavell

## Stephen Suttons Will

I Stephen Sutton a citizen of the Town of Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, being in a low state of health but of sound and disposing Mind & memory do make & ordain this to be my last will and testament to wit

Item First. I wish all my just debts & funeral expenses paid out of my Estate as soon as it can conveniently be done

Item Second, I give all my Estate real, personal or Mixed, of what kind or nature soever it may be to my beloved Wife Nancy Sutton and her heirs & assigns forever.

Item Third: I appoint my beloved Wife Nancy Sutton sole Executrix of this my last will & testament, and I wish her not to be required to give any security for the execution of the same,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of June A.D. 1826

Signed sealed & delivered as his last will & testament by Stephen Sutton in our presence & he requested us to become subscribing witnesses
John Waters
John Webber
Henry Ewing

Stephen his X mark Sutton (Seal)

State of Tennessee } September Term 1837
Davidson County Court }

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Stephen Sutton decd was produced in Court for Probate and proved thus Mercury Ewing and John Waters two of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing being first sworn depose and say that they became such in the presence of the said Stephen Sutton and at his request & in the presence of each other, and that they verily believe he was of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time he executed the same, Ordered that said paper writing be admitted to Record as such will of the said Stephen Sutton decd Whereupon Nancy Sutton the Executrix named in said Will came into Court and qualified according to law, Ordered that she have letters testamentary granted her.

State of Tennessee }
Davidson County } I Smith Criddle Clerk of the County Court of sd County do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Will & Probate thereof as the same remains of Record in my Office

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my Name & affix the seal of sd Court at Office in Nashville this 25th day of April AD 1838

Seal

Smith Criddle

State of Tennessee }
Davidson County } I Elihu S. Hall Chairman of Davidson County Court aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that Smith Criddle, whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate was at the time, Clerk of said County Court, duly qualified according to law, and that his Certificate is in due form of law.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1838

E. S. Hall Seal

Rufus K. Dinkins Will

The last Will & Testament of R. K. Dinkins

Know all men by these presents that I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth One half of My property if she should have an heir. The other half will be given to said heir, After the death of My wife the child shall inherit the Whole — If no heir should be born or being born should die — Pollo dine, wife and Children shall be given to My sister Louisa the wife of Robt. S. Dinkins and her Children, One thousand dollars to my Niece Tellula Slaughter. The Residue to My wife Elizabeth.

Test

A. C. Dickerson
W. B. Noofleet
Thos Harrison

R. K. Dinkins

The State of Mississippi } Special Term Probate Court
Madison County } July 14th 1838

Personally appeared this day in open Court Thos Harrison who produced the annexed last Will and testament of Rufus K. Dinkins decd to which the said Harrison was an attesting witness, who being sworn to answer questions & with the other

witnesses W. B. Norflet and A. L. Dickerson who were likewise sworn, testified that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other, and that the testator signed the same in their presence, and declared the same to be his last Will and testament and further the said Witnesses testified that the said Rufus K. Dinkins was of sound and disposing mind at the time of making and publishing said Will—

Whereupon it is Ordered that said Will be admitted to Record and that letters of Administration be granted to Elizabeth H. Dinkins and William F. Walker with the will annexed.

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate

Joanna Adams Will

State of Mississippi } I Joannah Adams of the County and
Madison County } State aforesaid being especially warned of the uncertainty of life by a present bodily disease, and being of sound and disposing and understanding do hereby make and constitute this my last Will and testament which shall operate as a revocation of all former Wills & testaments heretofore made by me,

1st While I commend my soul to the keeping of God who gave it, I wish my Body to be decently committed to the earth, and I hereby set apart a sufficient sum to defray the expenses of the same,

2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid so soon as a sufficient amount can be collected from those indebted to me,

3rd I bequeath to my son James Adams one feather Bed

4th It is my wish that all my negroes shall be appraised by three men appointed by the Judge of Probate; and that my son James Adams shall take them all at their appraised value, he being allowed a credit of twelve Months for the whole amount, from the time of my decease; It is also my wish that my entire estate of everything whatever may be hereinafter specially otherwise bequeathed, be divided into Ten equal shares, as legacies to be bequeathed as as hereinafter specified

5th I give and bequeath Eight of the aforesaid shares to my Children James Adams, John Adams, William Adams, Elizabeth Obier, Burkett Thompson, Nancy Flowers, Joannah Gartington and Jack C. Carthartplume, one share to each individual and all the shares alike

6th I give and bequeath to my son William Adams one of the aforesaid ten shares, and one feather Bed to be held in trust never theless by the said Wm Adams for the use and benefit of my Daughter Rebecca Flowers for during her natural life, and at her death it is my wish and desire that the said property with all the profits governing thereof be equally divided between the Children of the said Rebecca Flowers.

7th I give and bequeath to my son William Adams one of the aforesaid ~~shares~~ to be held in trust also by the said William Adams for the use and benefit of my Daughter Susannah Alford for and during her natural life, and at her death it is my wish and desire that the said Property with all the increase and profits thereof be wholly transferred to Sarah Terrill Wife of John Terrill of Amite County State aforesaid or to her heirs

8th I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Ann Williams one Cow and Calf

9th I wish my Son William Adams to be exempted from the payment of One hundred Dollars which he owes me, in Consideration of One years labor performed by him for me after he had arrived at the age of twenty one years.

10th It is my wish that my son John Adams shall be exempted from paying for a Waggon which he obtained from me several years ago.

11 I hereby Name Constitute and appoint my Sons James Adams and John Adams to be the Executors of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd Day of July A.D. 1835

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said Jeannah Adams to be her last Will & testament in Presence of us

Thos J. Catetings
Sullins C. Tupper

Jeannah her X mark Adams (seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } September Term 1838

The last Will and testament of Jeannah Adams Dec'd was this day Produced in Open Court. Whereupon Came Thomas J. Catetings One of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who being duly qualified Deposeth and says that the said Jeanna Adams signed sealed and ~~delivered~~ acknowledged the same to be her last will and testament in his presence and in the Presence of Sullins C. Tupper the other subscribing Witness to said Will. that he this Deponent signed the same as a witness in Presence of said Jeannah Adams and in Presence of said Sullins C. Tupper. And that said Tupper signed the same in presence of said Jeannah Adams and of this Deponent. And further that said Jeannah Adams at the time of making and publishing said Will was of Sound and disposing Mind.

It is therefore Ordered that said Will be established and admitted to Record in this Court. And that letters testamentary on said Estate be granted to James Adams and John Adams on their entering into Bond in the Penal sum of Ten Thousand dollars with Robert G. Anderson Sen and Thomas J Catetings their Securities. The said James Adams and John Adams having been appointed Executors by said Will.

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate

## Mary Sanders Will

In the Name of God Amen:

I Mary Sanders of the State of Mississippi and County of Madison being weak in body though of sound Mind & memory do make & ordain this My last Will and Testament as follows.

1st I Bequeath my body to the dust from whence it came & my soul to Almighty — who gave it.

2nd I Bequeath to my Daughter Jane a Negro Girl named Matilda. to my Daughter Minerva a Negro Girl named Milly also the Child with which Negro Woman Patsy is now in travail, Should it live, Also to My Daughter Hester Ann a Negro Woman named Patsy and her Child Tamanda. lastly to my son Ashley Appleton Sanders two Negro Boys Named Bill and Cornelius. I further desire that my portion of the Real Estate of My beloved husband Madwell Sanders deceased to gether with all

my Personal property not above disposed of to be sold & that the negroes above bequeathed be valued and the Proceeds of said Personal property be applied to equalize the value of said Negro property between the aforementioned Legatees. I appoint ~~one~~ ordain John Holloway & Bradwell Saunders to be my Executors to this my last Will and testament,

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th September AD. 1838

Witness
Dem O Sutherland
Hugh Saunders
E. P. Papmore

Mary Saunders {seal}

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court November Term 1838
Madison County ss }

This day was produced in open Court the within papers as the last Will and testament of Mary Saunders dec'd and on proof of E. P. Papmore one of the subscribing witnesses, who being sworn testified that he signed the same as a witness in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses, who likewise signed the same in the presence of the Testator who signed the will in their presence and in presence of affiant, and further that she was of sound and disposing mind at the time of signing the same and publication, Whereupon the within paper purporting to be established as the last will and testament of Mary Saunders dec'd and the same admitted to Probate & Record,

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate &c

Samuel K. Sorsby's Will

Lexington October 28th 1836

In the Name of God Amen,

As the uncertainty of human life is such, after recommending My Soul to God who gave it. It is My last will and testament that My son Joseph Sorsby and Dr James Thomas act as My Executors in carrying this my last Will in effect, I then proceed to dispose of My worldly effects as follows to wit. This My last Will and testament,

After my just debts are paid, It is my will and testament that My beloved Wife Matilda Sorsby have her Choice of My land Estate of a Childs part during her natural life, and in the event of her death to be equally divided with all my Children. and likewise to have a Childs part of my personal property after taking out certain negroes which I shall name to wit Ned. and Sophy. Green Clarissa. Joe Mariah. and Children names not recollected, Pompey. Brave little Ned. Gorge. Lisby and Children. Peter and Henry and five hundred dollars Cash for Mary and twelve hundred dollars for a tract of land that they purchased of Thomas Foster, [illegible] negroes and Money that I have mentioned to be equally divided among My Children [illegible] Lisby. Eliz [illegible] Mary Sorsby [illegible] Samuel K. Sorsby. [illegible] all the balance of My real and personal Estate after taking my wifes part out shall be equally divided among all My Children as they arrive at lawful age or should marry. It is my will that my Child Laura E. Sorsby has an equal share of my real and Personal Estate

with the rest of My Children with the exception of the above named Negroes which they inherited by my first wife Elizabeth Sorsby.

It is also My Will that the Negroes that I inherited by my last wife Matilda Sorsby, go to her and her bodily heirs Namely Lina. Minda. Jack. Judy. May. Morris and Esther.

It is My wish that My Executors after the debts of the Estate are paid. the Monies then arising from the Crops after the Current expences of the year are paid then the balance of the Money to be vested in Bank Stock until they should want it. Likewise after taking my Wifes part out. It is my will that my wife have the Control of her property and her Childrens property,

It is My will that My Executors send those free negroes of My Mother Elizabeth Green Estate. Jerry and Tom and their families to Liberia, they will have reference to her Will, It is My Wish that they have a thousand Dollars for their outfit

It is My Will that One quarter of an Acre including the Present Burying ground on My premises shall be set apart and reserved forever for a Burying ground.

It is My Will that My faithful Old Servants Jenny Henry and Betty Will not Leave my Children as Slaves. but they are to live with any of them they please and they are to take Care of them.

It is My Will that my wife Matilda Sorsby have Money enough out of my Estate to Purchase her a Seamstress and a Cook Black Servant Negroes. I will & bequeath to her & her bodily heirs. I gave my riding horse to My Wife

This My last Will and Testament I desire Carried into effect by My Executors Joseph Sorsby and Dr James Thomas Provided it should not be broken

Supplement — I likewise give and bequeath My Carriage and Carriage Horses to My wife Matilda Sorsby.

Sam C K. Sorsby Seal

Test

It is My Will that My Executors sell that tract of land in Franklin County of One thousand Acres & place place the Monies arising from said land to the payment of the Debts of the Estate

Attest

Henry S. Peck
Joseph Sorsby

Fayette County to wit April Court 1838

This last will and Testament of Sam[l] K. Sorsby Dec[d] was produced in Court & proven by the oath of Joseph Sorsby agreeable to the Laws of Kentucky, and certification under an order of the Court to be taken to Mississippi for Probate in that State. a Copy being left in the office of this Court

att[t] S. C. Rodes Clk F.C.C.

The State of Mississippi }
Attalum County } ss This day November 26th 1838 in Probate Court the written paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Sam[l] K. Sorsby dec[d] was produced and upon the oath of Joseph Sorsby a subscribing witness who swore that he signed the same as such in presence of the Testator who signed the same in his presence, and in presence of the other subscribing witness and that other subscribing witness Henry S. Peck subscribed the same in presence of Testator and this affiant & that the same was at the time of making the same to the best of his knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding and not under any restraint. Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of said S. K. Sorsby and to be admitted to Probate and Record

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate

## Elizabeth Gantts Will

I Elizabeth Gantt being of sound Mind and Memory though weak and afflicted in body being desirous to make a distribution of my Estate among my Children and Grand Children, do make this my last Will and Testament in the Manner following — Imprimis — I give and bequeath to my son Kimbelin Tomlinson Stoddart Gantt, one fourth Part of the Tract of land whereon I now live — & the negroes Charles & Nancy, also one sixth part of my Stock one Sixth Part of my Plantation Tools and one Sixth Part of my house hold furniture My Will and desire is that my Daughter Letty Ann Massey shall take charge of her unfortunate Brother Kimbelin and his Property, and at her death that my said Sons Property shall remain with my said Daughter Letty during her life, and at her death the said Property with the increase shall be equally divided among my Children, I also give and bequeath one Bed and furniture to my said Son Kimbelin which is to be deducted out of his one Sixth Part, of the house hold furniture, and in Case of the death of my said Daughter Letty before the death of my Son Kimbelin. My desire is that the property hereby divided to my son Kimbelin should be delivered into the Care of my daughter Cecilia Caroline Primmo for the use and benefit of my said Son, and that my said son shall live with my said Daughter Cecilia & I earnestly hope that he will receive a sisters Kindness at her hands, and Provided my Son shall die leaving no Children (of his body legally begotten) my will and desire is that all the property hereby divided to my said son Kimbelin shall be equally divided among my Children at his death,

Item. I Give and bequeath to my ____ Letty Ann Massey the Negroes Cate. Cloe. & Celia also one Sixth Part of my Stock, one Sixth part of my Plantation tools, & one Sixth part of my house hold furniture & in Case my said Daughter Letty should die without lawful heirs of her body begotten my and desire is that the Property hereby bequeathed to her shall be equally divided among my Children, Item, I will and devise to my son George Gantt one fourth part of my land and the negroes Sandy and Jenny, also one Sixth part of my Plantation tools and household furniture and one Sixth Part of my Stock, and in Case my said Son George should die leaving no heirs of his body begotten, my will & that the Property hereby devised to him be equally divided among all my Children — Item. I give to my daughter Rebecca Clagett the one Sixth part of my Stock, plantation tools & sixth part of my house hold furniture, — Item, I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Rebecca Clagett the first of the Children of Nancy a Slave the wife of Charles which shall be born alive after the date of this Will,

Item. I give to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Stoddart Hicks now an infant a negro girl named Lenny, and in Case the said Elizabeth dies before she arrives at her lawful age or shall have no lawful issue the said negro girl with her increase be equally divided among all the Children of my Dear Sister Letty Ann Hicks,

Item. I give to my Grandson Alias H. Perry Primm a negro boy Lander and in Case my Grandson Alias H. Perry Primm dies before he arrives at lawful age. my desire is that the said Boy Lander should be equally divided among the heirs of Cecilia Caroline Primmo.

Item — I will & bequeath to my trusty friends James G. Smith. Horatio

Clagett & George P. Tyler an fourth Part of the tract of land whereon I now live. Also the negroes Hanes, Vicking & Joe. an sixth part of my Stock, an sixth part of my Plantation Tools & an sixth part of my house hold furniture to the use & benefit of my Daughter Julia Adelade Heick during her life, and at the death of my said Daughter Julia Adelade Heick, my desire is that the said Property together with the increase be equally divided amongst the Children of my said Daughter Julia Adelade Heick.

Item — I Will & devise to my trusty friends James G. Smith Horatio Clagett & George P. Tyler an fourth part of the tract of land whereon I now live. Their Choice of two beds & furniture, also an sixth part of my Stock. an half of my Kitchen furniture & an sixth part of Plantation tools & an sixth part of my house hold furniture, also the negroes Hanes Harriet & William to the use & benefit of my Daughter Cecilia Caroline Primm during her natural life, and at her death my desire is that all the property herein devised to my said friends as Trustees of my said Daughter Cecilia be equally divided amongst the Children of my said Daughter Cecilia Caroline Primm.

