Item 11th I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah guardian of the person and Estate of my Daughter Josephine

Item 12th I hereby nominate and appoint my son James G Collins & my son in law Samuel Mellen of this my last Will and testament and in the event of the refusal of either of them to qualify or act or in the event of their death or resignation it is expressly provided I hereby vest in this Will the either one of them to act as would have vested under them joint qualification & joint action

The words interlined above the line on fourth page being signature

Signed sealed and published by the testator in the presence of the undersigned who each signed and attested in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other this 8 day of July 1857

Stanley Collins

Collen Peers
A T Jennings
James M Mills

In the Matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Stanley Collins deceased

Be it remembered that a certain paper writing dated July the 8th 1857 and attested by Collen Peers A T Jennings & James M Mills and purporting to be the last will and testament of Stanley Collins deceased having been presented at the proper time for Probate and it being satisfactorily shown to the Court that said Stanley Collins departed this life at his residence in the County aforesaid the day of 1854 and the said Collen Peers A T Jennings and James M Mills having this day affirmed in open Court and on oath stated that the said paper writing was signed sealed published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will & testament in their and each of their presences and that they and each of them signed their names thereto at the request and in the presence of said testator and in the presence of each other and that said Stanley Collins was at the time of said signing &c of said paper writing of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age. Whereupon the premises being considered It is ordered adjudged and decreed that said paper writing dated and attested as aforesaid be and the same is hereby established as the true original last Will and Testament of Stanley Collins deceased and admitted to Probate and ordered to be recorded

J H Portell Judge

The last Will & Testament of Hugh Ward dec'd } Filed for Probate November term Probate Court M.C. 1859

The State of Mississippi – Madison County.

In the name of God Amen:

I Hugh Ward of the said State and County, being now sick, & of a disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament, revoking all former wills heretofore made.

I bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Ann, the house and lot of land on which I now live with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, in fee simple, together with the household and kitchen furniture, the crop and Stock, also I bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Ann during her natural lifetime my negro boy Andy and old man Charly, and at her death I bequeath old man Charly and boy Andy to Robert C Luckett.

I also have a note on Oliver C Luckett for twelve hundred and fifty dollars, the price of my negro woman Mary dated January 16th 1855 – and due January 16th 1859. The interest accruing on the above note of twelve hundred and fifty dollars I will Oliver C Luckett to pay over annually to my wife Martha Ann and at her death the principal with the interest of any still due to be equally divided between Oliver C Luckett & Robert C Luckett and Robert C Luckett.

After the death of my beloved wife Martha Ann I will and bequeath all my land and tenements to my nephew Patrick H Ward, son of my brother James Ward.

I constitute Patrick H Luckett and Robert C Luckett Executors to my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affix my seal this October 15th 1859.

Hugh Ward (Seal)
by C O'Leary Sen

Signed and sealed in presence of us subscribing Witnesses

C O'Leary (seal)
G. G. Luckett (seal)
Hiram Ward (seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } November Term 1859

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of Hugh Ward dec'd }

Be it remembered that at this term of this Court a certain paper writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Hugh Ward deceased, dated October 15th 1859, and attested by C O'Leary, G. G. Luckett and Hiram Ward as witnesses

to this Court for probate and establishment, and that said O Ebenezer, and Thomas Ward, two of the subscribing witnesses to said Will, having appeared in open Court and, after being duly sworn stated and said that they signed the said paper writing as the last will and testament of the said Ward deceased, in the presence & at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other, and that he the said Hugh Ward at the time of such request and declaration was of sound & disposing mind and memory, more than twenty one years of age, and that he was resident of the State and County aforesaid

After which E O'Leary the remaining witness to said Will being duly sworn stated and said that he signed the said Will for the testator as his last will and testament, and that he also signed the same as a witness with the understanding that it was the last will & Testament of the said Hugh Ward deceased, that he saw the will to said Testator, although it was necessary occasionally to arouse the testator from the stupor under which he was then laboring (brought on the testator by the medicine which testator had taken or from the the sickness with which testator was seized) but to the said O'Leary thought when so occasionally aroused that testator understood him and recognised the provisions of said will and assented to them, the said O'Leary thought the said testator memory was at that time sound, knew that he the said testator was more than twenty one years of age and that he was a resident of the county & state aforesaid. Therefore it is adjudged, ordered & decreed that the said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Hugh Ward deceased be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and established as the last will and testament of the said Hugh Ward deceased, and ordered to be filed and recorded as such

November 16th 1859 — J H Portell Judge of

Non-Cupative Will of Elias Scott decd } Filed for probate August Term 1859 of the Probate Court Madison County Miss

I wish my wife to have her share of my estate provided she does not claim her dower in my land If she does, she is only to have one share.

I wish the balance of my property equally divided between my children. If my daughter should die without issue I want one half of what they get from my estate with it increase to return to my heirs, the balance to her husband

I wish three of my children who are of age to have twenty five hundred dollars as soon as practicable or as soon as my executor can arrange to pay the same either in money or property, and I desire that Mrs Gibson be paid her twenty five hundred dollars in property

I wish my property kept together until my wife shall marry or until my youngest child becomes of age. I wish my sons John and John Haynes to act as executors on my estate

. The above are the testamentary words spoken by Elias Scott about 24th July AD 1859

Philip Raiford
W M Covington

In the Matter of the application to admit to Probate a certain paper writing purporting to be the Non Cupative Will of Elias Scott Decd } Probat Court Madison County Mississippi September Term 1859

Be it remembered that a certain paper marked here filed, purporting to contain the testamentary words of Elias Scott decd and his Nuncupative will having been filed at a former Term of this Court by John & Haynes and John Scott and citations having issued for Mary Gibson, (the said Mary being a child of said Elias Scott) and her husband Augustus Gibson, and citations having also issued for Sarah Scott his widow, and also for Alfred, Wingfield and Virginia Scott, and all returnable to this term of the Court, and said citations having been returned executed, and it further appearing that three of said children and next of kin Alfred, Wingfield and Virginia Scott are minors and a Guardian ad litem having been appointed, and the answer of said infant by their Guardian ad litem, George Harris showing no cause why said Testamentary words should not be established as the non cupative Will of said Scott, and it appearing that all of the children & next of kin resident in this State have been cited to contest the same, and Philip Raiford and Wm Covington each having appeared in Open Court at the present Term & stated on oath that said Elias Scott departed this life at his residence

habitation in this County on the 24th July last and that very shortly before his death and when in extremis and about a half hour before dissolution, and in view of his affirmation dissolution the said Elias Scott called in them and Dr J K Mann to take notice as witnesses that the words thereafter spoken by him were his last Will and testament, and thereupon said Scott did proceed to speak the testamentary words set forth in paper A and signed by said Raford and Carpenter, and they further stated that said paper contains correctly the testamentary words spoken by said Scott and they further stated that said Scott was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and a resident citizen of Madison County

Therefore the premises being considered, it is hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that said words contained in said paper "A" contain the true last Will of said Elias Scott Decd and that the same be admitted to record as the nuncupative will of said Elias Scott Decd, and that letters testamentary be granted to John E Magruder & John Scott on their executing Bond with good security in the penalty of forty thousand dollars

J H Postell Reg
Judge &c

Last Will & Testament of Thomas B Barnett dec'd

Filed July Term 1859

In the name of God, Amen. — I Thomas B Barnett of Madison County Mississippi State being of sound mind do make and declare this to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath everything I am worth in money and land ~~and~~ that dues me in any way, all interest in the suit I have against S W Denny and J W Denny Executor of S S Denny and I bequeath to my wife Margaret L Barnett during her natural life; then to be equally divided between my two sons Benj B, and Joseph M Barnett then their heirs forever. I appoint my wife M L Barnett and my son Benj B Barnett Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and testament. That they act in all things as I would wish I living. That no security be required of them. That no account or report made to Court the amount is small and I want them to incur as little expense as possible. As witness my hand and seal

Novemb. 21st 1856

Attest

Geo W Stewart

M T Denny

T B Barnett (Seal)

In the matter of the last Will & Testament of T B Barnett Dec'd } Probat County of Madison County Mississippi

Be it remembered that a certain paper dated Novemb. 21st 1856 and attested by Geo W Stewart and M T Denny and purporting to be the last Will and Testament of T B Barnett dec'd, having been proved by B B Barnett for Probat, and it being satisfactorily shown to the Court that said T B Barnett departed this life about the 20th of June 1859 and that he had at the time of his death a fixed place of residence in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi and said George W Stewart having appeared in open Court and stated on oath that the said paper was signed and published by the said testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of deponent and the other subscribing witness, and that deponent and the other attesting witness each signed their names thereto in the presence and at the request of said Thomas B Barnett and in the presence of each other, & that said Thos B Barnett was at the time of signing of said writing sitting of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one years of age

Therefore the premises being considered, it is ordered and adjudged & decreed that said paper dated and attested as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby established as the last Will and Testament of Thomas B Barnett and admitted to Probate as such to be recorded.