I request my friends Allen Massey George Hicks & John T. Primm to execute this my last Will & Testament.

signed sealed and attested this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twenty one attest. John Gregory
George A. Parker
Isaac. E. Parker

Elizabeth Gantt (seal)

on reflection I have this my Will opened for the purpose of making some alterations and explanations. also to devise some property obtained since writing & making the above Will and testament, to which this is included as a part of the same & viz, I wish it to be distinctly understood. that the property which I have devised and left to my son George Gantt belong to him & his heirs forever, any Clause in the above will to the Contrary notwithstanding and I further Will and bequeath to my said son George Gantt an Negro Girl Child daughter of Harriet named Cicely to him & his heirs forever. I also Will and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Clagett. one Negro girl the daughter of Vicking named Cloe a.m. to her and her heirs forever. I also Will & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Harriett Elizabeth Elizabeth Sutherlan ~~Hodgart~~ Clagett one Negro girl Child daughter of Harriet named Patsey to her & her heirs forever. I also will and bequeath to my Grand daughter Rebecca Gantt Clagett if it should be born alive and live. the Child which Vicking is now Pregnant, to her & her heirs forever. I Will and devise to my trusty friends Allen Massey Horatio Clagett & James [illegible] the property that is now in the possession of my Daughter Ce[illegible] and her husband John T. Primm. that is the furniture [illegible] the Stock of Hogs Cattle and [illegible] for the use [illegible] Tennessee [illegible]. I also Will & devise to my trusty friends Allen Massey Horatio Clagett & James [illegible] the Property devised in the fore part of this my Will to James G. Smith Horatio Clagett & George P. Tyler for the same use & benefit before mentioned in the preceding part of this my Will. — Any Money that should or may have been from the sale of my Crop &c I wish divided equally after

paying my just debts ~~equally~~ among my children, I request my friends Allen Massey Horatio Elizett, John T. Brown, George Hick & my son George Gantt to execute this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed & attested this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight.

Attest David Kellough
Vincent Swing
Charles Smoot

Elizabeth Gantt {seal}

State of Tennessee
Hickman County } I James A. Easley Clerk of the County Court of Hickman County do Certify that the foregoing pages Contain a true copy of the last Will and testament of Elizabeth Gantt deceased as appears of Record in my office.

{seal}

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office in Centreville the 6th Day of May A.D. 1839

J. D. Easley Clk

State of Tennessee
Hickman County } I William Bird Senior and presiding Magistrate of said County Court, do Certify that James A. Easley whose signature appears to the above Certificate is now & was at the time of signing the same the acting Clerk of said Court duly elected & qualified & that faith & Credit is due all his official acts

Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of May 1839

William Bird Chairman

## Reese Corzines Will.

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of death and feeling and seeing the necessity and importance of making a disposition of my Property, I Choose to dispose of it in the following manner to wit. In the first place, I want all my just debts paid.

Secondly, I will & bequeath to my beloved Nephew, John Shelby Corzine, all my Property or effects of every description whatever.

The above is my last Will and Testament, this tenth day of June 1838

Attest Noble Ladd
John Allen

Reese Corzine

The State of Tennessee } Court May Term 1839
Williamson County }

The last will and testament of Reese Corzine deceased is Produced for Probate and the Execution thereof duly Proven thus Noble Ladd and John Allen subscribing Witnesses thereto being sworn say they became such in the presence and at the request of the testator; in the presence of each other, that they believe said testator was sound and disposing Mind and Memory at the making and Publ[illegible] of said will, and under no undue influence, Ordered that [illegible] be Recorded; And there being no Executor nominated in [illegible] and Franklin P. White having made application to th[illegible] may be admitted to administer upon the Estate [illegible] Corzine deceased, with his last will and testam[illegible]

given Bond of four Thousand Dollars Conditioned as the law directs with Lewis Cogine, and Looney W. Wooldridge his Sureties and having been duly sworn; Ordered that Letters of Administration with the last Will and Testament of the said Rev Cogine deceased annexed issue to him accordingly -

I Lemuel B. McConnico Clerk of the County Court of Williamson County in the State of Tennessee do Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the Records of my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 8th Day of May A.D. 1839

Seal

L.B. McConnico

The State of Tennessee ss.

I Gilbert Marshall Chairman and Presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Williamson County in the State of Tennessee aforesaid do Certify that Lemuel B. McConnico who has given the foregoing attestation is Clerk of the County Court of Williamson County aforesaid, and was such at the date thereof: that full faith and Credit are due to his official acts as such that said attestation is in due form, and that the signature of said Lemuel B. McConnico to the same is genuine.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May A.D. 1839

Gilbert Marshall Seal

B.W.M. Minter Will

In the Name of God Amen;

Know all Men by these Presents that I B.W.M. Minter, being of sound Mind knowing the uncertainty of human life Make this my last Will and testament

1st I Give myself to God Who made me, for time and Eternity;

2nd I wish all My debts paid, when lawfully presented;

3rd I Give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy M. Minter all my real and Personal Estate of whatsoever Kind or Character. - Subjected to the following Conditions Viz. I Give the one half of all My Real and Personal Estate of whatsoever Kind or Character to my Wife Nancy in Perpetuity; and the other half during her natural lifetime

4th That after the decease of My Wife Nancy M. Minter, I Will one fourth of My half of said Estate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to dispose of as they Please

5th That one fourth of My half of said Estate shall be equally divided between the Children of My Brothers and Sisters who may then be living

6th That one fourth of My said half shall be given to Sharon College if it shall continue to carry out the principles of its Charter. If it does not so carry out the principles of its Charter then this fourth shall be given to the object of Article 5th;

That the other fourth of My said half shall be given to the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be appropriated by them to the use of the Superannuated Preachers and their Children or the Widows and orphans of the

above named annual Mipc Conference.

That I do appoint my Wife Nancy M. Minter my Executrix of the above written will.

Signed sealed and delivered in the Presence of us this 19th day of March 1839

Geo W Stewart
Levi Pearce
Ha. W. Smith

B. W. M. Minter {seal}

The State of Mississippi
Madison County ss

Probate Court May Term 1839

This day was produced in open Court the last will and testament of B.W.M. Minter annexed, and Levi Pearce one of the subscribing witnesses being first by me sworn deposed and saith that he signed the annexed will of said deceased B.W.M. Minter in the presence of the said Minter, and in the presence of all the other witnesses Geo W. Stewart and H.W Smith who likewise signed the same in the Presence of the testator and in the presence of the witness Levi Pearce and in the presence of each other, and further that the said B.W.M. Minter was sane and of disposing mind at the time of signing sealing and publishing of the same, and that it was some three weeks previous to the death of the said Minter &c and it is therefore considered by the Court that the said Will be established, admitted to Probate & Recorded &c

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate &c

Alfred Nobles Will

"At Home, New Sparta September 25 One thousand Eight hundred and thirty seven,

I Alfred Noble being of Sound Mind and Memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, revoking all others heretofore by me made,

I do give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Ann H. P. Noble all my Estate both real and Personal, Goods Wares and Merchandise to have and to Hold the same to her own Proper use and behoof forever, to take possession without Inventory or Security; I do also nominate, constitute and appoint my said Wife Ann. H. P. Noble my true and lawful Executrix to this my last will and testament

Signed sealed and delivered in the Presence of the undersigned Witnesses,
Edward Armors, Julius Culbertson
Isaac Harvey, T. T. Coones

"signed" Alfred Noble

State of Louisiana
Parish of Madison

I hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the original Will extant in my office according to the laws, usages of the State,

Witness my hand and official seal
Recd Chas Dorsey
and Exofficio Re

{seal}

March 17th AD. 1838,

United States of America
State of Louisiana } By Edward D. White,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

These Are to Certify, that Richd Chas Downes whose name is subscribed to the instrument of Writing herein annexed is now and was at the time of signing the same Parish Judge and Ex Officio Register of Wills in and for the Parish of Madison. that his signature is genuine, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and Credit,

Given at New Orleans under my hand and the seal of the State this twenty Ninth day of January one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Nine and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty third.

{Seal}

E. D. White

By the Governor
Alfred E. Forstall
Secretary of State,

Wm A Coles Nuncupative Will

Know all men that we Thomas Hardeman M. and John Locke Hardeman were Called upon during the late illness of William A Cole deceased as witnesses to the following nuncupative Will said Testator being of sound & disposing mind and Memory but fearing immediate dissolution to wit the said William A. Cole willed, devised & bequeathed to his Mother Mary Cole all his effects & property of every description whether real personal or mixed,

Witness our hands this 24th Decr 1839.

Thos Hardeman M.
J Locke Hardeman

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Decr Term 1839

Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Hardeman M. & J Locke Hardeman whose names are subscribed to the foregoing nuncupative will who being duly sworn deposed & said that they were called upon by the testator William A Cole to bear witness to the disposition he wished to make of his Estate after his death which he thought was then about to take place, that the foregoing contains a true statement of his wishes at that time, that the said testator was at the time of a sound & disposing mind, that said will was composed during the last illness of Testator, a short time before his death and at his residence

Will Bailey
Judge of Probate }

Green. B. Walkers Will.

Georgia
Troupe County } I Green B Walker of the County & State aforesaid being in firm of body but of sound mind & Memory do make ordain & publish this my last will and testament as follows.

Item 1st It is my wish that my negroes should be kept together on my Plantation in this County until the Crop now planted, shall be cultivated grown gathered & carried to market, the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts,

Item 2nd, It is my will that my Executors hereinafter appointed should begin to pay my just debts with the proceeds of the Crop now growing, should there not be enough to extinguish the same, then, in that event it is my wish that my Executors hereinafter appointed shall proceed to sell such of my personal & real Estate except that hereinafter disposed of as shall in their best discretion seem fit to complete the settlement of said debts,

Item 3d, I will & bequeath unto Thomas B St. John a quarter section of land lying in Talapoosa County in the State of Alabama, it being the only land I own in said County of Talapoosa, the number Township & Range not now recollected

Item 4th, I will & bequeath unto my beloved Brother James R. Walker two thousand dollars ($2000.) to be raised out of the sale of such of my personal & real Estate as not herein disposed of as to my Executors hereinafter appointed shall seem most fit & proper.

Item 5th, After the payment of my just debts and the special bequest to my beloved Brother James R. Walker in the manner herein before described it is my will and desire that all of my Estate both real & personal not herein before disposed of shall be divided equally between my beloved Brothers & sisters, to wit, James R Walker Beverly Walker, John Walker & Henry Walker & Rebecca Harrwell formerly Rebecca Walker, Mary Warren formerly Mary Walker, Elizabeth Morgan formerly Elizabeth Walker and Nancy Smith formerly Nancy Walker.

Item 5th, I hereby Constitute and appoint James R. Walker Beverly Walker John Walker & Henry Walker my Executors to carry this my last will & testament into execution,

In Solemn testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this the fifteenth day of May Eighteen hundred and thirty eight, (1838)

G. B. Walker {L.S.}

Signed & Executed in Presence of
Robt. T. Ridley
Burl B. McRigney
Levi Geer,
Robert Dougherty

Georgia Monday 18th June 1838. Inferior Court of Troup County as a Court of Ordinary in Vacation
Present James M Beall
Collin Rogers
Benjn H. Cameron
Thomas. J Cook } Justices

Written last will and testament of Green B. Walker late of this County deceased, was this day produced before the Justices aforesaid in vacation by James R Walker one of the Executors therein nominated and duly and legally proven upon the oaths of Robert Dougherty, Robert T. Ridley and Levi Geer three of the subscribing Witnesses thereto

Riley Nelson C. C.

Georgia Troup Inferior Court sitting for ordinary purposes July Term 1838
Present James M Beall, Collin Rogers & Thomas J Cook } Justices

The within last will and testament of Green B Walker late of this County decd. having been duly and legally proven before James M. Beall. Collin Rogers. Benjamin H. Cameron & Thomas J Cooke Justices of the Inferior Court of said County on Monday the 18th June Ultimo upon the oaths of Robert Longhorty Robt. A. T. Ridley & Levi Gee. three of the subscribing witnesses to the same

Ordered that the same be now admitted to Record this being a regular & legal term of the meeting of said Court,

Riley Wilson Clk C.

Recorded 5th July 1838.

Riley Wilson C. C.

Georgia Troup County } Inferior Court sitting for ordinary purposes. Met Pursuant to adjournment Monday 2nd July 1838, Present.

James M. Beall, Collin Rogers, Thos J. Cook } Justices.

The last Will and testament of Green. B Walker late of this County decd having been duly and legally proven in Vacation before James. M Beall, Collin Rogers Benjamin. H Cameron & Thomas J Cook Justices of the Inferior Court of said County on Monday the 18th June Ultimo upon the oaths of Robert Longhorty. Robt A. T. Ridley & Levi Gee, three of the subscribing witnesses thereto – Ordered that the same be now admitted to Record this being a regular and legal term of the Meeting of said Court, It is also Ordered that James R. Walker one of the nominated Executors named in said last Will and Testament be now permitted to qualify by taking the Oath prescribed by law in Open Court, and that thereupon Letters testamentary do issue to him accordingly, It is also further Ordered that Levi Gee Sanky J Johnson. R. D. A Thurp. Johnson Hicks & Daniel Ramsey be and are hereby appointed to appraise said Estate of said decd,

Whereupon James R. Walker Comg & appeared in Open Court, & was duly & legally qualified by taking the Oath prescribed by law in Open Court on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, and Letters Testamentary were accordingly issued.

Georgia Troup County } I Riley Wilson Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in & for said County & State do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a Correct Copy of the last Will and testament of Green B. Walker late of said County & State decd, and also of the Probate of the same, & the qualification of James R. Walker one of the nominated Executors in said Will. all of which are taken from the Records of my office,

Given under my hand & seal of Office at Office this 2nd day of October 1839

Seal

Riley Wilson Clk C.

Georgia Troup County } I James M Beall one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid do hereby Certify that Riley Wilson whose name appears to the within Certificate is & was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in & for said County, and that due faith &

credit is and ought to be had in his official acts, & that the same is in due form
Given under my hand & private seal (having no official seal) this 2nd Oct 1839.

Sam M. Ball J. P. [L.S.]

Ellis P. Papmore's Will

I Ellis P. Papmore of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being well aware of the uncertainty of human life & being at this time feeble weak in body but of sound rational and disposing Mind do decree and make this my last Will and Testament to Wit,

First. I direct that all of my just debts be paid from my general effects in such Manner as may be deemed proper and expedient by my Executors,

Secondly. I wish and direct that my entire Estate both real and personal be appropriated to and divided between my Wife Hester and my Children equally and in accordance with the laws and Statutes of the State of Mississippi, and it is my special request that if possible and practicable that no Sale or disposition be made of my effects for the purpose of paying debts, but that the money be borrowed on Mortgage or loans secured by Stock in the Union Bank for said purposes, and said loans to be paid as the instalments may become due from time to time by Crops of Cotton or otherwise as my Executors may think expedient, And,

Lastly, I hereby Nominate my friends Absalom Leggitt and Lorenzo Latham of the County and State aforesaid Executors of this my last Will and Testament written on two pages the fourth day of December Eighteen hundred and thirty Eight as Witness my hand & seal. [L.S.]

Signed & sealed in presence of }

In addition to the foregoing Statements and requests I hereby authorise and empower my said Executors to sell themselves Convey or Mortgage without the intervention or interference of the laws of the State of Mississippi such of my Lands or Real Estate as they may deem expedient and think proper for the purpose of satisfying & Paying debts or otherwise, giving them a full and discretionary power solution thereto,

Signed & sealed in presence of us }
James H. Dunlavy
David Sutherland
John H. Dalton

Given under my hand & seal the day aforesaid as written on the first page

Ellis P. Papmore [Seal]

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court Sept Term 1839
Madison County ss } This day was produced in Open Court, the annexed last Will and Testament of Ellis P. Papmore dec^d and David Sutherland & John H. Dalton two of the Subscribing Witnesses being duly Sworn testified that they Subscribed the same in the presence of the Testator who acknowledged the same to be made and signed by him as his last Will and testament, and that they signed the same in presence of each other, and that the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and Memory and in full possession of his intellect, And therefore it is considered by the Court that the same be admitted to Probate & Record,

Thos. Shackelford
Judge of Probate

Thomas J. Moore's Will } The State of Mississippi
Madison County } In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas J. Moore of the State and County aforesaid being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and Memory and desirous of disposing of my Estate, do make ordain and publish the following as my last Will and Testament to Wit,

Imprimis. It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of such portion of My Estate, and in such Manner as my Executors may deem most expedient, and with the least injury

Secondly. I devise and bequeath my whole Estate both real and Personal to my Beloved Wife Mary Ann, and to the Child with which I believe she is now encente jointly and equally. To Have and to Hold the due Moiety thereof to my said Wife for and during her natural life and at her death to my said Child Should the Same be then living, to him or her and his or her (the said Child's) heirs and assigns forever, and the other Moiety of my said Estate to the said Child in absolute fee Simple. Provided that Should my said Wife not prove encient, or in Case She be and the Child Should die before attaining the age of Twenty one years or Marriage. Then and in either such Case I do hereby direct that the Moiety of My Estate herein before devised to My said Child be given to My Brother A. Barry Moore and to My Sister Amanda Henderson in equal Shares, And it is furthermore my Will and I do hereby direct that on the death of My said Wife, She not proving encente at this time, or the Child dying before attaining twenty one years or Marriage that the Moiety of My said Estate so devised to my said Wife be given to my said Brother A. Barry Moore, & My Sister Amanda Henderson Share and Share alike, both this and the bequest herein before made to my said Brother and Sister on the Contingencies herein mentioned happening, to them, their heirs forever,

Lastly — I do hereby nominate and appoint John Irwin of Charlotte N.C. A. Barry Moore and Geo. N. Henderson Executors of this my last Will & Testament,

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this nineteenth day of October A.D. 1839.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the Testator as his last will & testament in presence of us & signed by us in his presence & in the presence of each other

Geo. N. Motz
S. L. Sumster
W. R. Neill

Thos. J. Moore [L.S.]

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court December Term 1839.
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court Geo. N. Motz, and Samuel L. Sumster two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within and foregoing last Will and Testament who being duly sworn deposed and said that they saw Thomas J. Moore whose name is subscribed thereto sign seal and deliver the same and declare the same to be his last will and Testament — that they signed their names thereto as Witnesses in presence of said Testator and in presence of each other and in presence of W. R. Neill the other Subscribing Witness — and further that the said Testator at the time of signing sealing & was of sound and disposing mind — It is therefore ordered that said will be established and admitted to

Record in this Court,

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of December A.D. 1839

Will J. Bailey
Judge of Probate {Seal}

Allen Spears Will

In the Name of God Amen;

I Allen Spears of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being weak of body though strong in mind and disposing Memory and Calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do think proper to make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to Wit;

It is my Will and desire that my Negro Woman Phillis, and her three Children, Catharine, Martha Ann and Keelda shall have their freedom for life,

Item, I Give and bequeath to Phillis and her Children the sum of five hundred Dollars, to be paid over to them as their necessities may require,

I also give and bequeath to Phillis and her three Children mentioned above, All my Estate both real and personal that may be left after paying my just debts, and all expenses that may be necessary to settle my Estate,

Item, It is my will and desire that the property this ~~to~~ given away be left with my Executors to be given to them as their necessities may require,

Lastly I nominate and appoint Isaac R. Bapz, Nath M. Sayler my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and testament utterly revoking all other wills by me heretofore made,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 4th Sept A.D. 1839.

Allen his + mark Spears {Seal}

interlined before signed
Test Henry Calcote
Julius Jackson

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court January 1840,
Madison County }

Personally appeared this day in Open Court Julius Jackson and Henry Calcote the subscribing witnesses to the written last Will and testament of Allen Spears dec^d, who being duly sworn deposed and said that they were present, and saw the Testator sign seal and deliver said Will, and that said Testator acknowledged the same to be his last Will & testament that in the opinion of these affiants the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind at the time of signing and publishing the written Will, and that they signed the same as witnesses in presence of and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other on the day and year therein mentioned.

It is therefore Ordered that said Will be established and admitted to Record in this Court, and that Letters Testamentary be granted to the Executors named in said Will on their entering into Bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with Thomas Spill their security Given under my hand & Seal this day of Jany A.D. 1840

Will J. Bailey
Judge of Probate {Seal}

Hardin D. Runnels Will.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } In the Name of God Amen;

I Hardin D Runnels of the County and State aforesaid being sick in body; but of sound and disposing mind and Memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and the Certainty of death, do by these presents make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to wit,

Item 1st, I resign my body to the grave, and my Soul to Almighty God who gave it,

Item 2d I wish all my just debts and Contracts paid,

Item 3d I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha B. Runnels four Negroes such as she may select out of my slaves,

Item 4th I Give and bequeath unto my Son Edmund S. Runnels the following Negroes viz Harry, Lucy and three Children named Louisa Rosa Ann & Henry, Lucinda and two Children named, Daniel and Gabriel Washington, Ann and one Child named Mahala, Frederick, Caddock Sam and Charles fifteen in number

Item 5th I Give and bequeath unto my Son Hiram A. Runnels the following Negroes viz, Juba, Lettie and two Children named Cassandra and Elizabeth Kate, Emeline, and two Children named Tabitha and Isaac, Buck Malinda and one Child, named Lucy, Joe, Elizabeth and one Child Jacob; in Case the Woman Lettie given above who is now pregnant shall have a Child not to live until the 1st Jany Next, It is my wish that my Son Hiram A. Runnels receive a Negro Child in Lieu thereof of the age of one or two years from amongst my slaves not otherwise disposed of,

Item 6th I Give and bequeath unto my Son Hardin R. Runnels, fifteen Negroes when he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years of the same value as near as can be of the two lots given to my Sons Edmund S. and Hiram A. Runnels,

Item 7th I Give and bequeath unto my Son Howell N. Runnels fifteen Negroes when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years of the same value as near as can be of the two lots given to my Sons Edmund S. and Hiram A. Runnels,

Item 8th I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Martha B. Runnels Eleven Negroes of the same value together with the four Negroes given heretofore as near as can be of the two lots given to my Sons Edmund S. and Hiram A. Runnels during her natural life or Widowhood,

Item 9th It is my wish and desire that the property not given away shall be kept together on the plantation where I now reside until my son Howell N. Runnels shall arrive at the age of twenty one years unless by Consent of all parties they agree to sell said lands,

Item 10th It is my wish and desire that William Porter in Case he should go to Texas should have the use of my Negro girl now in Texas as a home so long as said Negro shall live, also to have the use of all my tools in Texas of all kinds

Item 11th It is my wish after all the legacies have been given off, and my debts paid the balance of my Estate to be equally divided between my wife Martha B Runnels, and my four Sons, Edmund S. Hiram A. Hardin R. and Howell N. Runnels.

I do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Martha B. Runnels Executrix and her to select others a sufficient number Executors of this my last will and Testament, to see that the same be faithfully fulfilled.

Witness
Wm. F. Rayner
Audity Voinard
James B. Slade

Given under my hand and seal this 25th Day of June 1839

H. D. Runnels {seal}

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court Sept Term 1839
Madison County. } On proof of Dr James B. Slade one of the subscribing Witnesses who swore that he subscribed the Will in the presence of the Testator, who subscribed the same in his presence, and in the presence of all the Witnesses to the same And the said Slade subscribed the same in the presence of the other witnesses who subscribed the same in his presence, and that the Testator was of sound disposing mind and in full possession of his intellect, And the same is hereby admitted to Record,

Thos Shackelford
Judge of Probate

## Richard Allens Will

In the name of God Amen — I Richard Allen of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, And being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say — After the expenses of my last sickness and burial and debts are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows.

1st To my beloved wife Jane Allen I devise and bequeath forty Acres of land designated as follows South half of the East ½ South East Quarter Section Twenty, Township Eleven Range 3 East lying being in the County of Madison State of Mississippi to have and to hold the same to her own proper use and during her lifetime and no longer And at her death the said tract of land shall revert to my son Wesley G Allen and to his heirs forever. And I also devise and bequeath to my said wife Jane the use of a certain Negro Woman called Sally, during her lifetime and no longer And at the death of my said wife Jane the said Negro Woman Sally belong to my son W G Allen and to his heirs forever. And I further devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Allen and to her heirs forever. Two Cows & Calves. Two Feather Beds and Cooking utensils One Horse Bridle & Saddle worth one hundred dollars, one hundred dollars in cash, Two Sows & Pigs & Eight Shoats

2nd I devise and bequeath to my three sons Jacob Allen, Gabriel Allen and Edmond Allen and to their heirs forever Twenty Two hundred & fifty dollars to be equally divided between them share and share alike

3rd I devise and bequeath to my three daughters as follows to Rebecca Tumage Three hundred & fifty dollars to her and her heirs forever to Dorothy Martin and Elizar Sanders and to their heirs forever Five hundred dollars each

4 I devise and bequeath to my son Bennet W Allen and to his heirs for

Ten hundred acres of land more or less lying in the County of Madison & State of Mississippi and known as follows, The West ½ of the South West ¼. East ½ North West ¼ & South ½ of the West ½. North West ¼ Section 29 Township 11. Range 3 East. I Also devise and bequeath to my son B.H. Allen and to his heirs forever a negro man called Peter and his Mother Phebe One Road waggon ten yoke of oxen, 5 Cows & Calves Twenty head of hogs

5th I devise and bequeath to my son Wesly G Allen and to his heirs forever Ten negro children Susan & Elizar. One Bed and Eighty acres of land lying being in the County of Madison & State of Mississippi and known as follows West ½ South East Quarter of Section 20 Township 11 Range 3 East. I also devise and bequeath to my son W.G Allen & his heirs forever the forty acres of land as before devised and the use of a negro woman Sally to my beloved wife Jane which at her death shall revert to my son W.G Allen. And the balance of my Estate whether real or personal not herein mentioned is to be sold at the direction of the Executors of this my last will and testament. And lastly I do hereby appoint Gabriel Allen & Bennet Allen two of my sons to be Executors of this my last Will & testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made and ratifying and confirming this — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of November, A.D. 1839, Eighteen hundred & Thirty Nine

Richard his R mark Allen (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered by the said Richard Allen alias named as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thos. B Walter
A J Montgomery
J J Tucker

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court May Term 1840
Madison County }

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas B Walter one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Richard Allen senior who being duly sworn deposed and said that he saw the said testator sign seal and deliver said Will and acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament on the day and year it bears date that he this deponent together with Allen A Montgomery and John J Tucker the other subscribing witnesses signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and in full possession of all his faculties at the time of making and publishing said last will and testament

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of May A.D. 1840

Wilf T Bailey
Judge &c

Admitted to Probate and ordered to be Established and Recorded May Term 1840

Wilf T Bailey
Judge of Probate

Ulysses Fitts Will

The State of Mississippi } I Ulysses Fitts of the County and
Madison County } State aforesaid do hereby make ordain and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following viz.

I hereby give and bequeath to my Mother Mrs Short of Williamson County in the state of Tennessee the whole of my Estate of every sort and description whatsoever, to have, hold, possess use and enjoy the same to and for her sole use benefit and behoof, free from the use or control of her husband (should he be living) in the same manner as though she was a feme sole, and free from the present or future debts and incumbrances of her husband, and in no wise to become liable for the same, And I hereby invest my said Mother Mrs Short, with full power and authority to sell transfer, give devise and dispose of the said estate hereby devised unto to her either by Deed, Will or otherwise as she may think proper, free from the power or Control of her husband (should he be living) as though she were a feme sole, and I hereby Constitute and appoint her sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament. Charging her with the payment of all my just debts, and none other,

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and forty,

Signed sealed, delivered and Published as the last Will and Testament of Ulysses Fitts in the Presence of Wm A. Brickell } U. Fitts [L.S.]

The State of Mississippi } Personally appeared before me William S. Bailey
Madison County } Judge of the Probate Court in after said County William A. Brickell Subscribing Witness to the foregoing Will who made oath that he saw Ulysses Fitts the Testator in said Will sign & seal the same & that he the said Wm A. Brickell signed said Will in the presence of said Testator and at his request, and further that said Testator was of sound & disposing mind & Memory.

Given under my hand & seal this 9th Day of November A.D. 1840.

Will S. Bailey Judge [L.S.]

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court November Term 1840

Ordered that the within Will be established as the last Will & Testament of Ulysses Fitts deceased, and that it be admitted to Record in this Court.

Will S. Bailey Judge

Sally Lindsays Will,

In the Name of God Amen; I Sally Lindsay being sound in mind but weak in body from age throwing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament to wit,

I Give to my grand Children, Sarah T. Moore, Martha Ann Moore Robert Moore & James M'Cord Moore all my Negroes and money to be kept together or hired out as my son in law Benjamin Carter may think best, as it is my wish that he take possession of the same and manage it for them, and also out of the proceeds of the same (viz) (the hire and interest) it is my will that my Daughter Lucinda H. Moore have a support in Common with her Children, but should she at any time wish to live with her husband Wm. H. Moore, or become so situated by Divorce or otherwise that she could marry again, and should she do so in either event it is my will that she no longer receive any support as above mentioned, But should she continue to live in her present situation. It is my Will that the property be continued together until James M'Cord Moore becomes twenty one years old at which time, It is my wish that the property be equally divided between my ~~my~~ four Grand Children above named and then Lucinda H. Moore support to cease as her Children will then be her natural protectors

I also give to my Daughters Mary Hearney, Martha Andrews Elizabeth Carter, Mariah Coe One Bed each (Elizabeth & Martha has received theirs) I have one at Doct Carters and one at my son Jno Lindsays these are the two I design for my daughters Mary & Mariah

In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 3d day of August 1838

In presence of Gaston Hearney
Jno. G. Andrews

Sally Lindsay {seal}

This day was produced in Open Court the foregoing Will which was proven according to law by Gaston Hearney one of the subscribing Witnesses & it is therefore admitted to Probate & Record in this Court. May 24th 1841

Wm. H. Bailey Judge of Probate

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court May Term 1841

Personally appeared before me William H. Bailey Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County & State Gaston Hearney one of the subscribing Witnesses to the written Will who being duly sworn deposed & said that he saw Sally Lindsay the Testatrix sign & seal said Will, that he signed the same as attesting Witness in her presence and at her request, and in the presence of John G. Andrews the other subscribing Witness who also signed the same in the presence & at the request of the said testatrix on the day of the date of the Execution of said Will to wit on the 3d day of August 1838, and also that said Testatrix was at the time of executing said Will of sound mind & disposing Memory.

Gaston Hearney

Sworn to & Subscribed in Open Court
this 24th day of May AD. 1841
Wm. H. Bailey Judge of Probate

The foregoing Certificate of affidavit was improperly written on this paper pasted on in Order to amend it. The erasures in said affidavit were made by me. Given under my hand & seal this 24th May 1841

Wm. H. Bailey
Judge P.C. {seal}

William B. Norflets Will.

I William B. Norflet in the County of Hinds and State and State of Mississippi by the Grace of God being of rational mind and sound Memory but in feeble health of body, and being desirous in prospect of the event of death to settle and dispose of all my earthly affairs, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament,

It is my Will and desire that after my decease in the first place all of my debts of every description whatever shall be paid off or extinguished as they may become due together with my funeral expenses and the Charges that may accrue in executing this my last Will and Testament,

It is my Will and desire in the second place that after my decease the sum of One thousand dollars shall be given out of my estate to my beloved Sister Minerva Ann Norflet,

It is my Will and desire in the third place that after my decease all the residue of my estate both personal and real shall vest in William Hardeman now of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi in trust for, and for the benefit of Mrs Mary E. Christmas wife of Richard Christmas now of the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi. It is further now my Will and desire that the said Mary E. Christmas shall have full and absolute power and sovereignty by and through the said William Hardeman to dispose of and Control the whole and every part of the said residue of my Estate, which is herein before willed to her benefit and use in any manner, and at all times whatever as she may desire whether by bargain and sale, by gift, by Conveyance, by Will or by whatever other mode,

It is further my Will and desire and request that Thomas N. Christmas shall act as Executor after my decease to carry into effect the provisions of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby Constitute and appoint him such, and it is my Will and desire that no bond or security shall be required or taken from the said Thomas N. Christmas for the faithful and proper execution of this my last Will and testament,

I being of rational mind and sound Memory do solemnly make and publish this my last Will and testament whereunto I set my hand and seal this the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty

Subscribed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of each of us and all of us together on the Sixth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty

Wm Smith. B. D. Smith,

Wm B. Norflet {seal}

The State of Mississippi } Personally appeared before me William A. Bailey Judge of the
Madison County } Probate Court in & for said County & State Benjamin D. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the forgoing Will, who made oath that he signed the same as attesting Witness in the presence of the Testator Wm B. Norflet and at his request, that he signed the same in the presence of Wm Smith the other subscribing Witness, who also signed the same in the presence of the testator & at his request. and that at the time of signing & sealing said Will which was done in the presence of said Witnesses, the said testator was of sound disposing mind & Memory, Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of April AD 1841

Wm A. Bailey {seal}
Judge of Probate

Ordered that the forgoing Will be established and Recorded April Term 1841

Wm A. Bailey Judge &c

William Owens-Will.

In the name of Almighty God, I William Owen of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being in a low state of health, yet sound in mind and as it is the decree of heaven that man are born to die, and being desirous to make a disposition of my Estate while living, I now make this my last Will and Testament

I Give and bequeath unto my beloved son William five hundred acres of land to be situate out of the tract on which I now live when he becomes of lawful age, the balance of my land I give and bequeath to Abi Jordan my daughter, to William my son, to Susanna and Lucinda my daughters to be equally divided between them, (William being entitled to five hundred acres of land more than either of the rest of my Children as before mentioned,) I also give and bequeath unto my son William the following named Slaves, Levi, Philip, Letta, and her four Children, I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew the following named Slaves Hannibal, Betsey, George and his wife Milly, also five Cows and Calves, and two yoke of Oxen, and the sum of three thousand dollars in money, whenever the same can be paid by my Executors from the Nett proceeds of the Plantation after defraying all the family and farm expenses, in no Case are my Executors allowed to sell any of the property of my Estate to pay the said three thousand dollars to my son Andrew but alone can it be paid out of the Profits of my Plantation, I also give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate real to Abi Jordan (my Daughter) to William (my son), and to Susanna & Lucinda my daughters to be equally divided between them, and in said division the said Abi Jordan is to account for the three Slaves she has already received, which is Rachel, Mary Ann and Dorse, after disposing of the property hereafter provided for, I wish the remainder of the property of my minor heirs to be kept upon the Plantation on which I now live, and after defraying the expenses and education of my Children should there be at any time a surplus of money in the hands of my Executors I wish it laid out in a likely young Negro or Negroes the title to be taken in the name of said heirs and to remain as the joint property of said heirs until said Estate is divided by one or more of them becoming of lawful age—

I wish my Executors to sell to the best advantage all my horses with the exception of the old Sorrel mare Nancy and her increase, and the stock of Mules.