It is further ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted to B B Barnett without security being required ~~and be the number~~ it appearing that the other executor therein named has renounced his right to the Executorship

J H Cotten Clerk &c

Petition of Anne J Gordon for Probate of the last Will & Testament of D J Gordon dec'd

To the Hon: J H Portlle Judge of the Probate Court of Madison County & State of Mississippi

Respectfully shews, the petitioner of Anne J Gordon of said County & State. That on or about the 17th day of August 1859 David J Gordon her husband of said petitioner & late of said County departed this life in the distant State of Virginia at a place known as Old Point Comfort. That in his lifetime the said decedent made and published his will & testament, duly executed for passing both his Real & Personal Estate in her to your petitioner. That said will is subscribed by Joseph Hoy and W B Kimball as witnesses to the execution thereof, both of whom with as your petitioner believes in the City of New Orleans State of Louisiana

And this petition further shews that said Testator died possessed of a plantation & negroes lying in the County of Issaquena State aforesaid besides sundry lands, Notes &c in the County of Madison same State, in all valued at one hundred and twenty thousand dollars

Your petitioner being desirous of fulfilling the wishes of Testator, therefore prays that to the end that said will may be established, a commission may issue in manner and form prescribed by statute in this behalf, directed to some suitable person ~~to~~ residing in said City of New Orleans State of Louisiana as Commissioner to take the deposition of said subscribing witnesses Joseph Hoy and W B Kimball in the matter of said Will, and that upon return of said Commission & deposition said will may be admitted to Probate and ordered for record

And your petitioner further prays that at a proper time it may please your Honor to grant her Letters Testamentary of said last Will & Testament, upon taking the oath prescribed by law and entering into bond in such sum and with such security as may be approved by your Honor, and that your Honor may make such other order as may seem meet and proper in the premises

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Anne J Gordon
By W C Love

Commission to take Deposition

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

To D. J. Ricards, Notary Public and Commissioner for the State of Mississippi, in the City of New Orleans Louisiana

Greeting

Know ye, that trusting to your fidelity

competency and circumspection, we have appointed you a commissioner and by this present, do require and authorize you to examine upon oath or affirmation to be by you administered Joseph Hoy and William Baker Kimball, subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing hereunto annexed, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of D S Gordlee deceased, now depending in the probate court of Madison County State of Mississippi for probate: to specially require said witnesses to answer and state distinctly upon oath or affirmation aforesaid, to the interrogatories accompanying this commission and to plainly and distinctly set down in writing and certify under your hand & seal their examination and answers to said interrogatories, and to return the same unto our said Court, together with this Writ and the writing annexed enclosed.

Witness the Hon: J H Portlee Judge of Probate in and for said County the Second Monday in October AD 1859 & seal of said Court

Issued the 11th day of Oct 1859

George Ward Clerk

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

In the Matter touching the Probate of a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Daniel S. Gordlee filed in said Court for Probate –

Interrogatories to be propounded to Joseph Hoy and William Baker Kimball, citizens of the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana the answers to which may be offered in evidence in proof of the due execution of said Will & Testament.

1st Inty — to Joseph Hoy

Did you or not witness the paper as the last Will & Testament of D S Gordlee ~~does~~ annexed to the commission accompanying these interrogatories? If yes, at what instance? Were you or not requested to witness it by the testator? Did, or did not William Baker Kimball & yourself, sign said paper in the presence and at the request of the ~~testator~~ said D S Gordlee and also in the presence of each other? Are you acquainted with the hand-writing of said D S Gordlee? If yes, do you or not recognize said paper writing as the genuine hand-writing of said D S Gordlee?

Did he, or not, state at the time that said paper writing was signed by him that the same was in his own hand-writing?

Was or was not the said D. S. Gordlee of sound and disposing mind and memory & more than twenty one years of age, at the time you witnessed said paper?

If you know anything further that will be of advantage in probating said paper & establishing it as the last Will & Testament of the said D S Gordlee, state the same fully.

308 2d. Interrogatory. To William Butler Kimball

Did you or not witness the paper, annexed to the commission accompanying these interrogatories, as the last Will & Testament of D S Gordon? If you, at whose instance? Were you or not requested to witness it by the testator Did or did not Joseph Hoy & yourself sign said paper in the presence and at the request of David S Gordon, and also in the presence of each other? Are you acquainted with the handwriting of said D S Gordon? If you, do you or not recognise said paper writing as the genuine hand-writing of D S Gordon; Did he or not at the time you witnessed said paper writing state that it was his last Will & Testament, and was in his own hand-writing?

Was, or was not the said D S Gordon of sound and disposing mind and memory & more than twenty one years of age at the time you witnessed said paper?

If you know anything further that might be of advantage in probating said paper and establishing it as the last Will & testament of said D S Gordon state the same fully

Deposition of Witnesses; taken before me, Daniel S. Ricards, a Commissioner for the State of Mississippi, in & for the State of Louisiana duly commissioned and authorized by the Governor of the State of Mississippi at my office in the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana on the Eighteenth day of October AD 1839, between the hours of ten o'clock AM & five o'clock PM on said day in pursuance of a Commission hereto annexed to be read as evidence in the matter ~~pending in the~~ touching the Probate of a certain Paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of David S Gordon (deceased) now depending in the Probate Court of the County of Madison State of Mississippi, for Probate

Joseph Hoy; a witness known to me to be of lawful age and being by me first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in regard to the matter in controversy aforesaid, did then and there on his oath aforesaid depose and say as follows, to wit;

To First interrogatory he answers:

I was = at the instance of said Gordon = I was = We did = I am; = The portion of said Will down to the words "College Mates" was written by the said D S Gordon — The balance of said Will was written by me, at the request and dictation of said Gordon in his room in the St Charles Hotel in New Orleans = All except that portion written by me at his request and dictation = He was = I know nothing further

and hereunto signs his name

Joseph Hoy

William Baker Kimball, a Witness, known to me to be of lawful age and being by me first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in regard to the matter in controversy aforesaid, did then and there on his Oath aforesaid depose and say as follows to wit

To Second Interrogatory he answers:

I did:= At the instance of said D S Goodloe = I was = We did = I am, the first portion of said will down to the words "College Mates" was written by the said D S Goodloe, the balance of said Will was written by Joseph Hoy: He stated that the same was the last Will and testament, but he did not state that the whole of it was written by him – He signed it as his last Will & testament and so declared it at the time; and we both signed it with him = He was = I know to nothing further

and hereunto signs his name

Wm Baker Kimball

State of Louisiana }
City of New Orleans }

I, Daniel J Ricards a Commissioner for the State of Mississippi, in and for the State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and authorized by the Governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby certify and make known that the foregoing depositions of Joseph Hoy and William Baker Kimball were taken before me on the day between the hours & in the place mentioned in the Caption hereof and that the examination responses & statements of each of said deponents were reduced to writing by me in their presence & by them respectively sworn to & subscribed to in my presence at the time and place aforesaid

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal in New Orleans the Eighteenth day of October AD 1859

L S

D J Ricards
Comr for Mississippi

Last Will & Testament of D S Goodloe deceased

July 30th 1859

In the name of God who has been my stay and source of my gratitude and who will soon be my portion forever, and of his only Son my Savior, in whom I believe with the assent of my mind the trust of my heart and consent of my will & of the Holy Spirit in whom I fully trust for sanctification, I make this my last will & testament – In the first place I wish my true and devoted wife, Anna I Goodloe to give to Wm C Lee, Irvings life of Washington, & to distribute my cows among son & & bests give me by my college Mates, and other presents made me by other friends to my daughter –

In the Second place, I give and bequeath to my wife Anne S. Goodloe every species of property that I own, whether real or personal, notes, claims &c included which I may have against other persons which may be found in the states of Louisiana & Alabama, or the Counties of Issaquena & Madison in the state of Mississippi

This bequest of all my property to my wife Anne S Goodloe is made with a view of having all my debts first settled

Witness, present
Joseph Hoy
William Baker Kimball

D S Goodloe

In the Matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of David S Goodloe dec'd

Upon reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Anne S Goodloe, for the probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last Will & Testament of David S Goodloe deceased late resident of this County, and for letters of administration with the Will annexed; and on reading the depositions of Joseph Hoy and William Baker Kimball now on file in this Court, said Hoy and Kimball being subscribing witnesses to said last Will & Testament, the Court after reading and maturely considering the same, being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last Will and Testament of said David S Goodloe deed as to the personalty, and that said D S Goodloe was on the day of the date of said will, that is to say on the thirtieth day of July A D One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine of lawful age to devise, and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and of right, and in law entitled to make said Will,

It is thereupon considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and original last Will & Testament of the said David S Goodloe deceased.