I Give and bequeath my household furniture to my three daughters Abi, Susanna and Lucinda to be equally divided between them,

I do hereby declare and decree and by this Will make known to all persons to whom it shall or may concern that all the property both real and personal that my three daughters (Abi Jordan Susanna and Lucinda) may receive or be entitled to by this Will or in any wise from the division or the Proceeds of my Estate, the title is alone in them, and at their death to go to the heirs of their bodies, and for no other use or uses or benefits whatsoever, and subject alone to the Control of the said heirs after they arrive at the age of majority, but said property is not subject to the payment of any debt or debts that either of said heirs or any other person may make, but is to remain in Trust alone for the benefit of the Children of the said heirs as before mentioned,

I do hereby appoint Robert Tucker, Harrison Jordan, Burrs Staley and Nathaniel M. Taylor all of the County and State before mentioned my true and lawful Executors to this my last Will and testament,

I wish and desire the management and Control of property and plantation and proceeds arising from the same to be under the direction and Control of my friend Robert Tucker during his lifetime (should said heirs not become of age before his death) and no other person,

I do enjoin it on those that may have the management of my estate from

time to time attend strictly to the raising and well educating of my beloved chil-
-dren, . In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last Will and testament, this twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty One,

In Presence of.
D. W. Haley
W. Moore

William Owen (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court June Term 1841
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court, David W. Haley & William Moore attesting witnesses to the foregoing annexed will who made oath that William Owen the Testator in said Will signed & sealed the same in their presence on the day of its date, and that they signed the same as attesting witnesses on the same day in the presence and at the request of said testator, and also that the said Testator at the time of executing said will was of sound and disposing mind & memory,

Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of June AD 1841

Will J. Bailey
Clerk of Probate (Seal)

Ordered that the foregoing annexed Will of William Owens deceased be established and Recorded June Term 1841

Will J. Bailey Judge P.C.

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Robert Hodge Senr Will

The last Will and Testament of Robert Hodge of Madison County and State of Mississippi;

I Robert Hodge considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life, and being of sound mind and Memory, Blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and
1st form as follows, Viz, Item 1st Having given my son John Hodge decd, his part of my property heretofore, I therefore give his heirs no more,
2nd For the reason that my son Alexander M. Hodge has removed off and left me I give him Nothing,
3rd I Give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Mary Lewis, three Negroes, viz Hannah and her two Children, Gerault and Mahala,
4th Having given my son Robert Hodge Senr his part of my Property heretofore as intended, I give him nothing more,
5th I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Grand son James Wyatt Hodge Rucker four Negroes Viz Martha and her two Children William and an infant not named and Joe, which said Negroes I wish to remain with R. S. Hodge, until he James W. H. Rucker, shall arrive at the age of twenty one years,
6th I Give and bequeath unto my beloved son Richard Stanford Hodge all the ba-
-lance of my Estate, both real and Personal, consisting of all my lands, all my Negroes not given before, all my Stock, Household and furniture, and in fact every thing that I Possess,
7th I hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint My beloved son Richard Stanford Hodge Sole Ex-
-ecutor to this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all other Wills.

In Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of May 1841

Signed in Presence of us
Wm J. Rayner, A. M. Gordloe

Robt. Hodge (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court August Term 1841
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court Alexander M. Goodloe one of the subscribing witnesses to the forgoing Will who made oath that Robert Hodge the Testator signed & sealed said Will in his presence, that he signed the same as attesting Witness in the Presence of the said Testator and at his request, and in the presence of William S. Rapier the other subscribing witness who also signed the same in the Presence and at the request of the said Testator, and further that the said Robert Hodge was at the execution of said Will of sound mind,

Given under my hand & seal this 23d day of August A.D. 1841

Will S. Bailey Judge of Probate [Seal]

Ordered that the forgoing be established as the last Will & Testament of Robert Hodge deceased & Recorded

August Term 1841 Will S. Bailey Judge &c

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James Brickell's Will

In the name of God — Amen,

I James Brickell of Williamson County & State of Tennessee being of as sound mind & memory as I can shall be do make & constitute this my last Will & testament hereby revoking all other & former Wills by me made, viz: I give and bequeath to my old and Beloved wife Elizabeth Brickell my whole estate, that I am now, or may be possessed of at the time of my decease, during her natural life & to dispose by will or otherwise as she may think fit and Proper, — as she is well acquainted with the manner in which I wish it disposed of, I leave it entirely to her, as I have every Confidence in her prudence & discretion, I have no doubt she will do Justice to her Children. Children & Grand Children. I leave it entirely to her discretion, —

In Witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand & seal this 8th Day of February 180

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of James Brickell [Seal]
Thos. H. Bradley, A. C. Beach, Jas R. Hays.

N.B. I appoint my wife Elizabeth sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament
Jas Brickell

To Little Williams, Polidore Flora & his spice,

The State of Tennessee, Williamson County Court April Term 1841. The last will and testament of James Brickell late of this County deceased, is Produced for Probate and the Execution thereof duly Proven thus, Thomas H. Bradley a subscribing Witness thereto being sworn says he became such in the presence and at the request of the testator, that he believes said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the making and publication of said Will, and under no undue influence, Monday 7th June 1841 The last Will and Testament of James Brickell is again Produced for Probate, and the execution thereof Proven thus. Alden C. Beach a subscribing Witness thereto being sworn says he became such in the presence and at the request of the testator, that he believes said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the making and publication of said Will, and under no undue influence. Ordered that said Will be Recorded, S. Lemuel B. McCormico Clerk of the County Court of Williamson

County in the State of Tennessee do Certify that the forgoing is a true Copy of the last Will and Testament of James Brickell deceased as appears of Record in my Office

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my hand and affixed the seal of said County Court at office this 10th day of June A.D. 1841

(Seal)

Lemuel B. McCormico

The State of Tennessee
Williamson County } I Jonathan Rollstock Presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Williamson County aforesaid Certify that Lemuel B. McCormico whose signature appears to the forgoing Certificate is now and was at the making thereof Clerk of the County Court of Williamson County aforesaid that full faith and Credit are due all his official acts that the signature purporting to be his is genuine, and that said Certificate is in due form of law,

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of June A.D. 1841

J. Rollstock Presiding Magistrate (Seal)

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court Sept Term 1841

Ordered that the forgoing Will be established as the last Will & Testament of James Brickell deceased and Recorded,

Will J. Bailey Probt Ct

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James C. Langhorne's Will.

I James C. Langhorne being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding, and Considering the Certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world Whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following, (that is to say)

In the first Place having rendered Certain Services to the firm of A. J. Slack of New Orleans. I only wish to be remunerated for the services rendered, and any Property in my hands or Possession over and above a fair and just equivalent for my services I wish restored to them, Secondly, I do give and bequeath to my mother Catharine Langhorne and to her heirs forever all my Estate both Real and Personal either now in my possession or which may hereafter come into the Possession of my Administrator or Executor, and do hereby appoint my Father William Langhorne my Sensler to Carry into effect this a bove, I hereby appoint Henry A. Taylor and G. W. Miller Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I James C. Langhorne have to this my Will Consisting of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this third day of July Eighteen hundred & forty one

Signed sealed Published and declared by the above named James C. Langhorne as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his and in his Presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto,

(Signed) James C. Langhorne (Seal)

(Signed) John Taylor Jr.
A. W. Rees
Henry S. Jr.

Orphans Court for Maury County term thereof held at the Court house in Lincoln on Tuesday the third day of August A.D. 1841. the forgoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of James C. Langhorne dec'd having been produced for Probate at a former Term of this Court and this day being set for hearing the said application this day came Henry A. Taylor and

G. R. Miller who was appointed Executor under said instrument and moved that the same be admitted to Probate, and H. W. Rose one of the subscribing Witnesses to said instrument, being sworn upon oath says that he was Present, and saw the said Sumner C. Langhorne dec^d sign or Cause to be signed for him the instrument aforesaid, and that he together with the other subscribing Witnesses John Taylor Ray and Henry J. Ray signed the same as witnesses in the Presence of said deceased, and that said deceased then and there published said instrument as his last Will and Testament revoking all other and former wills by him made, and that said deceased was at the time of signing and Publishing said instrument of sound and disposing understanding. It is therefore ordered that said instrument be Recorded as the last Will and Testament of Sumner C. Langhorne and as such be entered of Record.

(Signed) James A Young Judge of Marengo County Court

The State of Alabama, Marengo County } I Thomas J Woolf Clk of the County Court of said County do hereby Certify that the foregoing pages Contain a true full and perfect Copy of the last Will and Testament of Sumner C. Langhorne dec^d, and of the Probate thereof Recorded in my office as fully as the same will appear from the inspection of the Records.

(Seal)

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Office in Linden this the 20th Day of October A.D. 1841.

Thomas J. Woolf Clk

I James A Young Judge of the County Court of the County of Marengo in the State of Alabama do hereby Certify that Thomas J Woolf whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the County of Aforesaid Court of said County of Marengo, and that his acts as such are entitled to full faith & Credit.

Given under my hand and seal this Seventeenth day of October Eighteen hundred and forty one.

Jas. A Young (Seal)
Judge Marengo Co. Ala.

The State of Mississippi, Madison County } Probate Court October Term 1841. Ordered that the foregoing writing purporting to be a Copy of the last Will & Testament of Sumner C. Langhorne deceased be admitted to Record as such in this Court.

Wm. J. Bailey Judge of Probate

Sarah M. Napier's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Sarah M. Napier a Citizen of Madison County, State of Mississippi being of sound mind, though weak and infirm in body, and being desirous to make a final disposition of my earthly possessions do hereby solemnly declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills bequests and devises whatsoever,

Item It is my wish that all my just and honest debts, shall be paid by my son Samuel, and Daughter Mary Napier out of the Proceeds, issues Rents and Profits of the property herein after devised.

Item I Give and bequeath to my beloved Grand Children the right heirs of the bodies of my son John S and his wife Mary of the State of Alabama Two Negro Slaves - Isaac aged about 26 years and Aaron aged about 25 years now in the possession of the said John S. and also all the Real Estate to which I am legally or Equitably entitled lying and situated in the State of Alabama, the quantity not now recollected, and I

hereby Constitute the said John S. Napier the natural Guardian of my said Grand Children a Trustee to retain possession of said land and negroes, and to take the rents issues and profits thereof for the use and benefit of said devisees, my said Grand Children,

I Give and bequeath to my beloved son and daughter, Samuel C. and Mary each one undivided half of the following property to wit. Negro Slaves Hannibal aged about 50 years Billy about 60, Red about 29. Stephen about 28. Moses about 26. Alley about 22 and her Child Milly, Jane about 24, and her Children Marshall. Milton, Osborne. and Dorothy, and Harriet 2nd about 5 years. Also a Negro boy Isaac, aged about 15 years which I agreed with the late Duval Brooke to purchase for me and of which I have not yet obtained possession, Also a house and lot in said County of Madison in the Town of Sharon a portion of the Purchase Money for which remains due, and when the same shall have been paid. I hereby direct that a Deed with the Conditions herein specified fully set forth to the said Samuel C and Mary of said House & Lot, shall be made by the order of the same, and also any and all lands to which I am or may be legally or Equitably entitled in the State of Tennessee, for and during their and each of their natural lives, and to the heirs of the bodies of the said Samuel C. and Mary, and in default of such heirs of either of them, then to my said Grand Children, the heirs of the said John S. and his wife Mary. And this bequest is made under the following Conditions which I wish my Executors and Legatees herein named to have strictly performed the said Samuel C and Mary shall take and retain possession use and occupation of the property herein bequeathed for and during their natural lives, and during which time the rents issues profits and increase of said property shall be appropriated as follows, to Wit, after deducting an amount sufficient for the reasonable support and maintainance of the said Samuel C. and Mary. the expenses and Charges necessary and proper for sending to School and educating for two years thereafter the half Brother of the said Samuel C. and Mary, shall be paid, And the balance of said rents issues profits and increase if any shall be appropriated to the purchase of such property as the said Samuel C and Mary may deem proper, which property when so purchased shall be added to that named in this bequest, shall be considered a part thereof, and subject to the same disposal, and in the event that either the said Samuel C. or Mary shall die without Children, then his or her portion (as the case may be) of said property shall vest in the Children of the survivor, and the said John S. and Mary his wife, And if both the the said Samuel C. and Mary shall die without issue, then the whole of the said property with the additions thereto made, shall vest in my said grand Children, the Children of the said John S and his wife Mary as aforesaid, And I hereby Constitute and appoint my Son the said Samuel C. Napier my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament,

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of August 1840.

The Word "Entitled" was interlined before signing & signed sealed & delivered in Presence of
Ted. M. J. Moore. Henry A. Offutt

Sarah M. X her mark Napier (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court February Term 1842,
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court Madison J. Moore one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Sarah M. Napier dec^d who made oath that he signed the same as attesting Witness in the presence and at the request of said Sarah M. Napier, who also signed the same in his Presence, and that Henry A. Offutt the other subscribing Witness

signed the same in the Presence and at the request of said Sarah M. Napier and that the said Witnesses signed the same in the presence of each other, and further that the said Testatrix at the time of executing said Will was of sound mind, It is therefore ordered by the Court, that the said Instrument of writing be established as the last will & Testament of the said Sarah M. Napier and Recorded,

Will J. Bailey Judge of Probate

## Samuel Walkers Will.

In the Name of God Amen;

I Samuel Walker of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs Whilst I have strength and Capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made or expressed, and disposing of my worldly Estate as follows viz I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Calvin Harvey Walker my Negro boy named Edmund, and also the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid out of my Estate by my Executor hereinafter named,

I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Farmer Simpson Walker my Negro boy named Charles and also the Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid out of my Estate by my said Executor,

I Give the Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid as aforesaid to Farmer Walker Esqr. of Marion County in the State of Tennessee for the use and in trust as follows viz said Farmer Walker shall so Soon as the same Can be Conveniently done after my death invest and lay out the said Sum of five hundred dollars in the purchase of a Negro or Negroes Slaves for life, according to the best of his judgement, and hold the same in the manner and for the purpose following viz in Trust for the use and benefit of my Grand daughter Mary O. Edwards wife of ~~~~ Edwards. And if the said Mary shall survive her present husband, then and in that event the said Farmer Walker shall Convey the Negro or Negroes so purchased as aforesaid, to said Mary, But should the said Mary die before her said husband, then the said Farmer Walker shall retain said Negro or Negroes and apply the money that may arise from hire to the benefit of the Children of said Mary, according to his best Judgement, until the death of said Edwards, husband of said Mary, and after that event, (Should said Edwards survive said Mary) said Farmer Walker shall immediately Convey the legal title to said Negro or Negroes to the lawful Child or Children of my said Grand daughter Mary, And should the said Edwards husband of the said Mary, survive both the said Mary and her Child or Children, then and in that event, the said Farmer Walker shall Convey the said Negro or Negroes to the lawful Child or Children of my son Harvey M. Walker,

I Give and devise the following Negroes Memphis, Hannah, Jack, Alfred John, Emily, Letitia and Emily and their increase, together with all the rest and residue of my Estate, real Personal and mixed to which I am in any way entitled to Sarah M. Walker wife of my son Harvey M. Walker during the joint lives and intermarriage of the said Sarah and Harvey, and upon the death of either of them then to the Child or Children then living begotten of the bodies of the said Harvey and Sarah, their heirs or assigns,

It is my Will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named shall proceed as soon as Convenient after my death to pay all my just debts, and

the bequests herein contained,

Finally I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Harvey M. Walker Executor of this my last will and Testament, and it is my will and desire that he should perform said office of Executor without giving security in bond for the performance thereof.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix my seal in the presence of the attesting witnesses whose names are hereto subscribed this 20th day of November Anno Domini Eighteen hundred & forty,

Signed, sealed, published & declared, by Samuel Walker as & for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in the presence of the Testator & of each other have subscribed our names as attesting hereto

Samuel Walker [seal]

Sam R Russell
Henry Garrett
W. A. Rogers

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court June Term 1842.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Samuel Walker deceased, was this day produced in Open Court and thereupon appeared Samuel R. Russell and Henry Garrett, subscribing witnesses thereto who made oath that they saw said Samuel Walker the Testator sign & seal said writing as his last Will & Testament that they signed the same as attesting witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said Testator on the day of the date of said Will, and also in the presence of W. A. Rogers the other witness who signed the same at the request & in the presence of the Testator at the same time, and also that at the time of executing said Will said Testator was of sound mind. Said writing is established as the last Will & Testament of the said Samuel Walker deceased and ordered to be recorded June 13th 1842

Will. F. Dailey Judge of Probate

This Indenture made the 24th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & forty two between Samuel Walker, of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi of the one part, and Jane E. Walker & Marion Walker, of the County & State aforesaid, grand daughters of the aforesaid Samuel Walker of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Samuel Walker for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I the said Samuel bear unto the said Grand Daughters Jane E. & Marion have given granted, aliened enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents do give grant alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Jane E. & Marion a certain negro girl (slave) by the name of Emily, otherwise called Emily Warner, and I the said Samuel do by these presents against all other Claims of whatever nature or description warrant and defend the right & title of the said girl Emily unto them my grand Daughters Jane E. & Marion jointly & equally to them their heirs & assigns forever. At any time whenever the said Jane E. & Marion Walker or either of them arrive at the age of maturity & marry then the said Emily slave - then & in that case may as she thinks proper give to either as may suit best.

In testimony whereof I the said Samuel Walker have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date above stated.

Sam. Walker [seal]

Test. Henry Garrett
Osw. Pickham

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court June Term 1842.

The foregoing instrument of writing

was this day produced in Open Court as being a Supplement to the last Will & testament of Samuel Walker deceased, and thereupon appeared Henry Garrett subscribing Witness thereto who made oath that he saw the said Samuel Walker sign seal said writing on the day of its date, that he signed the same as attesting Witness at the same time, at the request, and in the presence of said Samuel Walker and in the presence of Rev^d Wickham the other subscribing Witness who also signed the same in the presence and at the request of the said Samuel Walker - and that the said Samuel Walker after said writing was sealed up signed the endorsement on the back thereof in the presence of said Witnesses, and further that said Samuel Walker was at the time of executing said writing of sound mind - Said instrument of writing is established as a Supplement to the last Will & Testament of the said Samuel Walker dec^d (this day proved) and ordered to be Recorded,

Term 13th 1842. Will^m Bailey Judge of Probate

## Lucinda B. Stone's Will.

Be it Remembered that I Lucinda B. Stone (the wife of John Stone Sr) of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to Wit

First — After defraying all funeral Expenses, and all my just debts, I desire that my beloved husband have all of my Negroes during his life that is to say, Jim a Boy & Mary Patty his wife, Amy and her Child Milly, Mary & her Child & Alfred a boy & Henry and at the decease of my beloved husband it is my desire that said Slaves be hired out until my Nephew Riley Mars & my Niece Caledonia Mars becomes of lawful age — (Should my said husband die before that time) and then it is my desire that Caledonia Mars, my niece have all of said Slaves except Alfred which boy I give and bequeath to my nephew Riley Mars.

2nd — I Give and bequeath my Gold Watch and all of my Jewelry to my Niece Caledonia Mars.

3 — It is my desire that what house hold furniture I have Consisting of Beds Bureau &c be sold and the Proceeds be applied to the Board and tuition of my Nephews niece,

4th — I hereby appoint my beloved husband John Stone Sr my Executor to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made,

Teste — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th June 1841

S. D. Livingston
J. M. Embank
C. R. Angleton

Lucinda B. Stone (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court July Term 1842
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court, Samuel D. Livingston one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Lucinda B. Stone deceased, who made oath that he saw said Lucinda B. Stone sign & seal said writing as her last Will & Testament, that he signed the same in her presence, and at her request as attesting Witness and in the Presence of J. M. Embank one of the other witnesses who also signed the same in the Presence & at the request of said Lucinda B. Stone, and that she at the time of executing said Will —

The foregoing Will & Testament of John Stone Sr in Lieu of the foregoing Will & Testament of Lucinda B. Stone

were of sound mind & disposing Memory, and also at the same time appeared Otho R. Singleton who made Oath that some short time after the execution of said Will he was called upon by Testator to sign the same as attesting witness to her last Will & Testament and that he signed said Will in her Presence & at her request, & further that at the time of the said Lucinda B. Stone was of sound mind, said writing is therefore established as the Will & Testament of the said Lucinda B. Stone dec^d and ordered to be Recorded,

Filed Sept 2^d 1842.

Wm J. Bailey Judge of Probate

S. M. D. Livingston for Contestants in Error
S. M. D. Livingston for Appellee

Whereas I Lucinda B. Stone have made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the seventh day of June 1841. and have thereby given and bequeathed to my beloved husband John Stone during his life a Negro Woman named Mary and his Child, Now I do by this instrument of writing which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said Will to be taken as a part thereof,

1st I Give and bequeath the said Negro Woman Mary and her Child to my niece Caledonia Mars and to her heirs forever, instead of my said husband,

2nd It is my desire that all of the Estate that I have given and bequeathed to my niece Caledonia Mars by my said last Will & Testament as well as by this my Codicil to said Will descend to her and to her heirs, and in the event she should die without any Children which is meant by her heirs above and my said husband should be living, that all of said property should descend to him and at his death to Riley Mars my Nephew,

It is my desire that this my present Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes,

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of March 1842

Lucinda B. Stone [seal]

Test S. D. Livingston, O. R. Singleton

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court July Term 1842,
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court Sammel D. Livingston and Otho R. Singleton Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Lucinda B. Stone dec^d, who made Oath that they saw said Lucinda B. Stone, sign seal said writing as a Codicil to her said Will, that they signed the same as attesting Witnesses in the Presence and at the request of said Lucinda B. Stone and in the Presence of each other, and further that at the time of executing said Codicil said Lucinda B. Stone was of sound mind & Memory. said Writing is therefore established as a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of said Lucinda B. Stone dec^d this day proven & ordered to be recorded & filed July 12^th 1842

Wm J. Bailey Judge of Probate

Rec^d a Copy to wit of the foregoing Codicil of Lucinda B. Stone this 6 day of June 1842 in satisfaction in part of the foregoing Decree of Madison Circuit Court rendered at July Term 1842 in favor of Caledonia Mars against Thos. Stone and Riley Mars & Wm J. Bailey for costs made the 18th day of March 1842

Joseph H. Granlee's Will

The State of Ohio } To all to whom these Presents shall
Butler County ss } Come Greeting,

Whereas Joseph H. Granlee, late of the County aforesaid deceased, did by his last Will and testament in writing under ordain, constitute and appoint Joseph Hough Executor of the same, and whereas at a Court of Common Pleas holden at Hamilton in the County aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of October One thousand Eight hundred and forty two before the Honorable Vincent D. Enyart, N. Wade, and Sumner A. Commager Esquires, associates, Judges of our said Court of Common Pleas the said last Will and Testament hath been exhibited for Probate, and the same being proved,

Therefore be it known that by the said Court of Common Pleas, administration of all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and Credits which were of the said Joseph H. Granlee deceased, at the time of his death, is hereby granted unto the said Joseph Hough the Executor therein named as aforesaid to be by him administered according to Law, and agreeably to the tenor of the said last Will and Testament, and the said Joseph Hough being the residuary Legatee of the said last Will and Testament, gave Bond unto the State of Ohio with security to the satisfaction of said Court Conditioned for all the Claims and demands against said Estate, when legally presented for Payment &c according to the Statute &c.

Witness Jaylor Webster Clerk of our said Court of Common Pleas at Hamilton the twenty ninth day of October One thousand Eight hundred and forty two

Jaylor Webster Clk

Seal

I Joseph Hough Granlee now of the County of Butler and State of Ohio, being sick and weak do hereby make ordain and Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say. First— I will that all my honest debts be paid so soon after my decease, as it can conveniently be done. Secondly— I will and bequeath to my Uncle Joseph Hough (now residing in the Town of Hamilton in the County aforesaid) the whole of my Estate let it consist of what it may. And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my aforesaid Uncle Joseph Hough as my Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills and parts of Wills or Codicils thereto,

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty two,

Signed, sealed in Presence of
S. B. Thomas. Geo. H. Millikin } Jos. H. Granlee Seal

The State of Ohio Butler County ss }
Special Court of Common Pleas 29th October 1842

Personally appeared in open Court Sumner B. Thomas and Sumner H. Millikin the two Subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Joseph H. Granlee now deceased, who being duly sworn deposes and say and each for himself deposeth and saith that in their Presence the said Joseph H. Granlee now deceased signed and acknowledged the foregoing writing as and for his last Will and Testament, and at the time of signing and acknowledging thereof the said Testator was of sound mind and Memory, of full age and under no restraint, and that they each signed their names thereto as witnesses to the same at the Request and in the Presence of the said Testator and

further say not.
Sworn to & subscribed this 29th
October 1842
Taylor Webster Clk

O B Thomas
Jas S Williams

A copy taken from the Record.
In testimony whereof I
Taylor Webster Clk of the said Court of Common Pleas have hereunto set my
hand and official seal at Hamilton this twenty
Seal
sixth day of October Anno thousand Eight hundred
and forty two.

Taylor Webster Clk

James Gillespie's Will.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, James Gillespie of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi; being in delicate health, but having a sound and disposing memory and mind, and being disposed to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity so to do; do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made; And first I do hereby commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it; and my body to the earth, to be entered at such place as my executrix herein after named, may direct: And as to such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to intrust me, I do hereby dispose of the same as follows (to wit), First, I do will and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter, Mary Jane Paxton and her Children, my Negro Girl named Eliza, and also my other Negro Girl named Rebecca: Secondly, I do also will and bequeath unto my son James Smyth Gillespie, my Negro Boy named Elbert, to have and to hold forever: Then I do will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Gillespie, during her life, the whole of the ballence of my estate, both real, personal, and mixed, of every kind and description whatever, out of which I desire her to furnish my said son James Smyth Gillespie with a decent support during her life, should he remain single during that time; and I do farther desire that my said son James Smyth Gillespie in addition to the receiving of his said Negro Boy Elbert, be allowed a genteel support out of my estate, during the continuance of his delicate health: And I do farther will and bequeath (at the death of my beloved wife Martha Gillespie) the whole of the ballence of my estate, both real, personal, and mixed that has not been finally disposed of heretofore, to be equally divided among the whole of my beloved children (to wit) Eliza Edmonston Wyly, Allen Campbell Gillespie, William Edmonston Gillespie, Thomas Harden Gillespie, Martha M C McGinsey, John Cooper Gillespie, Andrew Jackson Gillespie, James Smyth Gillespie, Mary Jane Paxton, them, their heirs and assigns. Having heretofore liberated and set free my Negro Boy named Ezekiel, in consideration of the important services that he has rendered to me and to my family, should it appear at any time that his said liberation

was illegal or irregular in any thing whatever, I do hereby will and bequeath unto him his freedom, and charge my children above named, collectively and individually, at the expense of my estate to have him liberated and set free by all means. I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Martha Gillespie, Executrix of this my last will and testament, and request of her to accept of the same; and I do farther desire that she shall not be required to give either bond or security for the faithful performance of said trust: In witness whereof, I the said James Gillespie (the Testator) have to this my last will and testament contained on this leaf of paper, hereunto set my hand and seal on this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty two. —

Signed, sealed and published
in the presents of
Attest
Thos H Gillespie
James S Gillespie.

Jas Gillespie

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court Nov. Term 1842. —
Madison County } Personally appeared in open Court, Thomas H Gillespie, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of James Gillespie dec^d; who made oath that the said James Gillespie signed the same in his presence, as his last will and testament, on the day of its date, that he signed said writing in the presence and at the request of the testator, as attesting witness, and in the presence of James S Gillespie the other attesting witness, who also signed the same in the presence & at the request of testator: It is therefore ordered that said instrument be established as the last will and testament of the said James Gillespie dec^d. and that the same be recorded & filed

Wiff J Bailey
Judge of Probate —

Thomas Denman's Will

The State of Mississippi } —— In the name of God, Amen:
Madison County } I Thomas Denman of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men, once to die, and wishing to make a disposition of my earthly possessions, do constitute and ordain this my last will and testament. – First, I bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Denman, the following Negro Slaves, viz: Peter and Rhoda, and their two children Elbert and Nathan; one boy named Henry two Girls named Charlotte and Louisa: to hold during her life time and at her death, they shall descend to Cicero Denman, Freeman Denman, & Alexander M^c Nutt Denman: Also one sorrel horse name Tom, and one gray mare named Pris: all my stock of Cattle and Hogs, and twenty head of Sheep; together with all my household and kitchen furniture, my silver lever watch, and one small

shot gun, blacksmith tools, and a sufficiency of farming utensils: My wife Mary shall take into her possession all my Notes, and pay all my just debts; the remainder of the Notes she may appropriate to her own use and benefit – I also bequeath to my wife Mary, one plea-sure Carriage. – Secondly, I give and bequeath to my four eldest chil-dren, James Denman, Emeline Cook, Semantha Denman and Sarintha Denman, the following negro slaves viz: Will & Nelly, his wife and their children, Anthony, Eliza, Caroline, Stephen, Harry, and Angeline; one woman Slave named Ellen and her child Rover; All of which Negroes shall be apprais'd by three disinterestd persons, whom the Court may appoint – the amount of which shall be equal-ly divided between my four eldest children, except Emeline Cook, who has already received one Negro named Caroline, bought for her at 575 dollars, which Amount I desire to be deducted from her portion. I also bequeath to Samantha & Sarintha, each, one bed and bedstead, Samantha the Mills Bedstead, and Sarintha the Newman bedstead. — There are also some Horses and some Sheep, not particularly specified together with two more Guns, a large Shot gun and a rifle, and all other surplus Articles I desire to be sold on twelve months Credit, and to be equal-ly divided among my four eldest children. —

The Negroes above mentioned to be appraised, are to be divided by lotting them out to each child, and not to be sold by the executor. — Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint as executor to this my last will and testament, my beloved Wife Mary Denman, and I desire that she be not required to give security. –

Signed, sealed and delivered by Thomas Denman as my last will and testament, this twenty fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty two. —

In presence of
D W Haley
William Brown
D L Stewart
J K Chambers

Thomas Denman (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court, Dec Term 1842. –
Madison County } Personally appeared in open Court D L Stewart one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will & testament of Thomas Denman, deceased, who made oath that the said Thomas Denman signed and sealed the same on the day of its date in his presence, as his D's, last will & testament – that affiant signed the same as attesting witness in the presence and at the request of testator; and also in the presence of the other attesting witnesses, who also signed the same in the pre-sence and at the request of the testator: and further, that said testator was at the time of signing and sealing said instrument, of sound mind & memory: It is therefore ordered that the said instrument of writing be established as the last will and testament of the said Thomas Denman deceased; and recorded. –

Dec^r. 13^th. 1842. –

William Bailey
Judge of Probate. —

## Lorenzo Latham's Will.

I Lorenzo Latham, of the county of Madison and State of Mississippi, of sound and disposing mind, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. - first I direct that all of my just debts be paid by the collection of debts & sale of property; next, I will and direct that my Negroman Joe Hudson be set free immediately after my decease, and that one hundred dollars be paid to him to defray his expenses to some free State. - Next, I will and bequeath to my wife Louisa, my Negro woman Susan and two of her children, "to wit" Tamer and Daniel also, give to my wife Louisa such furniture as she may select to the value of four hundred dollars, also my gold diamond Ring; also one half of my silver and China Ware. I give to my brother Hervey, my fine diamond breast Pin; & my gold head Cane I give to my friend James Hunter; and I direct that all of my other property both real & personal be divided between my wife Louisa and my three children, Richard, Edward and Sarah, according to the laws of the state of Mississippi And lastly, I appoint my wife Louisa and my brother Hervey Executors of this my last will and testament. —

Witness my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of April, Eighteen hundred & forty.