J H Postell Judge

John G. Powell Last Will

In the name of god amen
I John G Powell being in ffile health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do hereby make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament here by revoking all others by me heretofore made
Item 1 I wish all my just debts and burial expences to be paid
Item 2 It is my will that my Real and personal Estate of every kind and character whatever except that hereafter and differently disposed of by this my will should belong absolutly to my Brother William W. Powell, but I desire that my Executor herein after named should cultivate my plantation in Madison County, Mississippi, with the hands now upon it and pay over at the end of each year the proceeds of the crops raised thereon for the space of five years or untill the said William W. Powell arrives at the age of twenty one years between my two aunts Mary T. Dudley and Sarah A Kenedy residing in the State of Kentucky share and share alike of said proceeds to be equaly divided between them, but whenever the said William W Powell arrives at the age of twenty one years It is my will that my executor turn over and deliver to him my said plantation and the personal property thereon including negros mules horses &c in fact every thing upon the place
Item 3 I give and bequeath to my uncle Hobson Powell all money due or to become due me for Real Estate sold in the State of Kentucky and hereby direct my Executor to pay over the same to him or his heirs whenever Collected
Item 4 I also give and bequeath to my said Uncle Hobson Powell whatever may be realized as my share from the mercantile partnership of Powell & Jeffries Composed of Myself and William S Jeffries after The debts of the partnership have been paid off and discharged
Item 5 I hereby nominate and appoint my uncle George M. Powell as Executor to this my last will and testament and desire that he be not required by the Probate Court to give Security upon his Bond as such Executor

In testamony whereof witness my hand and seal
this 18th day of January AD 1860
signed sealed published acknowledged by the testator as his last will and testament and our presence and by us signed as witness below in his presence and in the presence of each other

John G. Powell (Seal)

James L. Meek
James McFarland
F. Warren Baughn

In the matter of a certain paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of John G. Powell Decd

Probate Court of Madison County March Term 1860

Be it remembered that a certain paper dated 18th January A.D. 1860 and attested by James L. Meek, James McFarland and F. Warren Baughn as witnesses and purporting to be the last will and Testament of John G. Powell, being first duly sworn, in this Court, for Probate, and thereupon appeared in open court James L. Meek James McFarland and F. Warren Baughn who being duly sworn each and all of them stated that said John G. Powell at the time of his death had a fixed residence in the County of Madison. that the paper now offered for Probate and attested by them was signed by John G. Powell on the date thereof in the presence of each and all of said witnesses, and was by him published and declared to be his last will and Testament and that they each and all at his request and by his direction signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other, And that at the time thereof said John G Powell was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age. Therefore premises being considered, It is hereby ordered and adjuged said paper signed and dated and attested as aforesaid be admitted to Probate and Record as the true last will and Testament of John G. Powell Decd and that Letters Testamentary be granted to George M. Powell the Executor therein named. upon his entering into bond in the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars, without security, all security being dispensed with in the said will. Ordered adjudged and decreed this 24th day of March AD. 1860

Joseph H. Postlethwaite (Seal)
Judge &c

Parish of New Orleans }
and City of }
New Orleans and }
State of Louisiana }

Be It remembered that on this The Twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Nine, I write Sign and Date with My own hand this my last Will and Testament. I hereby revoke all former Wills made by me. I hereby Constitute and appoint John R Simmes a Citizen of the State of Mississippi my lawful Executor. I hereby will that after the payment of My just Debts Shut the Balance of My effects be Given to Andrew G Simmes, the only Son of the Said John R Simmes

A.H. Simmes

In the matter of the Probate }
of an instrument in writing }
purporting to be the last Will }
and Testament of A.H. Simmes dec^d }

This Cause coming on to be heard at this Term, and It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the testimony of witnesses that the said testament was wholy written and Subscribed by the said A.H. Simmes himself, and that the said A.H. Simmes at the date of the Execution of the Same was of sound and disposing Mind and Memory and over Twenty one years of age and had no fixed place of residence at the time of his death and that the greater part of the property bequeathed by said Will Consisted of Personal Estate in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed, that said instrument in writing be and the same is hereby admitted to Probate as the last Will and Testament of the Said A.H. Simmes dec^d, and that the same be recorded as such

Ordered adjudged and decreed now

14th 1859

G.H. Postell
Judge &c

Last Will of Alfred Galloway

In the name of God amen

I Alfred Galloway of Madison County in the State of Mississippi Being at the time in good health and sound ~~mind~~ and perfect mind and memory. But calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make and publish this as my last Will and testament. In manner and form following, Revoking all others previously made first of all I desire that all my just debts be paid to this end I desire that all my chattles property of every kind and discription be sold — Secondly I desire that my son George have the sum of two hundred dollars as a reward in part for his faithfull servis rendered me on the farm and an Eight of land. The Westermost Eight of the three Eights which I now own in Pearl River bottom In case my Wife Louisa thinks proper to lay her dower in said Eight of land In that case it is my wish and desire that the sum granted to my son George be four hundred dollars instead of two hundred — for my sole object in specifying this sum to my son George is to do him justice and not to give him advantage over his Brothers or my Wife Louisa Beside the land and money before mentioned, I desire that he share equal with my Wife Louisa and his Brothers Charles and James share and share alike. Lastly I make and appoint my three Sons Charles James and George my Executors of this my last will and testament In Witness where of I have hereunt set my hand & seal this sixth day of February 1856

Witness H. J. McKee — A. Galoway (Seal)

State of Mississippi } In the matter of certain
Madison County } instrument of writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of
Alfred Galloway deceased. Be it remembered
that at a term of the Probate court of Madison
County State foresaid began and held at the
Court House in the City of Canton in the County
and State aforesaid on the second Monday of
Feb 1860 personally appeared in open court
J. H. McKee subscribing Witness to a certain
instrument of writing purporting to be the last
Will and testament of Alford Galloway he being
duly sworn deposed and said that said
Alfred Galloway ~~[illegible]~~ signed sealed and published
declared said instrument as his last Will and

Testament in his presence on the day of the date hereof. That said Testator was at that time of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and that the Testator was at the time a resident of Madison County that he signed said Will testament as witness at the instance and request of said testator Therefore It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the foregoing Will be and the same is hereby established as the last will and testament of the said Alfred Galloway deceased and it further appearing that the whole estate to be administered upon is about sixteen hundred dollars It is further ordered that the Executor nominated in said will be required to give bond in the sum of two thousand Dollars with W G Dancy & M L Dunkins as surveties Ordered adjudged and decreed this 18th day of Feby 1866

J. A. Postell
Judge &c

Last Will of Judith B Jones

In the name of God Amen I Judith B Jones of Madison County State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory do make and Ordain this my last will and testament, revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made.
My funeral expenses, including those of my last illness, are first promptly to be paid, and those of my just debts if any. I give and devise to my Daughter Mary M. Whitehead my negro Woman Tilla. my negro man William, Wiley a boy and Margaret a small girl To my daughter Martha B. McCauley. I give and devise, my negro man Reuben and Tom, and my negro woman Pimpy. To my Daughter Elizabeth H. Howell. I give and devise, my negro man Vincent my negro Woman Susan and her two Children Offa and Fanny and my negro Boy John, and my Carriage and Carriage horses And lastly I nominate and appoint Nathan B Whitehead Executor of this my last Will and testament In witness whereof I hereunto put my name and affix my seal in the presence of William Davis Jr and the Revd J. M. Pugh This the Sixth day of July Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. Judith B Jones (Seal)