Witnesses - N Oldham
Jos H Grenlee
Wm R Carradine

Lo Latham {Seal}

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court,
Madison County } Special March Term 1843. —

Personally appeared in open Court William R Carradine one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Lorenzo Latham, deceased, who being duly sworn deposed that he signed the same as attesting witness in the presence and at the request of the testator who acknowledged that he executed said writing as his last will and testament - Deponent further states of the other attesting witnesses Joseph H Grenlee and Newton Oldham, that Grenlee is dead & that Oldham, he believes, is also, but that their signatures to said writing are in their own proper hand writing. — Deponent further states that at the time of executing said writing, said testator was of sound mind, and further that said will was wholly written dated and signed by said Lorenzo Latham. —

It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Lorenzo Latham deceased and that the same be recorded and filed

March 25th 1843.-

Wm J Bailey
Judge of Probate

## William Lowry's Will.

Sharon, Madison County, State of Mississippi
May the third, Anno Domini, One thousand eight hundred and forty one
The last Will and Testament of William Lowry, originally of Fairfield Dis
trict South Carolina, now a citizen of Sharon, Madison County, State of
Mississippi. – I Wm Lowry, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life,
and being of sound, and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make
and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as
follows, that is to say: That it is my will and desire that my Family be
all kept together in my present residence in Sharon as long as they remain
single or unmarried, and that plantation which I now cultivate, be kept
up and cultivated for their common maintenance education and support
until my children are all married, or arrive to the age of twenty one years
All the property coming from my estate to my Daughters, I hereby give to my
Daughters for their own individual personal use, behoof and benefit, for their
support and use, and not to be taken from them by the debts of their husbands
or or by any consideration whatever; and to be disposible by them and each
of them at their death, to whomsoever they may think proper – First, I
give to my Daughter, Agnes Eugenia, the Negro Girls named, Amarcby and
Juno: Second, I give to my son Wm Thomas, the Negro girl named Louisa
and the Negro boy named Arnold: Third I give to my daughter Elizabeth
Caroline, the Negro girls named Dianna and Amey: Fourth, I give to
my daughter Lucia Cornelia, the Negro girls named Juliet and Lydia
Fifth, I give to my daughter Susanna Eusebia the Negro girls named
Rose and Hannah, on the terms and conditions before mentioned. —
Farther, I hereby give and bequeath to my son William Thomas, the House
and lot of four acres, in which I now reside, and the plantation which I now
cultivate, containing two sections, twelve hundred and eighty acres — —
The rest or balance of my lands, I hereby give and bequeath to my daughters
the four above named, to be equally divided among them when the youngest
becomes of age, or at the general division of my estate. – Farther, after the
final division of my estate among my children, and any or all of my
daughters should not wish to settle their part of the land coming to
each of them, they are hereby authorised, individually or jointly to sell, or
have the lands sold individually or conjointly by common consent, however
under this consideration, that the proceeds or money arising from those
sales, be laid out in the purchase of property more suitable, convenient and
congenial with their wishes and interests: – but the property so purchased
shall belong to my daughters in fee simple for their use and benefit, not
subject to be taken for their husbands' debts, as before stated. —
Farther, if any of my daughters should marry, and wish to settle
on any of my lands allotted to be divided among them, they are hereby
authorised to do so, and at the general division, let their improvements
be appraised and let it be ascertained how much they have added to
the value of the land and let them be compensated accordingly: If any
of those ten Negroes should die which I have specifyed by name to my
five children, I wish their places to be supplyed by Negroes of similar
value out the common Stock, before the general division takes place

so as to make all equal at the general division -- I wish my son Wm Thos to get a full liberal substantial education, and the expenses econom-
= ically allowed from the proceeds of the Crops; And I wish my daughters to receive a good substantial genteel education, the expences to be defreyed from the same source, namely, the proceed of the Crops:- If any of my children should marry before the general division, I wish them to have as part of their general share about the same number of Negroes or hands, as Dr Robt J Collins my son in law commenced; four such hands as Anerchy and little Ben, Mose and Harriet, and a little girl such as Juno for a Nurse for a beginning or start, and other plantation tools and mules as he received &c &c all to be counted up in the final division as a part of their share.- I wish the following Negroes to be detained or retained on the plantation until the final division takes place, Namely, John and big Sarah, Dennis, Sam and Peggy, Buncom and little Sarah, and the three Carpenters, Namely Big Ben and Henry, and Marion, for the purpose of keping up the plantation and completing the buildings, which I wish done as soon as convenient and practicable, and putting up other necessary buildings if any should be necessary.- And I further desire that and my daugh-
= ter Agnes Eugenia do live in my present dwelling where they now are and take the Guardianship, Charge and Controll of the family, and see to their education, conduct and management, And to see that they are all kept at home in due time attending to their Studies.- And I do hereby appoint and nominate as my Executor my son Wm J Lowry and request him to have the aforesaid Will carried into effect.- Executed, signed and sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of

Witness Present.—

Richard Beard
Alexander Campbell
Wm J Austin

Wm Lowry (L.S.)

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court April Term 1843.—

Personally appeared in open Court William J Austin and Richard Beard subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Lowry deceased, who made oath that they signed the same as attesting witnesses, in the presence and at the request of said William Lowry, who acknowledged his signature thereto— that they affiants, are acquainted with the hand writing of said William Lowry having frequently seen him write, and that they believe said Will & the signature thereto to be wholly in his hand writing: And further, that at the time they signed said Writing, said Wm Lowry was of sound & disposing mind

Sworn to & subscribed, Apl 10th AD 1843.—

Richard Beard
Wm J Austin

Will S Bailey
Judge of Probate.

Ordered that the foregoing Writing be established as the last Will and Testament of William Lowry deceased and that the same be

recorded and filed. ——

April Term 1843. — Will S Bailey
Judge of Probate.

Sarah W Cheatham's Will } In the name of God Amen —
I Sarah W Cheatham being of lawful age and of sound memory, but aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make this my last will and testament and revoke all others.

Item 1st I give and bequeath, first desiring that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, to my dearly beloved children Mary Ellen, Emily and Sarah Madora, my my so slaves with their increase to wit — Tom, Mary, and her two children Washington and Barnett, Edmond and Celia and her three children Lucinda, John, & one infant named Viney Ann, and her child Rosette, to them and their heirs forever, and I hereby bequeath to my said children all my other personal property of every nature and description —

Item 2 — I give and bequeath to my said children all my real estate of every kind to them and their heirs forever. —— Item 3d It is my wish that my beloved husband John H Cheatham shall have, use enjoy and possess all the above named property, both real and personal, for and during his natural life — —

Item 4th I do hereby constitute and appoint John H Cheatham the sole executor of this my last will and testament, and request that no security be required of him upon his Bond as executor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of November in the year of our Lord 1842 —

Signed and sealed in presence of
Benjamin Elliott — Emily Garrett } Sarah W Cheatham {Seal}

} The State of Mississippi Madison County

Personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court in & for said County Emily Garrett who having been duly sworn deposed and said that Sarah W Cheatham signed the foregoing writing in her presence as her the said Sarah W Cheathams last will and testament and that she the said Emily Garrett signed the same as attesting witness in the presence and at the request of the said Sarah W Cheatham and that Benjamin Elliott the other attesting witness also signed said writing in the presence and at the request of said Sarah W Cheatham And further that at the time of executing said writing the said Sarah W Cheatham was of sound mind —— —— October 5th 1843 — Will S Bailey Judge of Probate

The State of Mississippi Madison County } Probate Court October Term 1843 —
Ordered that the within writing be established as the last will & testament of Sarah W Cheatham Dec'd and Recorded in

Will S Bailey Judge of Probate M C

Henry A. Offutt's Will

Considering the shortness of time the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof. I Henry A Offutt formerly of Montgomery County and state of Maryland, but at present a citizen of Madison County and state of Mississippi, do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First – I Give and bequeath to the members of the Regular medical profession of the neighbourhood in which I shall die my body to be dissected as minutely as they may deem proper and after retaining such part or parts (of such thereof) as they may think worth preserving the residue of the remains to be as decently as may be placed in a coffin and commited to the earth.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my Brother Basil Z Offutt formerly of Montgomery County and State of Maryland but at this time a citizen of Andrain County and State of Missouri Five Hundred dollars to be paid out of such means as may be raised out of notes and accounts due me, or from the proceeds of property sold. Also to the said Basil Z Offutt my Gold watch chains and Keys.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my friend John Cooper of Camden Madison County and State of Mississippi two Hundred dollars to be paid out of such means as may be collected on notes and accounts due me or from the proceeds of property sold ——— Item I Give and bequeath unto my old friend Miss Elizabeth Hunter of Montgomery County and State of Maryland (who for a number of Years resided in my Fathers and afterwards my Mothers family Two Hundred dollars

Item. I Give to my Brother Joseph C Offutt formerly of Montgomery County and State of Maryland but at present a citizen of Warren County and State of Mississippi and the said Basil Z Offutt my Library (except such works books treatices periodicals or drawings, as are written or drawn on the science of medicine) to be as equally divided between them as may be

Item. I Give unto my friends William Sutherland and William C Dear both of Madison County and State of Mississippi the medical portion of my Library. Likewise the Skeletons and such anatomical preparations as I have to be equally divided between them as may be convenient – Item I devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate including real personal and mixed unto my beloved Mother Eleanor A Offutt formerly of Montgomery County and State of Maryland but at present residing in Washington County and said state of Maryland. to her and her heirs and assigns forever

It is my will and wish that my servants be at Liberty to choose whether they will remain in the State of Mississippi and be sold or go to the State of Missouri or wherever else my Mother the said Eleanor A Offutt may wish to have them taken. And if they prefer being sold that husband and wife, or mother and child or children be not separated in the sale – It is Further my special will and wish

That for and in consideration of the great services and labour rendered me, by my sorrel riding horse Branded on the left shoulder by the letter S and marked by a large scar in front of his right shoulder, that he be not sold but that my Mother, the said Eleanor A Offutt take charge of him, that he be very kindly treated and not abused, and when he dies that he be buried in the earth. In case the said Eleanor A Offutt die before the above described horse, that he be hired and owned by my Younger Brother the said Basil G Offutt who will carry out the above provisions relative to said horse, I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother the said Basil G Offutt and my friend the said John Cooper my sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my seal this 19th day of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and Forty Three

Henry A Offutt (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Henry A Offutt the above named testator as and for his Last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Eli Crumpton
James A Clagett } Washington County SS.
George W Brown

On this 1st day of August 1843 came Basil G Offutt and made oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God, that the Foregoing is the true and whole Will of Henry A Offutt late of said County dec'd and that he doth not know nor hath heard of any other. At the same time came Eli Crumpton James A Clagett & Geo W Brown and severally made oath &c that they saw Henry A Offutt the within named testator sign & seal this Will at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, that they subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Certified by
Daniel Schnelly Regr

Maryland Washington County SS } In Testimony that the Foregoing is a true copy from the Original

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public seal of my office this 1st day of August 1843

(Seal)

Daniel Schnelly Regr W W C.

Maryland Washington County SS }

I Charles Mobley Chief Justice of the Orphans Court in and for Washington County in the State of Maryland do hereby certify that Daniel Schnelly is the Register of Wills in and for said County and State, and that the Foregoing attestation by him is made in due form and by the proper officer. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Hagerstown in said county this 1st day of August 1843

Chs Hesleton {Seal}

Maryland Washington County ss } I Daniel Schnelly Register of Wills in and for said County & State hereby certify that Chs Hesleton whose appears to have taken and signed the foregoing attestation was at the time of taking and signing the same, and still is the Chief Justice of the Orphans Court aforesaid duly commissioned and Qualified and to all his acts as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as elsewhere.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public seal of my office this 1st day of Aug 1843

{Seal}

Dan Schnelly Regr

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Probate Court November Term 1843

The foregoing Record was this day produced in open court by Basil T Offutt and John Coofer persons named as executors of the last will & testament of Henry T Offutt deceased a copy of which forms part of said Record and the same having been examined by the court it is received and ordered to be Recorded —

Wm H Bailey Judge of Probate

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Enoch Rose's Will

In the name of God, Amen,

I Enoch Rose of the County of Madison State of Mississippi, being in a low state of health, but 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,

First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary five hundred acres of land to include the palace where I now live, and such adjoining lands as will be most suitable to make a farm, and the following Negroes, Dennis, Polly, Georg, Lin, Wilson, Sarah, my horse Arab, Mar Cate and her two younger Colts, One fourth of all my Cattle and Hogs — all my farming utensils and the Present growing Crop, all of so much property with risk and pursuad to be and remain in the possession of my beloved Wife for her use and benefit during her natural life and at her death to be divided among her own Children,

My son William Walls Rose and my daughter Mary Stokes Patton having already received their Portion of my Estate in advancement, do I now Give and bequeath to my said son William Ten dollars more of my Estate and to the heirs of my daughter Mary, S Patton ten dollars and no More

I Give and bequeath to my son Paschal Rose the following Negroes Dan, Charlotte, and their four Children, Martha, Waldale, Victoria and Lucinda at Eighteen hundred dollars —

I Give and bequeath to my Daughters, and their lawful heirs of their bodies as follows. — To my Daughter Rebecca Bennett Old Sarah Merica, and Mary at Seven hundred dollars, and a horse and Saddle at One hundred dollars which she has already received

To my daughter Elizabeth Graves, Rhenda and Henry at nine hundred

a Horse and saddle at one Hundred dollars
dollars which she has already received,

To my Daughter Mary Jane Lovin Sarah Ann and Phillis at Eight hundred and fifty dollars. a Horse and Saddle at one hundred dollars,

To my daughter Margaret Rose Isaac. Easter and three of their Children Joe. Emily and Calvin, at twelve hundred dollars. a Horse and Saddle at one hundred dollars,

I wish and request and hereby fully empower my Executors to sell all my Estate (not already bequeathed) both real and Personal for Cash at either public or Private sale as they may think most advantageous to those interested, out of the proceeds of which all my just debts are to be paid then out of the remainder the other heirs (Except the said William and Mary Ann) with what I have given them to be made equal in amount to what I have given my son Parchal, and the same amount to be set apart for my son John Rose, but as I conceive him incapable of managing and taking care of his portion, I wish his share to be placed in the hands of N. C. Bennett he giving Bond and security for the management and safe keeping the same, that he pay the said John five per Cent annually on his dividend.

The balance of my Estate to be equally divided equally among the heirs Except William & the heirs of Mary — And I do hereby Constitute my beloved wife Mary Executrix & my loving friends Robert Decker and N. C. Bennett Executors to this my last Will and testament,

In Witness Whereof I do hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this 1st day of July 1843.

In Presence of Witnesses
D. W. Haley. Harrison Jordan
Geo. W. Stewart

Enoch Rose (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court November Term 1843.
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court David W Haley and Harrison Jordan two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing annexed Writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Enoch Rose deceased, who having been duly sworn deposed & said that the said Enoch Rose signed said writing in their presence as his last Will & testament, and that they and George W Stewart the other Witness signed the same as attesting Witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said Enoch Rose on the day of the date of said writing. And further that at the time of executing said writing said Enoch Rose was of sound mind and memory. It is therefore Ordered that said Writing be established and Recorded as the last Will and testament of the said Enoch Rose deceased

Wm. J. Bailey
Judge of Probate M. C.

Burrus Haley Will.

In the Name of Almighty God, Amen; I Burrus Haley of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind but weak in body, and being about to leave home to travel for the recovery of my health, and considering the uncertainty of life, more over in particular to make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
1st form following to Wit, First, I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Alice M. Haley all of my real Estate, Consisting of her Eighths of land in Leake County, and her Eighths and a fourth in Madison County which will more fully appear by reference to my land titles, Also I give and bequeath to the same Alice M Haley all my Stock of every Kind Hogs horses Oxen Cattle Sheep and Carriage Waggons farming utensils, and all household & Kitchen furniture, Also the following Negro Slaves Harry, Betty, Bill, Jane, Peyton, Pompe, by Rachel, Oliver, and Ben nine in all — Also to the same A. M Haley one equal half of all monies that may be Collected from her Certain debts due me to Wit. a Note of M. G. Robinson for about $3740. and one on Thomas S. Anthony now in Suit in Madison Circuit Court for about $1230 originally — and all other debts due to me. I give to the said beloved wife entire, to enable her to pay off what I may owe, together with the avails of my Present year Crop which I require her to do
2nd Second. I Give and bequeath to my only Daughter Child Lethe the following Negro Slaves, to Wit, Alfred, Celia, Miles, Emily, Jack little Bill, George, Lilsey, and Mary Ann, Nine in all, — also I will that she have one equal half of all monies that may be Collected from the debts due me as mentioned above to Wit, a Note on M. G. Robinson for about $3740. and one on Thomas S. Anthony for about $1230 originally, and I will that all of her part of said Moneys that may be Collected, together with the avails of the labor of her said Negroes (over and above what may be expended on her education) shall be laid out for sound young Negroes for her — and in the event of such out-lay not being practicable, it be put to interest as laid out in the best and securest manner than practicable —
3rd Third. And in the event of there being another Child born of the said Alice M. Haley by me, then I give and bequeath to said Child the following Negro Slaves, Peyton, Pompe, Oliver, Miles George and Mary Ann — six in Number being three taken from each of the above parts of my Wife and Child Lethe, so as to make them heir equal numbers, that is to say six a piece, And it is my will that they heir the said three Negroes Viz- Alice, that the said heir should there be one, draw an equal third part of all monies that may be made from the above mentioned her debts, to Wit on M. G. Robinson & Thomas S. Anthony. And that the said wife & present Child Lethe draw an equal third parts, instead of equal halves of said debts, and that the same disposition be made of the said surplus Negro monies as is mentioned Concerning Lethe's part,
4th Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my Niece Sarah Davis now Sarah Cole the Negro girl Julia and her Child James, and her increase — to the said Sarah Cole and her bodily heirs — and in the event of the death of the said Sarah Cole without lawful issue I will that said Negro Julia & James and their increase revert to my wife Alice M. Haley to her own