Signed sealed and published by the testratix as and for her last will and testament, in Our presence at her Request, and in the presence of her and in the presence of of each Other. We J. M. Pugh and William Davis Jr hereunto Write Our names as Witnesses on the of the date thereof July 6th 1857

J. M. Pugh
Wm. Davis Jr

In the matter of a certaine paper writen purporting to be Last Will and testament of Judith B Jones Decd

Be It remembered that a certain instrument of writing. dated The 6 day of July AD 1857 and attested by Wm Davis Jr and J M Pugh and purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Judith B Jones dec'd, having been filed in this Court at a former term thereof. coming in now to be considered, and the said J M Pugh and Wm Davis Jr subscribing witnesses as aforesaid having this day appeared in open Court in obedience to the precep of this Court. after being duly sworn stated, that they saw the said Judith. B. Jones sign seal. publish and declare said instrument of writing as and for her last will and testament on the day and date thereof and that they and each of them signed said instrument as witnesses as aforesaid in the presence and at the request of said testatrix and in the presence of each other, they further testified that said testatrix, at the time of signing and sealing said instrument as aforesaid was of sound and disposing mind and memory. More than twenty one years of age a free sole and a resident citizen of Madison County

It is further ordered adjudged and decreed and the Court doth hereby order adjudge and decree that said paper writing dated and attested as afore said be and is hereby established as the true original last Will & testament of the said Judith B Jones dec'd and that the same be admitted to record according to law

It is further ordered that letters testamentary on the Estate of said Judith B Jones dec'd be granted to Nathan B Whitehead on his taking the oath presented by law and entering into bond in the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars with M. J. McKee and A. S. Rapaue as his securities

It is further ordered that A. G. Ropeau Asa Coleman A. W. Clark. & C Dunn. and A. J. Beard be and they are hereby appointed Comrs of this Court to appraise the personal property of said dec'd and that they report their actions herein to the next term of this Court thereafter

J. H. Pastee
Judge &c

Last Will of Oscar L Dewes

I Oscar L Dewes of Madison County State of Mississippi being of sound mind, do make and declair this my last Will and testament for the disposition of all my property

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary H Dewes all my property both personal and Real Estate to have and to hold said property during her life and at her death to be divided among my Children in such portions as she may direct

2nd I request and desire That Eugene J. Hinton and John Robinson both of Madison County State of Mississippi Will be appointed the Guardians of My Children

3d I ordain and appoint My dear Wife Mary H Dewes and Eugene J. Hinton as Executors to this My Will and Testament

In Testimony Whereof I I hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament in the presence of the Witnesses named below

This Fift day of December A.D. 1859

Witnesses
R E Anderson
John Robinson
Chas. D. Dewes

Oscar L. Dewes (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court December
Madison County ss } Term 1859

In the Matter of the Last Will and testament of Oscar L Dewes Dec'd

This day was produced in open Court a written instrument purporting to be the last Will and testament of Oscar L Dewes Dec'd and thereupon also come Robt E Anderson John Robinson Chas D Dewes subscribing Witnesses thereto. Who being first duly sworn deposed and said they were present and saw said testator sign seal acknowledge Publish and declare said instrument to be his last Will and testament That said testator was at the

318 time of signing of sound and disposing mind and over twenty one years of age that these deponents signed their names as attesting witnesses to said instrument on the day and year of its date in the presence of the testator and in presence of each other.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument be and the same is hereby established as the true original and last Will and testament of said O L Reeves Dec'd and that it be Recorded and filed in this Court

Ordered Adjudged Decreed this 12th day of December A.D. 1859

J. H. Poston
Judge &c

Last Will of Robert Murry

In the name of god amen

I Robert Murry of Madison County State of Mississippi this day of March 7th 1860 make this my last Will and dying testament to wit I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Angeline Murry the following named Negroes Anderson Millie and her two children Nancy and Lilla also Willis, and to my Wife Elizabeth Willis and child Mary I bequeath ~~my~~ also bequeath my real Estate equally among the following named persons My Wif and child Brother Barney. Sister Mary Ellen and Catherine each of the named persons to hold an equal division of the land for ever. Three hundred and twenty acres lying in Madison County Township eleven, range three East also a division of twenty head of cattle more or less. four Mules, and one horse about thirty head of hogs. more or less. To be equally divided also. The farming utensils to be left for the use of the farm. The place The Buggy and Carriage to be left to my Wife and Child I also want all the property of the Child to revert to the Mother. In Case of her death. during minority In case of the death of my Wife and child. I revert the said property to my Brother Barney. and sister Catherine Murphy and Mary Ellen Kelly

I nominate and appoint Jeremiah Murphy executor of this my last Will and testament. of him I require no security he may assume and execute the trust

In witness whereof I hereto set my name and seal this 7 day of March 1860. Witnesses J. S. Whitworth John Hargrove Robt Murry (Seal)

Madison County March 7th 1860

I Robert Murry in my proper mind do agree to give to My Brother Barney four Negroes named. Hugh. Hannah. Susan. and Child. Silvester for value received

Test John Hargen
John T Whitworth

Robert Murry (Seal)

In the matter of a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Robert Murry Dec

Probate Court
Madison County
Mississippi Mar Term 1860

Be it remembered that Jeremiah Murphy having filed in this Court at the present Term a certain instrument in writing dated the 7th March 1860 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Murry. and having filed his Petition and application for the Probate thereof, and on the 13th day of the present Month and second day of the Present Term of the Court. personally appeared in open Court John Hargen and G W Grafton who each being duly sworn stated on oath that at the date of said instrument said Murphy was a resident citizen of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi. and more than twenty one years of age. that he was then of sound and disposing mind and memory that they were each present at the execution of said instrument, that the said Murry dictated the terms of said instrument to the drafts~~man~~ thereof and that the same was after its preparation again carefully read over by the Witness Hargen to the said Murry. and by him approved, and the signature of Robert Murry was appended thereto by Hargen by the directions of said Murry and that said Murry appended thereto in his own hand writing his Mark or Crop. and that he published and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of each and all ~~of the~~ three of said ~~witness~~ Witnesses and the ~~each~~ at the same all by request subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other, and the Witness G W Grafton stated that he had signed his name in an official capacity, simply because he believed, as did others present that it would give additional validity to his signature by affixing thereto his Official Certificate. that he intended thereby to make himself a Witness to the said instrument and that he signed intending to be an attesting

witness thereto, and the witness Hargon stated that the said Robert Murry directed the paper to be taken by him and put away in his trunk and each of said two witnesses stated the paper before them was the identical paper published and declared by the testator as his Will

Be it further remembered that on the 1st day of March AD 1860 (and 6th day of the present Term of this Court) appeared in open Court J. & S. Whitworth who being duly sworn stated on oath that the said Robert Murry did on the 7th day of March 1860 direct John Hargon to subscribe his (Murrys) name to said instrument. That Murry being feeble, was unable to sign his name. that Murry subscribed and appened his mark or cross to the signature that he then published and declared said paper to be his Will in the presence of the persons whose names were appened, and that Witness Hargon and Grafton each subscribed their names thereto as attesting Witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the said Murry and by his directions and that Murry was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and a resident citizen of the County of Madison and State aforesaid. as he was also was a resident citizen thereof at the time of his death Therefore the premises being considered. the Court doth order adjudge and decree that said paper dated 7th March A.D. 1860 and attested as aforesaid. be and the same is hereby established as the true last Will and Testament of Robert Murry Decd and that the same be recorded. and admitted to Probate

And it is further ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted to Jeremiah Murphy the Executor named in the Will. on his giving Bond without security. security being dispensed with by the provisions of the Will

Ordered Adjudged and decreed this 17th day of March A D 1860

W H Postlethwaite (Seal)
Judge

(Certificate with back of Robt Murrays Will but overlooked and omitted in the foregoing copy of the same)

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } Personally appeared before me E W Grafton an acting Justice of the Peace in the aforenamed County of Madison, this day Robert Murray who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the within Will or Testament for the consideration and purposes therein specified as his own proper act and deed, Given under my hand o

seal, this the Seventh day of March A.D. 1860
attest
J. S. Whitworth
John Harper

J. N. Grafton J.P. (Seal)

Last Will of Rufus K Flack

In the name of God Amen.

I Rufus K Flack of the ~~Residency~~ of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory considering the uncertainty of life do therefore make ordain and declare and publish this to be my last Will and Testament. First I give and bequeath to my esteemed friend James M Allen of the City of New Orleans & State of Louisiana the following Slaves vz Almyra Ezekiel Francis Mary and Mary Harriet and the Sum of fifteen Hundred dollars to be paid out of the first Money realized from my Estate after the payment of all of my Lawful debts My Heirs will understand the object of the bequest to the said James M Allen and it is my particular desire that all should acquice and if any of them be so unreasonable as to throw any obstacle in the way of this provision of my will it is my desire that all such should be cut off with a Legacy not exceeding five dollars

The residue of my property both real and personal I give and bequeath to my Brother C. T. Flack & Sister Mrs Lorina Walker Mrs Matilda Holt Mrs Jane Holman Mrs Susan Chilcoat and the heirs of Mrs Musadora Roundtree to be divided equally between them Share & Share alike Mr James H Holman can take certain Stock of mine in his persession at Cost in part of his Miss legacy if he so desires likewise I make Constitute & appoint James M Walker of Camden Miss & James H Holman of Lincoln Co Tenn my Executors and they are authorised to act without being Compelled to give security. In witny whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of August A.D. 1860

R K Flack (Seal)

Addenda. My Sister Mrs Chilcoat may return my note which she holds and so doing redeem a negro Girl named Almeda which I purchased of her or for which the note was given—

The foregoing Instrument of writing was subscribed to by the said Rufus K Flack in our presence and acknowledged by him to each

of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last Will and testament and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witness hereto

August 1st 1860

J A Cooper (Seal)
J B Mafey (Seal)
A V Montgomery (Seal)

Madison County
State of Mississippi } Probate Court
August Term 1860

Be it remembered that at the present term of this Court & in this day a certain paper dated 1st August 1860 and attested by J A Cooper J B Mafey & A V Montgomery and pertaining to the the last will & Testament of Rufus K Flack & signed by R K Flack was presented for Probate and at this same time appeared in open Court J A Cooper. J B Mafey & A V Montgomery the attesting witness who after being sworn stated on oath that said paper was signed and sealed by said Rufus K Flack on the day of its date in the presence of each & all of said witness and by him in their presence published & declared to be his last will and testament and each of them in the presence of said Flack & at his request and in the presence of each other signed their names thereto as attesting witness and they farther stated on oath that said Flack was at the time a resident citizen of Madison County Mississippi having a place Mansion home and place of residence in said County and that he was more than twenty one years of age and of sound and disposing mind and memory therefore the premises being fully considered by the Court it is ordered and adjudged that said paper dated & attested as aforesaid be and the same is hereby admitted to Probate as the true last Will and Testament of said Rufus K Flack and ordered to be recorded as such and it is further ordered that letters testamentary be granted to the Executors therein named on their application for qualification and without any security ordered adjudged & decreed this 13 day of August A D 1860

S H Postell
Judge &c

Last Will of George C Light

In the name of God Amen

I George C Light of the County of Madison State of Mississippi of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of human life do make this my last Will and testament (hereby revoking all others)

in the words following (to wit) My body I commit to the earth from whence it sprang My soul I commit to God hoping for Salvation through the alone merits of our Lord Jesus Christ
As to my worldly goods I disposed of them as follows And first the place on which I live I will and bequeath to my Wife Ann T Light during her natural life and at her death twenty acres of the Land The same I bought from David R McCalister beginning at the S E Corner of Lands owned by David McFulton in the margin of the road leading to Sheavon thence with said road East thirty poles to a post thence from East end of said line with the line of said Fulton and the line of Lands I bought of M J McKie north so as to include twenty acres as will manifest appear by reference to the deed from said McCalister to me I will and bequeath to my Daughter Kate T Barlow The Lands adjoining the above which I bought of the above named McKie say twelve acres & a half beginning at the S E corner of said twenty acres in the margin of the Sharon Road thence with the same east twenty poles thence from each end of said line North so as to include the twelve acres & a half as discribed in the deed from McKie to me After my Wife is deceased I will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah V Tomlinson Lot No 8 of block No 1 of the subdivision of our Lot No 10 agreeably to a plot filed by me in the Clerks office of Marion County and State of Mississippi known as the Light addition of the City of Hammerlah in the County & State aforesaid I will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah V Tomlinson aforesaid I also Will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Sarah V Tomlinson aforesaid My Negro Girl Emely about twelve years old also my Negro Child Rachel about two years old
I will and bequeath to my Son James A Light my Negro man Isaac about twenty two years of age and also my Negro Child David about five years old. I will and bequeath to my Wife Ann T Light my Negro woman Sarah. I will and bequeath to my Daughter Kate T Barlow my Negro man Henry
I will and bequeath to my Grand Son John S Tomlinson and my Grand Daughter Virginia A Starling one Hundred Dollars each All the balance of my property real & personal ammount I will and bequeath to my Wife Ann T Light In witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord 1860 George C Light
Test

G.C

I hereby appoint my wife Ann T Light and A J Barlow Executors of this my last will and testament and do not wish them to give security unless the Law absolutely requires it
G C Light

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

Personally appeared in open Court J H Montgomery and John T Cameron who being duly sworn deposed and said they were acquainted with the hand writing of George C Light decd having frequently seen him write that the foregoing written instrument are the signature thereto is in the hand writing of said decd was sound and disposing mind and were then twenty one years of age and at the time of said testators death that he had a permanent place of residence in the County aforesaid. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that said testamentary be and the same is established as the true original and lost will & testament of said decd and that the same be filed in this Court and recorded Adjudged and decreed this 13th day of March A D 1860

S H Postell (Seal)
Judge

Last Will of David D Smith

December 27th 1859

Know all men by these presents that I David Smith of the County of Madison of the State of Mississippi do make & Constitute this my last Will & testament I do hereby bequeath to my Mother Martha Smith all of my Estate Both real & personal and I do hereby appoint make & constitute my Mother Martha Smith & Wm R Savage my Executors of this my last Will & testament

David D Smith

Witnesses
S H Finley
J A Hackett
A J Brantford

State of Mississippi
Madison County

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court being and held in afore said County at the Court House thereof on the 2nd Monday of January A D 1860 S H Finley J A Hackett & A J Brantford subscribing witnesses to the above instrument of writing pertaining to be the last will & testaments of David Smith and being dated the 27th December 1859 who having been first duly sworn deposed and said that David Smith signed sealed published and declared said above instrument as his last

will and testament in the presence of these deponents on the day of the date thereof that said testator was then of sound and disposing mind and memory and were then twenty one years of age and that the said deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto at the instance and request and in the presence of said testator and also in the presence of each other on the day of the date of the same will It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the said instrument be admitted to probate and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Dance Smith deceased It is further ordered and decreed on the Motion of Martha Smith named in said last will & testament that letters testamentary be granted to her on her taking the oath prescribed by statute and entering into bond in the sum of $15 000 with Wm R Savage
J H Thorn Securities The said Wm R Savage as executor in said last will and testament having refused to qualify as Executor

Signed in open Court this 10th Janry AD 1860

J H Postlle (Seal)
Judge

Last Will of Joseph Clark

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

I Joseph Clark of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory but mindful of the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do hereby make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all prior ones Item I hereby will devise and bequeath all the Estate real personal or mixed that I now have or may hereafter purchase at the time of my death of any and every kind whatever to my female children Mary E Cheatham Emily Cheatham & Sarah M Cheatham daughters of John H Cheatham and it is my design that this clause shall embrace and include whatever chances in action rights and credits whether legal or equitable that I now have or may have at the time of my death all of which I hereby will devise and bequeath to the above named grand Children it being my purpose and design that the above named devisees and legatees shall take the whole of my Estate at my death of every character whatever to the entire exclusion of my other Children and grand Children
form under my hand and seal this 16th day of
June AD 1856

Joseph Clark (Seal)

signed dated and published by the testator as his last Will and testament in the presence of the under signed who did subscribed their names hereto as attesting witnesses at the request and in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other

John T Cameron
Will S Bailey
J M Simmons

In the Matter of a Certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Joseph Clark decd

Be it remembered that a Certain paper writing dated the 16th day of June A.D. 1856 and attested by John T Cameron Will S Bailey and J M. Simmons subscribing witnesses thereto and purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Clark decd having presented by John H Cheatham at a former time of this Court for probate and now coming on to be considered and the said J T Cameron Will S Bailey & J M. Simmons attesting witnesses as aforesaid having this day personally appeared in open Court after being duly sworn deposed and said that they each of them signed said instrument in the presence and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other as the last will and testament of said Joseph Clark decd that at the time of the signing and sealing of said instrument said testator published and declared said instrument as his true last will and testament further at the time of the publishing and signing as aforesaid said testator was of sound ~~and~~ disposing mind and memory a resident of Citizen of Madison County and more than twenty one years of age

It is thereupon ordered adjudged and decreed that said paper writing dated and attested as afore said be and is hereby established as the true original last will & testament of said Joseph Clark decd and be admitted to probate and recorded according to law

Last Will of Ann A Gilmer

In the name of God Amen

I Ann A Gilmer wife of Thomas L Gilmer being of sound mind and disposing memory the consent of my said Husband having been first obtained thereto do make constitute and ordain this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made

Item 1 I recommend my soul to Almighty God who made it and

my body to the Earth from which it was Created to be interred in a decent manner with a head & foot stone to mark the spot with my name inscribed thereon

Item 2nd I wish all my Estate both real and personal to be kept together until all the debts and just demands against me are paid off and discharged.