5th right and part.— Fifth — That in the event of the death of my wife or Child or Children as the Case may be — that the part of the one dying shall descend to the other (or others as aforesaid) and in the event of the death of all of the above mentioned wife or Child (or Children) then it is my will that the following named Slaves be freed and furnished money or property to — amount of ten hundred dollars a — piece out of my estate, and be permitted to live in the Country or if necessary sent to some of the free states, to Wit Harry and his wife Betty, Alfred and his wife Delia, big Rachel and Child Lilsey and two boys, Alcon and Jack the balance of the Negroes to be sold and the Proceeds thereof together with all other avails of every kind of my estate be placed in and under the Control of the Trustees of the Centennary College now at the Brandon Springs — to be used by them as they may <u>best think</u> either principal or interest for the special support and assistance of young men in indigent Circumstances to Complete their Studies, that are regular Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, giving those the Preference who in the Judgement of the regular faculty or teachers of said institution from talents, Morals & best designate them to become Stewards Preachers in said Methodist Episcopal Church

6th Sixth, And in Case of any action being necessary according to the fifth section of this my Will I select the Presiding Elder of the Madison District and Preacher in Charge of the Madison Circuit that may then be of the M. E. Church (or agents to Carry out the provisions hereof) of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, But in Case of the death of my wife Alice M. Haly, and there being a Child or Children living to her my property as above. I then select my old and tried friends James I Thompson and Columbus Lewis both or one of them as Executor & Guardian for my ~~heir~~ or heirs. And I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Alice M. Haly my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty three,

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Burrup Haly to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator this 15th of May A.D. 1843

Burrup Haly [Seal]

Lewis J. Newman. John R. (his mark) Whitworth. A B (his mark) Stewart

An amendment made to the above will this 21st June 1843. which I wish to become part and parcel of the same, to Wit, I do Change in the 4th Section giving Margaret Hall a Conditional interest in the Girl Julia, increase I hereby revoke, annul, and have erased that portion therefrom of my will — leaving said girl, increase to revert directly to my wife in Case of the death of Sarah Cole without lawful issue heirs or in Case said Sarah Cole marries sooner than five years from the time she parted with Reuben Cole, unless sooner released by due Course of law, B. Haly [Seal]

I Burrup Haly of the County of Madison State of Miss — do this second day of September A.D. 1843 make and publish this Codicil to my last Will and testament in manner following to Wit, I will that my Negro man Bill as he is Called shall be manumitted, released from servitude as a Slave and freed by due Course of law from and after the twenty fifth day of December in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one, and I require my heirs

Executors administrators & assigns to carry out this Provision & release the said Negro as above, Provided. the said Negro Bill or Elias shall faithfully serve me. my heirs Executors administrators & assigns to the said time - and behave himself humbly and obediently & commit no Crime forbidden by the laws of the Country nor of the authority of those having the right to Control him,

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written,

Test,

Burrell Haley Seal

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court November Term 1843.
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court David S. Kennon and A. B. Stewart & John R. Millsaps subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Burrell Haley deceased. who made oath that they signed the same in the presence and at the request of said Haley as attesting Witnesses after the said Burrell Haley had first signed & sealed the same in their presence, And also that the said Burrell Haley was at the time of executing said writing of sound & disposing mind & memory and further that said writing was executed on the day it bears date - And also personally appeared John Clark Sen.r and the said David S. Kennon who being duly sworn deposed & said that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Burrell Haley dec.d from having frequently seen him write. and that they verily believe that the amendment & Codicil, the signature thereto following said writing are in the hand writing of the said Burrell Haley that they have no doubt of it. It is therefore ordered that the first above mentioned writing the amendment and Codicil be established as the last Will and testament of the said Burrell Haley deceased and Recorded.

Will J. Bailey
Judge of Probate M. C.

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## Richd. N. McElhenny's Will

Sept 25th 1844. I Richard N. McElhenny of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi declare this to be my last Will & Testament being sound in memory and in my right mind do therefore Constitute John D. Dalton my lawful Executor - and direct the following disposition to be made of my effects - That after the payment of my debts Fanny Cole & her Child with her increase be the rightful property of my Mother Elizabeth Potter so long as she may live. And at her death to descend to my Nephew Isaac Newton Bush - in like manner with their increase and that my Present Crop & such of my Stock be sold as may best suit the interest of my Estate. and apply to the payment of my debts -

I wish my Stock - Stock to be equally divided between Elizabeth Potter my Mother. Elizabeth Sutherland & John D. Dalton,

Signed sealed and delivered day and year above written in presence of Dan Sutherland. Henry Sutherland

J. D. Dalton

R. N. McElhenny

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court October Term 1844
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court Daniel Sutherland

and Henry Sutterland two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Richard N. McElhany deceased who made oath that they signed the same as attesting witnesses in the presence and at the request of said McElhany, and also in the presence of John A. Dalton the other witness who signed the same in like manner in his presence and at the request of said Richard N. McElhany, that said McElhany acknowledged in their Presence and in the Presence of said John A. Dalton at the time of executing said writing that he signed the same as his last Will and testament, And that said McElhany was at the time of signing the same of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore Ordered that said writing be established as the last Will and testament of said Richard N. McElhany deceased and Recorded and filed.

W. H. Bailey Judge of Probate M. C.

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Susan L. Smith's Will

In the Name of God, Amen,

I Susan L. Smith, now in good health but sound in mind do make this my last Will and Testament,

1 I give to my daughter Martha A. McEwin three Negroes, Jane twenty years old, Jerzel twelve years old and Henry six or seven years old.

2 I give and bequeath to my son Franklin Carr three Negroes George fifteen years old, Laura about ten years old and Caesar ten or eleven years old.

3 I give and bequeath to my son Perry Carr three Negroes Angeline Eighteen years old, Jennifer fourteen years and an infant child Joe.

4 I also give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Carr, ten Negroes Caroline thirty four years old and Arch Eight or ten years old.

In Consequence of the difference of the before mentioned property I wish my daughter Martha to pay to my son Jonathan Carr Six hundred and Eighty Six dollars and twenty five Cents,

And that my son Franklin Carr shall pay to Jonathan Carr thirty six dollars and twenty five Cents,

And also that my son Perry Carr shall pay to the said Jonathan Carr fifty six dollars and twenty five Cents, which is to make up to the said Jonathan Carr Negro property equal in value to the said Martha McEwin Franklin and Perry Carr. — I also wish a tract of land which I own in Tennessee to be sold and the Proceeds to be equally divided between my four Children Jonathan, Franklin, Martha & Perry.

5 I also wish that my son Jonathan Carr and John R. B. Jones shall act as my Executors — It may be inconvenient for the said Executors to give security therefore I do not wish them to be compelled to give security

6 I give to my little Grand Daughter Susan E. McEwin a Negro woman named Rachel fifty years old,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

Test Willie Lynn
J. C. Shaw
Alanson Austin

Susan L. Smith seal

The State of Mississippi Probate Court November Term 1854
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court Willie Lynn & J. C. Shaw

Alanson Aslin subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Susan D. Smith deceased who made oath that the said Susan D. Smith signed said writing in their Presence as her last Will and testament, and that they signed the same as attesting Witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Susan D. Smith and in the Presence of each other - and further that at the signing of said writing said Susan D. Smith was of sound mind and memory - It is therefore Ordered by the Court that said writing be established as the last Will and testament of said Susan D. Smith deceased and Recorded.

Neil P. Bailey Judge
of Probate M. C.

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William A. Port Will

In the Name of God. Amen;

Believing that it is appointed for men to die, and not knowing at what moment I may be called from time to eternity, and being now of strong mind and disposing memory. I William Anthony Port of Madison County and State of Mississippi. do make declare and publish to the world this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me made at any time heretofore,

1st And First I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be Conducted in a manner Corresponding with my Estate and Situation in life, — And as to such Worldly Estate, with which it has pleased God to intrust me, I dispose of the same as follows —

First, It is my Will that all my just debts be paid.

Secondly It is my Will after my just debts are paid, that my beloved Mother Martha M. Rop (wife of William B. Rop) have, and I do hereby bequeath unto her All of my Estate including land, Negroes, Stock, Money, Notes, Accounts in short every thing I possess or own on Earth, to have & to hold the same forever and to dispose of the same at any time, & in any manner she may feel disposed.

Thirdly & Lastly, It is my Will that my beloved Mother Martha M. Rop be & I do hereby appoint her Executrix of this my last Will & Testament,

In Witness Whereof, I William Anthony Port, have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the second day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty one,

Signed sealed & acknowledged in the Presence of
C. D. Battle. A. B. Coy. R. B. Battle

Wm. A. Port [seal]

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The State of Mississippi, } Probate Court October Term 1844.
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court Aaron D Battle one of the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William A. Port deceased, who made oath that said William A. Port, signed said writing in his presence, and that he subscribed signed the same as attesting Witness in the Presence and at the request of the said William A. Port, and also in the presence of A. B. Coy & R. B. Battle the other subscribing Witnesses, who also signed the same in the presence and at the request of the said William A. Port, and further that at the time

of the Execution of said writing, said William A. Dent was of sound mind and disposing Memory. Given under my hand and seal this 13th Day of October AD. 1844

Will. J. Bailey
Judge of Probate

The State of Mississippi
Madison County set } By the Probate Court of said County

To Richard C. Downs Parish Judge of Madison Parish State of Louisiana, —

You are hereby authorised and required to Cause C. B. Cox of your Parish to Come before you and him diligently to examine touching the execution of the annexed Will and Testament of Wm A. Dent Dec.d — And the testimony so taken by you together with the Will aforesaid you will return to this Court under your proper hand and seal by or before the Second Monday of December next — Herein fail not.

Witness the Hon.d Wm A. Bailey Judge of the Probate Court of said County the Second Monday of October A.D. 1844 and seal of said Court.

Issued Novem.r 4th A.D. 1844

John D. Carmichael Clerk

The State of Louisiana
Parish of Madison
Court of Probates } In pursuance of a Commission from the Hon.d Probate Court of Madison County State of Mississippi directed to me the undersigned Parish Judge Ex officio Judge of the Court of Probates for the Parish of Madison aforesaid I have Caused to Come before me Owen B. Cox of this Parish who being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists deposed as follows. Viz. I am one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of William A. Dent deceased. The said William A. Dent signed said writing in the Presence of this deponent and also in the Presence of Orrin D. Battle and Robert F. Battle the other Subscribing Witnesses. I this deponent and the said other Subscribing Witnesses all signed the said instrument in the Presence of and at the request of the said William A. Dent. and in Presence of each other. And further that at the time of the Execution of said writing said William A. Dent was of sound mind and disposing Memory.

O. B. Cox

Sworn and subscribed on this 20th day of November AD. 1844 before me the said Judge & by me reduced to writing — Witness my Signature and the impress of my official seal this said date. Nov 20th 1844. The words "that he" Cancelled in the 17th line

Richd. Chas. Downs
Parish Judge

Ordered that the foregoing Will be established as the last Will & Testament of William A. Dent deceased and Recorded and filed. December Term 1844.

Will. J. Bailey
Judge of Probate

## Ann McWillie Will.

Mississippi Madison County June 11th 1859.

In the name of God. Amen. — I Ann McWillie of the state and county aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make

1st the following last Will and testament — That is — I Give to my son Abram A. McWillie in Trust for my daughter Sarah Stover of Alabama — during her natural life and after her death — to the issue of her body who may be then living — the following Negro Slaves, and their future increase, That is Lincy and Children Abram, Spencer, Jane and Sarah.

2nd Secondly, I Give to my son John McWillie during the term of his natural life and after his death to the issue of his body who may be then living the following negroes (now in his possession) That is — Bella, Rachel, Hannah, Preston Dick, Wesley, Admiral, Daniel, Elias, Linn, Charity and Tony,

3rd Thirdly, I Give to the Children of my son John who may be living at the time of my death, the following Negroes and their future increase, That is — Bob, blind Polly, and her Children Clarissa, Lynn, George, and Andrew —

4th Fourthly, I Give to my son William — the following Negroes — that is — Spencer and his son Burgess, and Fanny and her two daughters Nancy and Hannah with their future increase,

5th Fifthly, I Give to my son Abram A. McWillie in Trust for my daughter Tirzah during her natural life — and after her death to the issue of her body who may be then living, the following Negroes with their future increase that is — Sylvia, and her three Children Myrta, Caesar and Willis — and Myrta the sister of Sylvia, the property before mentioned as given to my daughters Sarah and Tirzah is not to be subject to the debts, Contracts or disposal of their Parent or any future husbands —

6th Sixthly, I Give to my Grand daughter Ann Jane Mackey during her natural life — and after her death to the issue of her body who shall be then living the following Negroes — that is — Paul Louisa and her Child Matilda and Eliza Lills daughter — with their future increase; the legal estate in said Negroes to vest in my son Abram A. as Trustee, as in the case of my daughters — the said property not to be subject to the debts Contracts or disposal of any husband my said Grand daughter may hereafter marry, and in case my said Grand daughter shall die either before or after me leaving no issue living at the time of her death, then and in that case the before mentioned property given to her. I give to my daughter Margaret McCulloch during her natural life, and after her death to the issue of her body who may be then living

I Give to my Grand daughter Ann Jane Mackey the following Negro that is Maria, Rachels daughter, — with the same limitations and on the same terms as those before mentioned, I also give my said Grand daughter one good bed, bedstead and bed furniture,

7th Seventhly, I Give to each of my daughters, one bed and bed Clothes, — and to them jointly all my wearing Apparel, Bed Clothes, and house hold linen of every kind,

8th Eighthly — I Give to my son Abram A. McWillie the following Negroes Slaves, that is — Big Harry, and Little Harry, Frank, John, Polly the Cook, Hannah Harry's Wife, Matilda, and her Children, Kitty, Martha, Polly of Milton, Rachel and her three Children, Mary, Georgiana & Betsey, Tom Lucy

Cloe, Patience and Aiken during his natural life, but should my son Abram die without leaving issue living at the time of his death then the aforesaid property is to revert back and be equally divided between my Children, or if any of them should be dead, their representatives, I also give to my son Abram A. my Clock, Household furniture except what is before given together with all the rest and residue of my estate of every description I Charge that portion of my property given to my son Abram A. with the payment of any debts which I may owe at the time of my death,

I Constitute my son Abram A. the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this day and year above written,

Witnessed and executed in Presence of each other and of the Testator
Robert A. Martin, Nathaniel Merritt
Eliza ⊠ Martin
her mark

Ann M'Willie [seal]

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ann M'Willie deceased having been proven in open Court by the oath of Nathaniel Merritt one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, It is Ordered by the Court that the same be established as the last Will & Testament of the said Ann M'Willie deceased and Recorded and filed

December 2nd 1844

Wm. J. Barclay Judge of Probate

## Codicil to Ann M'Willie's Will.

Whereas I the undersigned Ann M'Willie of Madison County State of Mississippi, did on the 11th day of June A.D. 1844 make up and publish my last Will and Testament, and being now desirous of making some alterations therein and amendments thereto, and additions thereto, I do make or draw and publish the following as a Codicil to my said last Will and Testament (Viz.) It is my Will and desire, and I do hereby direct that all the property named and described in my said last Will and Testament (except the bedding, household linen and wearing apparel hereinafter to be bequeathed to the legatees therein mentioned) shall be held by my two sons William M'Willie and Abram A. M'Willie as Executors and Trustees in Trust, until all debts, which may be against me or owing by me at the time of my death are paid off in full; and that the Proceeds of the sale of all the Property mentioned in my said last Will, after deducting enough to defray the Plantation expenses, shall be applied to the payment of my debts, and that the said property shall not be divided while any debts against me remain unpaid. Furthermore, as regards the request in my said last Will and testament to my son Abram A. M'Willie and Contained in the Clause beginning "Especially" I desire, Will and direct that all the slaves therein mentioned with the addition of my Negro boy Burgess, the son of Spencer and all other Property therein mentioned, and all the rest and residue of my estate shall be held in possession by my son William M'Willie as Trustee in Trust for the use and benefit of my said son Abram A. M'Willie without being subject to his (the said Abram A.) disposal or liable for any debts which he may now owe, or may hereafter Contract in any manner Way or shape, whatever, for and during the Term of his (the said Abram A.) natural life, and at his death for the use and benefit of the lawful issue of the said Abram A. M'Willie living at his death, But if the said Abram A. should die without leaving such issue

them and in that Case, all the property and estate herein before bequeathed for his use and benefit shall go to the Children of my son John McWilliams and my daughter Lizzie Ann Williamson jointly and equally – And it is further my will that my son William shall have my Negro Woman Lucy in the place & in lieu of my boy Burgess given in Trust for the use & benefit of my son Abram A. McWilliams – And it is further my will that all and every debt & debts owing by the said Abram A. McWilliams to me at my death is and are hereby declared to be Cancelled, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son William McWilliams one of my Executors,

In testimony of the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who have attested the same in my Presence this the Eighteenth day of April Anno Domini 1842

Ann McWilliams (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the Presence of the Testatrix and subscribed by us in her Presence and in the Presence of each other
Bailey Martin Daniel Gerard, Nathaniel Merritt

The foregoing writing purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will and testament of Ann McWilliams deceased having been Proven by the oath of Nathaniel Merritt one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, It is ordered by the Court, that the same be established as a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of said Ann McWilliams deceased and Recorded and filed.