" I give bequeath and devise unto my niece Mary C A Howard formerly Mary C A McLemore now the wife of Dr John G Howard all my real Estate lying and being in Madison County Mississippi being the same now in the possession of Dr J G Howard also the following named negro slaves viz Armistead Zina Henry Laura Bob Richmond Mike Handy Daniel Jemima Sam and Susan and their natural increase and all my Mules and Horses Cattle Hogs Black smith tools & all my plantation tools my Carriage and Horses and Pianno and all my personal property of any kind and character not otherwise disposed of by this will to my said niece Mary C A Howard for her sole use and benefit during the term of her natural life and at her death to descend to and be equally divided between her Children surviving her and in case any of said Children should die leaving Child or Children then such Child or Children to take the share of its or their deceased parent. But should my said niece have no Child or Children surviving her then it is my will that the before mentioned property devised and bequeath to her together with its natural increase and all accretions shall be disposed of by her as She may think fit and proper

Item 4 The remainder of my Negroes viz George his Wife Maria & their two Children Edna & Adeline I wish to be valued or appraised by three disinterested men to be selected by the Judge of the Probate Court of Madison County for that purpose and I desire that my said niece Mary C A Howard shall have the right and privilege if She desire it to take said negroes at the appraised price by paying the amount in four annual Equal installments with interest at six per Cent per annum from date of said appraisement. But in case my said Niece not be willing to take said negroes at the appraised value as aforesaid it is then my will that my Executor hereinafter to be named proceed to sell said negroes together or in one lot to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months the proceeds of sale when collected to be equally divided between my Brothers James K Pinkston Franklin C Pinkston John H Pinkston and Francis M Howard who was the Husband of my Sister Martha D Howard now deceased

Item 5 It is my wish and desire that the amount going to my Brother James K Pinkston from the sale of said negroes be kept for his use and benefit by me Executor who is hereby Constituted a trustee for that purpose

Item 6 I will to my niece Louisiana Pinkston daughter of James Pinkston twelve Hundred dollars to be expended by my Executors in the purchase of suitable negroes for her for the

sole use and benefit of my said niece and heirs

Item 7 I will to my Sister in Law Matilda J Pinkston wife of James Pinkston negro Boy Wash now in her possession which property together with its hire I give her at my death

Item 8 I will that Husband should keep for his use and benefit during the term of his natural life all my Household & Kitchen furniture and at his death or soon if he desires it the same shall go and belong to my niece Mary C A Howard

Item 9 It is my will that the portion bequeath by my Brother James K Pinkston for his use & benefit shall upon his death be equally devided between his Children then surviving & the descendants of any who may be dead the descendants of the dead Child or Children representing the share of the deceased parent or parents

Item 10 It is my will that my executors receive from the Executor of B F Harper deceased the sum of five Hundred dollars bequeath to me by the said B F Harper died and that the same be savorly applied by my Executor to the purpose designated in the will of the said B F Harper died

Item 11 I hereby constitute and appoint my tried and trusty friend Dr John G Howard as my Executor to carry out all the provisions of th[illegible] my last will and testament and I hereby acqui[illegible]rity be not demanded of him as the statute [illegible]ithful management of my Estate as I [illegible] confidence in his honesty & integrity

[illegible]stimony whereof witness my hand and seal this 16th day of December A D 1853

Ann A Gilmer (Seal)

Signed sealed acknowledged & published by the testator in her presence and by us signed as witnesses in her presence and in the presence of each other

O F Billingslea (Seal)
Simeon Holliday (Seal)
Henry Bacon (Seal)

Be it remembers that a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Ann A Gilmer decd being this day exhibited for Probate whereupon Oliver F Billingslea Simeon Holliday and Henry Bacon appeared in open Court and being first sworn to speak the truth testified that they were witnesses to the due execution of said Will that they and each of them saw the testator signe her name to said Will that she acknoledge the same in their presence and in the presence of each of them to be her last Will and testament that they and each of them signed their names as subscribing Witnesses to said Will at the request

of the testator and in her presence and in the presence of each other that the testator at the time of the execution of said will was of sound and disposing mind and Memory and more than twenty one years of age and had at the time of her death a fixed place of residence in Madison County Mississippi and it further appearing to the late factum of the Court that by the persons of an ante nuptial contracted entered into between the testatrix and her Husband Thomas L Gilmer in Montgomery County Ala and on the 18th day of October 1852 the said testator who was then a femme sole was giving the right and power of disposing of her property real and personal as a feme sole and in any manner that she might see proper to do so the persons concerned it is order adjudged and declared that the said instrument in writing as afore be and the same is hereby declared to be the last will and testament of the said Ann A Gilmer and be admitted to Probate and recorded and it is further ordered adjudged and declared that letters testamentary be issued by the Clerk of this Court to John G Howard the executor named in said will upon his Executing his said Bond contained according to Law in sum of twenty five thousand dollars

ordered adjudged and decreed July 10 1860

J H Postlee (Seal)
Judge &c

Last Will of H A H Lawson

State of Mississippi }
Madison County }

I Hugh A H Lawson of the County and state aforesaid being about to leave home on a traveling tour and knowing that accidents frequently happen I therefore in the event of my failure to return Will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my Property that to that end all my real Estate Except my House and lot where my family reside be sold that my Steam Mill interest be settled and the property sold and all debts due me be collected and applied to the payment of debts also the farm own by my self and Rodolph Mills in partnership as also what he owes me in short all my property of every kind shall be exhausted before any of the negroes be sold unless my wife should desire other wise after the payments of all my debts I give the rest and residue of my Property of every kind to my beloved Wife during her natural life or until she shall marry again She to take care and support all our Children and my nieces now living with us out of the property under certain said events happening Should she Marry again then she is to have one forth of all my property and the other three forths shall be divided in to three parts three shall be first taken from said 3/4 two thousand dollars one for Alice Lawson & the other for Lucy Harris and the

remainder to be divided equally between my Step daughter Emma & Molly and my son Hugh H Lawson giving my son two thousand Dollars more than either of the others as he is young and yet to be Educated and it will require about that sum to make him equal with them
I hereby nominate and appoint my Wife Mary V Lawson Executrix of this my last will and testament and request that she shall not be required to give any bond or security In the event of the death of my Wife then all my property shall be divided as I desire the 3/4 to be divided
In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this the 22nd day of June AD 1856
H O H Lawson (Seal)

State of Mississippi
Madison County } In the matter of the last will and testament of H O H Lawson decd

Be it remembered that a regular term of the Probate Court held in and for said County and state at the April term 1860 was presented an instrument of writing bearing date the 22nd June 1856 purporting to be the last will and testament of H O H Lawson decd whereupon S T Cameron & Geo Nance being sworn states that they were familiar with the handwriting of said H O H Lawson and that they recognized said instrument as being in the handwriting of said Lawson as were the body of said writing as the signature thereto that he was of sound mind at the time of the date thereof was a resident of said County & State and more than twenty one years of age whereupon the premis considered it is ordered adjudged and decreed that said writing be admitted to Probate and duly recorded as the true & original last will & testament of said H O H Lawson decd filed in this office and that letters testamentary be granted in appliance with the said testator as expressed in said will
March 13th 1860
S H Postell (Seal)
Judge &c

Last Will of Ann Chambers

I Ann Chambers of the County of Madison & State of Mississippi being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and testament
Item 1 It is my desire that all my just debts shall be first paid out of my Estate
" 2 After then payment of my debts I give and bequeath

unto my son Joseph C Bates and my Son in Law Willis B Harvey both of Holmes County Mississippi all the remaining portion of my Estate of whatever kind or description to be held by them in trust and for the use and benefit of my Grand Children Maria Louisa Field William B Field Ada Ann Field Thomas Field Henry Field Winfield Scott Field and Mary Singleton Field the said Joseph C Bates & Willis B Harvey Trustees as afore said to have the management and control of said estate to hire out the negroes or to sell them and loan the Money as they in their judgement shall deem best and the proceeds of hire or Interest on said Money to be used for the benefit of said Grand Children in Clothing and educating them as the age and circumstances of each shall require in the judgement of said Trustees and when any of said grand Children shall become of age or leave their Mother Mary Jane Field then his or her distributive share of said hire or interest on Money or rents or profits to stop unless there shall be more than sufficient of yearly income to Cloth Maintain and educate the remaining ones and there be more than sufficient for this purpose then the surplus to be divided amongst them annally I direct that all of said property belonging to me at the time of my death shall be held by said Trustees or the proceeds of it if they think best to sell it the profits alone to be used until the youngest of said Grand Children living shall become of age or marry and upon the happening of these events I direct that the whole property remaining shall be divided equally amongst the survivors and should any one of them die in the mean time leaving issue of their bodies leaving at the time of such distribution then said issue to take the distributive share of deceased Father or Mother

Item 3 I desire that my son Joseph C Bates and my son in Law Willis B Harvey shall qualify as Executors of this my last will & Testament and I hereby appoint them as such In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of August A.D. 1857 Ann Chambers (Seal)

Witness
O.R. Singleton
M A Singleton
Wm J Bailey

In the Matter of a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Ann Chambers Decd

Be it remembered that certain paper instrument of writing dated the 31st of August A.D. 1857 and attested by O R Singleton M A Singleton & Wm J Bailey was

this day presented for Probate and one of said subscribing witnesses to wit Will Bailey having appeared in open Court and being duly sworn stated that the signed & attested said instrument of writing in the presence and at the request of said testatrix and that at the date thereof, said testatrix acknowledged published and declared said instrument of writing as her true original last will & Testament and that said testatrix was at the date thereof of sound and disposing mind and memory more than twenty one years of age and a resident Citizen of Madison County and that at the time of her death she was a resident Citizen of said County

And it appearing that the said O.R. Singleton one of said subscribing witnesses is at the present time beyond the limits of this State and it further appearing that the said Singleton will be in this County of Madison in the course of two or three weeks it is therefore ordered that this Case be Continued until the next term of this Court

Last Will of Sarah Branch

I Sarah Branch of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi Considering the uncertainty of life and being sound in mind and Memory do make and publish this my last

Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say - First my will and desire is that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts out of the proceeds from all the growing crop of every description together with such other property as I possess which is not otherwise disposed of

Second I will and bequeath to my son James C Branch all my real Estate situated in Madison County Mississippi containing two Hundred and Eighty acres more or less being the same on which I now reside together with all the appurtenances or fixtures thereunto belonging also the following negro Slaves viz Patrick Matilda Hanner Caroline Ellick and Frances together with my stock of Cattle and Hogs Three Beds steads and bedding to be selected by himself all my table ware and kitchen furniture, also one mule to be selected by himself to him and his heirs forever

Third - I will to my Grand Children Lucy, Sallie, Maggie, Mary Lizie and William Henry jointly Children of my Deceased Daughter Margaret Henry the following negroes viz Harry Martha Hannah Emily and Katy - Said negroes to be kept and used by John M Henry their Father, for their maintanence and Education until they shall respectively arrive at age or marry at which time each of them are to draw their distributive share of said negroes and their increase Fourth - I will and bequeath to my Grand Children William, Sallie and Margaret Branch, Children of my deceased son William K Branch the following negroes viz Bob Clarissa Liza and Marion, to them their heirs forever

Fifth - I will to my Grand Daughter Lucy Henry, my Gold watch in addition to what I have left her jointly

Sixth I hereby constitute and appoint my sons James C Branch and John M Henry My Executors granting them full power to carry out this my last will and Testament and request that they shall not be required to give bond or Change any commissions In testimony I set my hand and affix my seal Oct 21st AD 1859

Sarah Branch (Seal)

This Will of Mrs Sarah Branch was signed in our presence.
James H Galloway
Alen H. Jenkins
J. A Crain

In the matter of a certain paper writing ~~pertaining~~ purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Branch dec'd

Be it remembered that a certain paper writing dated October 21st 1859 and attested by

Jas H Galloway Alex H Jenkins and J A Crain and purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Sarah Branch decd was this day produced in open Court by Jas C Branch and moved to be admitted to Probate & recorded

Whereupon Alex H Jenkins and J A Crain two of said subscribing witnesses being present in open Court ~~when~~ were duly sworn and testified to the execution &c of said paper writing

And the said Jas H Galloway the other subscribing witness not being present it was ordered that this application be Continued until to morrow

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In the matter of a certain paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Sarah Branch decd

Be it remembered that Jas C Branch & John M Henry having filed in this Court at the present term a certain paper writing dated the 21st Oct 1859 and attested by J H Galloway & H Jenkins & J A Crain, purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Branch decd and having made application for the Probate thereof and on the 9th day of the present Month and first day of this term of this Court personally appeared in open Court A H Jenkins and J A Crain who being duly sworn on oath states that said Sarah Branch at the time of her death was a resident Citizen of Madison County More than twenty one years of age and a feme sole that on the said 21st day of October A D 1859 said Sarah Branch signed sealed published and declared said instrument dated & attested as afore said to be as and for her last will & Testament in the presence of each and all of said witnesses and that they each of them signed said instrument in the presence and at the request of said Sarah Branch and in the presence of each other and of the other subscribing witness that at the time of signing sealing &c of said instrument said Sarah Branch was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age And on this day personally appeared in open Court the said James H Galloway who being duly sworn states on oath that he saw the said Sarah Branch on the said 21st day of Oct 1859 sign seal & publish and declare said instrument dated as aforesaid as her last Will & Testament and that he this deponent signed said instrument in the presence & at the request of said Sarah Branch and in the presence of the other said attesting Witnesses

Whereupon the premises being considered the Court doth order adjudge and decree that said paper dated and attested as aforesaid be & the same is hereby established as the true original last Will & Testament of Sarah Branch dec'd and that the same be recorded and admitted to Probate

And it is further ordered that letters Testamentary be granted to John M Henry & Sam'l Branch the Executors named in the Will on their taking the oath prescribed by law without bond or security the same being dispensed with by the provisions of the Will

It is further ordered that A. J. Dinkins W. F. Walker Lewis Finley and Jas H. Galloway be and are hereby appointed to appraise the personal property belonging to said deceased

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The Last Will and Testament of J J Collins

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } In the name of God Amen. I, James J Collins of the above named County being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all prior Wills. It is my Will and desire that my Mother Sarah Collins shall have my entire estate real and personal, of any and every kind whatever, it being the property bequeathed to A P Hill as Trustee for me by my father Stokely Collins, and it is also my Will and desire that all the accretions increase and gains of the said property shall go to my said Mother Sarah Collins, and any and every species of my property shall go to her and I devise and bequeath all my Estate real, personal, or mixed to her and I hereby authorize and expressly direct A P Hill Trustee as aforesaid to execute Deeds to my said Mother for all of the real estate devised to him as Trustee under the Will of Stokely Collins and he is also directed and empowered to execute to her Bills of Sale of all of the Negroes and other personalty held by in Trust, conveying said Real Estate and said personalty to my said mother, and he is also directed and authorized to execute any and all instruments that may be deemed necessary to convey and vest in her the title to all of said lands, negroes and other personalty, it being my Will and desire that my mother shall get my entire estate

I hereby nominate and appoint my mother Sarah Collins my Executor, and it is my desire that no letters Testamentary or of Administration shall be taken out on my Estate, but if it be deemed advisable or necessary that there should be an administration on the same, then I direct that letters Testamentary shall be granted to my mother Sarah Collins and that mother

Bond or Security shall be required of her. And to wave any misconception, it is expressly understood by me and so intended that all of the property above devised and bequeathed shall be charged with the annual instalments directed to be paid under the 6th clause of the Will of Starkey Collins

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal, publishing and declaring the Same as my last Will and Testament, this 6th December 1860

J J Collins (Seal)

Signed, Sealed, and published by James J Collins as his last Will and Testament in our presence and each of us at his request signed our names hereto as attending witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other this 6th day of December A D 1860.