December Term 1844

Will: Bailey
Judge of Probate

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## Elizabeth Allen Will.

I Elizabeth Allen of the City of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania being of sound mind do this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine make this my last Will and testament – I Give and bequeath unto my three Nieces, sisters Elizabeth & A. Shoemaker Widow, and my Sister Margaret Young all my Estate, real and personal for their own proper use and benefit, that is to say – my Personal Estate such as furniture Plate &c is to remain unsold they to enjoy the use of the same, But all monies on hand, due or such as are not due, when Collected are to be invested in such Stocks or property as my Executors may judge for the interest of the Estate, those all interest rents & accruing from said investments, together with all interest from my estate is to be equally divided as Collected among my three daughters share and share alike – But in no Case is the Capital Stock to be encroached on nor bartered, Mortgaged nor in any wise used by any one of them. But my estate is to remain entire so long as any one of my daughters remains unmarried – each one that marries forfeiting to the one or ones remaining single her share of the rents, dividends &c so that the last single one shall enjoy the entire benefits of the rents dividends &c of my estate, Now if all marry then it is my wish and desire that my estate shall be equally divided among them at or soon after the marriage of the last one, and the same settled on them and their heirs, Should either one of my daughters die leaving one or both of her sisters unmarried, she shall have no power to Will away any right whatever

to any part of my estate – But should, should the enjoyment of the rents, divid-
-ends &c fall to any one through the Marriage of the other two, she shall at her death
have power to will her share – the same she would have been entitled to had she
also married, to whomsoever she Pleases – And it is my further wish that as my
daughter Elizabeth has a daughter named Deborah in case of the Mothers dying
she shall enjoy her mothers share of rents dividends &c and shall take her mothers place
in all respects in this my will – enjoying her share of the income, and inheriting her
share of the property in the same manner and upon the same conditions as her mother would
have done had she survived – I also wish the sum of two hundred dollars yearly to be
expended in the education of my Grandson William Allen Adams – the same to be
taken from the dividends rents &c before division and to be continued until he is eighteen
years of age – I appoint my sons Charles M. Allen and Alexander Allen Executors
of this my last Will and Testament,

Witness my hand and seal on the year and day above written,

Witness Present. H. A. Adams — Elizabeth Allen

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## James Lee's Will,

In the name of God Amen, I James Lee of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind do hereby make and ordain this as my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills – 1st First. I order that all of my just debts be paid, and the better to enable my Executors to do so. I do hereby authorise and empower my Executors to sell and convey at private sale the West half of the tract of land which I purchased from George Latham on or about the 2nd Fifth day of November Eighteen hundred and forty one. Secondly – I order that my negro woman Dilcey be set free and fully emancipated – 3rd Thirdly – I give and bequeath unto my daughter Harriet G. Dunlavey all of my estate both Personal and real, hereby entailing the same to her my said Daughter Harriet G. Dunlavey and the heirs of her body forever – And Lastly I do hereby nominate, Constitute and appoint First. Moses Latham, and Secondly, James H. Dunlavey my Executors to execute and carry into effect this my last Will and testament,

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hun-
-dred and forty three,

Witnesses Present.
Henry Amsden Jr. Levi Drongole
B. B. Dixon Thos Hadley

Jas Lee. Seal

I wish the property described in this will to remain in the hands of my wife until her death, & after that which I have ordered to be sold.

Jas. Lee

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court Feby Term 1844.

Personally appeared in open Court Henry Amsden and Levi Drongole subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of James Lee deceased, who made oath that they signed the same in the Presence and at the request of the said James Lee

as attesting Witnesses thereto on or about the day of the date of said Writing that the said James Lee then acknowledged the same to be his last Will & Testament that the other subscribing Witnesses Aijuy & Hadley signed the same under the same Circumstances with themselves, and that the said James Lee was at the time of sound mind. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said writing be established as the last Will & Testament of the said James Lee Deceased and Recorded

Wm. G. Bailey
Judge of Probate M. C.

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Mary Buckners Will.

State of Mississippi. Madison County.

The last Will and Testament of Mary Buckner.

I Mary Buckner. Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory (Blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and appoint this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. That is to say

First. It is my Will & desire, that all my just and lawful debts be paid.

Secondly. I give & bequeath unto my Youngest son Wm. Buckner My negro man named Austin & his wife Sally & her two little girl Children Betsy & Sarah from

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza A. E. Porter wife of D. McPorter of Sharon of this County and State, my negro boy William.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Harriet Mann, the wife of Edward Mann of Montgomery County Tennessee, and the heirs of her body three negroes that is Polly & her Child named Ellen, and a girl about Eleven named Eudalia I give unto her my daughter Harriet four hundred dollars to be paid out of the first money that can be raised from the sale of lumber owed me by Stacy which debt of lumber was originated by the sale of lands lying near Williams town on the Robinson Road, Four Eighths of which were men entered in my name, four Eighths were my son William Buckners entered in his name & one Eighth was entered in my name for her my daughter Harriet,

Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my son Virgil Buckner the following described five Eighths of land lying in Choctaw County. That is N E. quarter & E ½ N W quarter of Section No 25, in Township No 18. North of Range No 13 East. S W quarter of Section No 26 in Township No 18 North of Range No 13 East.

Sixthly, I give & bequeath unto the Children of my son James Buckner Ten dollars

Seventhly. I give & bequeath unto the Children of my daughter Jane P White formerly wife of Wm White of Gallatin Summer County Tennessee ten dollars.

Eighthly, I give & bequeath my negro girl named Charity to my son William Buckner until she becomes Eighteen years of age & then I give her freedom.

Ninthly, I give & bequeath unto my daughters Eliza and Harriet my Share of two Sections of land lying in Rankin County which were formerly the property of James Buckner, were sold by the Marshal and bought by my son William Buckner & myself. If there be any money due me from the lumber debt above described over & above what has been disposed of already. I wish my daughter Harriet to have her proportionate part over & above the four hundred dollars above named, as it is collected until she gets all that is due her from her one Eighth of land that was sold, If there be nothing more collected

She is to have but the four hundred dollars as collected. I wish her to have only in proportion to her interest Created by the sale of her one Eighth of land. I lay no Claims to any part or portion of the stock of hogs horses, Cattle or the farming tools and utensils, or to the household or kitchen furniture.

I hereby appoint my son Wm Buckner & M. Porter my son in law my Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fourth day of March One Thousand Eight hundred & forty three

Test. Wm Stearns. Lewis A McRae Joseph D. Lewis } Mary Buckner [seal]

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now made & subscribed in Mary Buckner the testatrix in the presence of each of us, & at the same time declared to be her last Will & Testament, and we at her request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Madison County State of Mississippi October 8th 1843.

I Mary Buckner of the state and county above written being at this time deeply afflicted in body, though by the goodness of Almighty God in sound mind, do make this as a Change in my last Will and testament to wit I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza A. C. Porter my interest in the number (as described on the first page of this sheet which will be one half of seven Eighths) My Daughter Barney Wayne being owner of the other Eighth receiving as before. Provided her four hundred dollars — independently of Eight. Further I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza A. C. Porter Pin Barnock worth six hundred — as also I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza A. C. Porter my gold Chaney aged about Eight years old. Signed the day above written

Test Sa. B Gage. J. M. Ward. J. N. Leftwich } Mary Buckner [seal]

State of Mississippi } Probate Court November Term 1843
Madison County }

Personally appeared in Open Court William Stearns Lewis A McRae, and Joseph D. Lewis subscribing witnesses to the first foregoing writing, who having been duly sworn deposed and said that Mary Buckner signed the same in their presence as her last Will and testament and that they signed said writing as attesting witnesses in her presence and at the request of the said Mary Buckner — and also that the said Mary Buckner was at the time of executing said writing of sound mind & memory

And also personally appeared in Open Court Samuel B Gage & J. M. Ward two of the subscribing witnesses to the last above writing purporting to be a codicil to said Will & Testament who having been duly sworn deposed & said that the said Mary Buckner signed the same in their presence, and that they and J. N. Leftwich the other witness signed it in her presence and at her request as attesting witnesses — and further that the said Mary Buckner at the time of Executing said writing was of sound mind & memory — It is therefore ordered that said first mentioned writing & Codicil be established & recorded as the last Will & Testament of Mary Buckner deceased

Wm J. Bailey
Judge of Probate M. C.

## David Haley's Nuncupative Will

On Monday the Seventh Instant (Apl 1845, David Haley of Madison County Mississippi then on his death bed Called on the undersigned to bear testimony as to the disposition he the said Haley wished made of his property after his death, which was as follows- He stated to us that he wished Mr John S. Tucker to take Charge of his papers and other effects. pay all just and necessary Charges against his said Haley's Estate and after paying said Charges to deliver over the balance remaining to his mother who lives in Franklin County in this State as the undersigned understood Haley to say- Given under our hands & seals this 14th day of April AD 1845.

William Lambert [Seal]
Thos. C. Steen [Seal]

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court Apl Term 1845.

Personally appeared in Open Court William Lambert and Thomas C. Steen who being duly sworn deposed and said that David Haley at the time specified in the foregoing writing called upon them to witness the disposition he said Haley wished made of his property after his death which was as set forth in said foregoing writing, that said Haley was at the time he so Called on affiants on his death bed at the place of his residence, and was also at the time of sound mind.

April 14th 1845

Will Bailey
Judge of Probate M.C.

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## Lewis D. Bramlett's Will.

State of Mississippi Madison County

Knowing the uncertainty of life, and being somewhat infirm in body but sound in mind I have concluded to write a Will which is as follows

1st It is my Will and desire that at a reasonable time after my decease all my property both real & personal (including my Negro Man Sam & girl Margaret and excepting my Negro Man Allen, Girl Nancy & her son Steve) be sold to the highest bidder at public sale on a reasonable Credit, and as soon as a sufficiency of money is Collected over and above what is necessary for the support by my family I wish all my just debts paid. and so soon as all that is due me either by note or account is Collected or any Considerable part of it. I wish it equally divided between my wife Ann Eliza and my Daughter Ella. I will also to my Wife my Negro Man Allen and girl Nancy (Provided She pays to my Daughter Ella five hundred dollars.

I Will also to my daughter Ella the little boy Sam which boy I wish hired out when he comes of age which wages to go to his support and education. It is my wish also that his money shall be loaned out at interest, which interest and principal if necessary I desire also to be used for his support and education, and also that She receive her part of the Estate that may be on hand when she either becomes of age or gets married - I would also request that my dear kind friend Mr Geo. N. Hendman would act with my wife as Executor of my estate

In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this 2nd day of December 1844.

L. D. Bramlett [Seal]

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court April 2nd 1845.
Madison County } Personally appeared in Open Court Quillian B. Duckworth Samuel Hamblin and John Mann who being duly sworn deposed and said that they are acquainted with the hand writing of Samuel D. Dramstre having frequently seen him write and that they verily believe the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of the said Samuel D. Dramstre to be wholly in the hand writing of the said Samuel D. Dramstre now deceased. It is therefore decreed by the Court that said writing be established as the last Will and testament of the said Samuel D. Dramstre deceased and that the same be recorded and filed — April 18th 1845 — Wm. L. Brierly Judge of Probate M.C.

Benjamin R. Locke's Will.

In the name of God. Amen.

I Benjamin R. Locke of the State of North Carolina and County of Brunswick being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) do this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty two make and publish this my last Will and Testament following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my eldest and beloved daughter Mary Rebecca Fifteen hundred dollars to be paid over to her or her representatives by my Executors immediately after this my Will shall be proved

Secondly, I give unto my second and beloved daughter Elizabeth Smith Lacy and all her Children with her future issue and increase which could happen to Elizabeth Smith her at this time in possession —

Thirdly I give unto my third and beloved daughter Zilpah Ann Chandler one thousand dollars in addition to what I have already given her which is five hundred Dollars. the above mentioned thousand dollars to be paid her or her representatives by my Executors as above stated in the Case of Mary Rebecca my first and Eldest daughter —

Fourthly To the balance of my Children four in number and their names as follows — John R. Locke — Emily D. Locke — Alfred M. Locke — Samuel B. Locke and Andrew J. Locke. I give all the rest of my property consisting — Twenty six negroes or any more — If I should buy or should they increase in number — I intend all my Negroes be the same more or less for the four mentioned Children together together with all the money or any other property I may be seized and possessed of after paying to my two daughters the above stated sums also all notes accts. or real Estate to be for the last mentioned four Children namely John R. Locke. Emily D. Locke — Alfred M. Locke Samuel B. Locke — and Andrew J. Locke — the negroes to be kept together and hired out until my youngest son Andrew J. Locke shall have arrived of age — and the money of the hire is to go to educate my three youngest sons. and when the youngest shall have attained the age of twenty one then the Negroes together with what money may be in hand after paying for Schooling and Clothing said sums to be equally divided among my four last mentioned Children share and share alike. And I hereby make and ordain my two sons John R. Locke and Alfred M. Locke Executors of this my last Will and testament

In Witness Whereof I the said Benjamin R. Locke have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and

year above written, signed sealed Published and declared by the said Benjamin R. Locke the Testator, as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof this 15th day of Febry 1842.

D. B. Evans } Jn. Mercer
Ch.r C. Mercer }

Benj.n R. Locke {Seal}

The State of Mississippi } By the Probate Court of said County.
Madison County set }

To Richmond M. Pearson one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in & for the State of North Carolina.

You are hereby authorized and required to Cause D. B. Evans. Jno Mercer and Chas. C. Mercer of your County Personally to appear before you. and them diligently to examine under Oath touching the Execution of the annexed last Will and Testament of Benjamin R. Locke dec.d. and the testimony so taken by you - you shall Certify in the manner such acts are usually authenticated and together with the Will aforesaid you will return to this Court under your proper hand and seal by or before the Second Monday of next. 1845 - Herein fail not.

Witness the Hon.r William S. Bailey Judge of the Probate Court of the County aforesaid this second Monday of February A.D. 1845 and seal of said Court - Second February 13th A.D. 1845

{Seal}

John B. Cameron Clerk

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County } In Pursuance to the annexed Commission I Richmond M. Pearson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Law, Equity in & for the said State Cause D. B. Evans. John Mercer, Christopher C. Mercer to appear before me on the fourteenth day of April A.D. 1845 in the Town of Smithville in the County of Brunswick, State aforesaid, and the said D. B. Evans being duly sworn maketh oath that he resides in the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina, that his name attached to the annexed Will of Benjamin R. Locke as one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto is his genuine signature that he saw the said Benjamin R. Locke sign the said Will in his presence, that he also saw the other Subscribing Witnesses John Mercer, Christopher C. Mercer sign their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator, Benjamin R. Locke, that the said Benjamin R. Locke then & there acknowledged said Will to be his last Will, Testament, the said D. B. Evans further maketh oath that the said Benjamin R. Locke was of sound, disposing mind, Memory at the time of the execution of said Will as aforesaid, he witnessed the same at the request of said B. R. Locke -

And the said John Mercer being duly sworn maketh oath that he resides in the County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina, that his name attached to the annexed Will of Benjamin R. Locke is his genuine signature, that he saw the said Benjamin R. Locke sign said Will in his presence, that he also saw the other Subscribing Witnesses D. B. Evans & Christopher C. Mercer sign their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said B. R. Locke, at his request, the said Benjamin R. Locke then & there acknowledged said Will to be his last Will, Testament, the said John Mercer further maketh oath that the said B. R. Locke was of sound

& disposing mind & memory at the time of the Execution of said Will as aforesaid;

And the said Christopher C. Mercer maketh Oath that he resides in the County of Brunswick & State of North Carolina & that his name attached to the annexed Will of B. R. Locke as witness thereto is his genuine signature, & that he saw the said B. R. Locke sign said Will in his presence & that he also saw the other subscribing witnesses D. B. Coons & John Mercer sign their names as witnesses thereto in the Presence of the said B. R. Locke & at his request, that said B. R. Locke then & there acknowledged said Will to be his last Will & Testament & the said Christopher C. Mercer further maketh oath that the said B. R. Locke was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of the execution of said Will as aforesaid — In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Smithville this the 15th day of April 1845 there being no seal of office

Christopher C. Mercer

The State of North Carolina.

Richmond M. Pearson Esqr.

To all to Whom these Presents Shall Come — Greeting:

Be it Known, that Hon. Richmond M. Pearson whose name in his own proper hand writing is subscribed to the annexed certificate is and was at the time of granting the same one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity in and for the State of North Carolina and that his said Certificate is in due form.

Seal

In testimony Whereof I William A. Graham Governor of North Carolina, have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed — Done at the City of Raleigh, this 17th day of April in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty five and in the 69th year of the Independence of the United States

Wm A. Graham

By the Governor

A. W. Graham Private Secretary.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Probate Court May Term 1845

Ordered by the Court that the foregoing writing be established as the last Will and testament of Benjamin R. Locke deceased and that the same be Recorded and filed

Wm J. Bailey Judge of Probate