C W Wood
J C Cochran
E D Ward
E Latham

As Trustee I hereby assent to the above Will and consent to execute its Stipulations, so far as I am concerned this 6th December 1860

Attest E D Ward
C W Wood
J C Cochran } A P Hall

In the Matter of a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J J Collins Deceased }

Be it remembered that on this day a certain paper dated the 6th December A D 1860 and attested by C W Wood & C Cochran, E D Ward & E. Latham & purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J J Collins was presented in open Court for Probate; and thereupon appeared in open Court C W Wood, J C Cochran, E D Ward and E Latham, who each being duly Sworn, Stated on oath, that J J Collins was at the date of said instrument and at the time of his death a resident citizen of Madison County, having a fixed residence in said County, and they each and all Stated that he was at the date thereof of Sound & disposing mind & more than 21 Years of age, and that the said J J Collins Signed Sealed and published said instrument as his last Will & Testament in their presence; and that they each & all Signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses in the presence of the said J J Collins, and by his request and direction and also in the presence of each other;- And the attesting witnesses Wood, Ward and Cochran each Stated, on oath, that they saw A P Hall affixed his name at the same time to the three lines written below said Will & below the attesting clause thereof, & heard him acknowledge his Signature thereto, and assent to the said Will and consent to execute its Stipulations; and

they further stated that they appended their names as attesting witnesses thereto;

Therefore the premises being considered, it is hereby Ordered Adjudged & Decreed, that said instrument, dated & attested as aforesaid, be & the same is hereby Established, as the True Last Will & Testament of J J Collins Decd & be admitted to Probate as such. And it is further ordered that the Throw bar below the attesting clause of said Will signed by A P Hill & attested by E D Ward G M Wood and S E Cochran be also recorded & admitted to Probate as a part & parcel of said Will

Given under my hand & seal this the 14th day of Jan A D 1861

Will S Cenly Clerk
Judge of Probate
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Owen W Baldwin's Will

In the name God Amen

I Owen W Baldwin of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi, being now of sound and disposing mind and memory and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and desiring to dispose of the worldly wealth with which it has pleased Almighty God, to intrust me, do make publish and declare the following to be my last Will, and testament, hereby revoking and annulling any and all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth whence it came to be decently interred without pomp or ostentation.

Item 2nd I Will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executrix out of my estate as soon as practicable after my decease

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Baldwin for her life time should she remain a widow, my homestead consisting of upwards of twenty one hundred acres of land, together with all the negroes mules horses Stock &c of any kind, and description now on said place, with the increase and the crops to be raised from year to year thereon, for her own support and maintenance, and the maintenance and education of my children Owen W, Eustice A, Martha E, and any other child or children that may be born to us hereafter, and as much as I have already advanced to my Sons Felix M, William O. each two likely young negro men aged from twenty to twenty one years, and two women from sixteen to eighteen years of age and one negro child, and also two good mules & a saddle horse, which I have estimated at Six thousand dollars to each, I desire further that my said

wife shall as soon as she may be able so to do, pay to each of my said sons the further sums of four thousand dollars from the proceeds of crops, and the sale of my mill tract of land, which said tract of land she is hereby authorized to sell at any time without application to the probate court, and I further will and desire, that as each of my children shall arrive at age or marry he or she shall be entitled to receive from my estate, the same amount and description of property given as above to my two sons, to be estimated at the same price as that given to them my said sons Felix M. & William R. and in the event of my said wife's marriage before the arrival of my youngest child at lawful age or marriage then I will and desire, that she shall have all the property which I received with her on our marriage together with its increase, and also her dower as provided for by law, in my said homestead or plantation and in such an event, I desire that my said son Felix M. Baldwin shall take charge of the person and property of my youngest children if he be at that time a sober steady man, and if he be not sober & steady, then I desire that my said son William R. Baldwin shall have the care and control of my said children and their property, and in either case when the youngest child become of age or married I wish and hereby direct that an equal distribution of my estate shall be made between all my children, reserving to my said wife all the property received by her on our intermarriage, and which is not to be considered as part of my estate, leaving her also her dower in my homestead place, and should my wife be able so to do, I hereby desire and request her to advance to Felix and William the further sum of four thousand dollars each making them amount up to fifteen thousand dollars and so on with each child as he or she may arrive at age or marry, my object being to make an equal division among all my children.

Item 4 I further will and desire, that my said wife shall have in addition to her own property above specified my cook woman Lucy Rachel & her child Julyann, Lizar & her child adaline, woman Elizabeth, & my house girl Eady together with stock and provisions enough for her maintenance together the household & kitchen furniture and working implement to her farm after such division may take place on the event of the youngest child becoming of age or marry.

Item 5th I further will and desire that my wife have the tract of land whereon the homestead is including the buildings and known as the Moore tract of land containing (720) seven hundred & twenty acres as her Dower and all the other land adjoining the Moore tract estimated at (400) four hundred acres to be sold either in one lot or divided as may seem best for my estate, I appoint my wife the entire & exclusive guardian of the person and Estate of my younger or minor children

I hereby appoint my said wife sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, and direct that no security of any kind be required of her as such, and further that she shall not be required or compelled to account to the probate court for

actings and doings as executor other than to take receipts for legacies paid out and have the same recorded in the probate office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 5th day of October A D 1860

Signed sealed acknowledged published & declared by the testator in presence of each other.

Wm A Baldwin
H F Adams
G B Olive

Owen W Baldwin (Seal)

In the matter of a certain paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Owen W Baldwin Deceased

Probate Court
Madison County Miss
December 11th 1860

This day was presented in Open Court by Martha Baldwin a certain instrument of writing dated the 5th day of October A.D. 1860 and attested by Wm A Baldwin H F Adams & G B Olive, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Owen W Baldwin Dec'd and the said Wm A Baldwin & G B Olive being now in Court having been duly Sworn deposed and said that, said paper writing dated and attested as aforesaid, was signed, sealed published and declared by the said O W Baldwin as and for his last Will and testament and that they and each and all of them signed said instrument in the presence and at the request of said testator and in the presence of each other and that on the day and date thereof said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and had a fixed place of residence in the County of Madison & State of State of Mississippi

And the said H F Adams one of said attesting witnesses being not now present in Court, it is ordered a Summons issue to him returnable to the next term of this Court and that this cause be continued until the next term of this Court

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Owen W Baldwin Dec'd

Probate Court
Madison County Miss
February 11th 1861.

In obedience to the process of this Court this day personally appeared Henry F Adams one of the attesting witnesses to said paper writing presented at the December term 1860 of this Court the same being dated the 5th day of October 1860 and William A Baldwin and G B Olive two of the attesting witnesses to said instrument having appeared and testified under oath at said December term of this Court to the execution of said instrument, and the other attesting witness H F Adams having now been duly Sworn on oath stated, that on the day and date of said instrument said O W Baldwin signed sealed and delivered, published and declared said said instrument of writing dated

and attested as aforesaid as and for his last will and testament in the presence of each and all of said attesting witnesses and in presence of testr and that each of said witnesses signed said instrument in the presence and at the request of said testator, and at the time of signing sealing &c of said instrument said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, more than twenty one years of age and a bona fide Citizen of Madison County. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that said instrument dated and attested as aforesaid be and the same is hereby declared to be established as the true original last Will & Testament of Owen W Baldwin Decd and admitted to probate and Record as such

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The last Will & Testament of E Lott Deceased

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

I. Elisha Lott of the county & State aforesaid being of sound and disposing mind and memory, mindful of the uncertainty of human life and certainty of death, do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all prior Wills

Imprimis, I commend my Soul to God, with an humble though a abiding confidence in his forgiveness through the merits of my Redeemer

Item 2. I give and bequeath one Thousand Dollars for the purpose of assisting in building up a District School under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of South Mississippi, and if that prove a failure, or prove impracticable, it is to be used by said Conference in Support of Home Missions and under the directions of said Conference

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my friend and Brother in the Church P H Napier my new Gold Watch as a memorial of my respect for his private worth and Christian Virtues.

Item 4 I give to my namesake Elisha Lott Son of L. H. Garrison fifty dollars to be paid by my Executor hereafter named on the Receipt of his father and by his father to be managed. and I also give and bequeath to Elisha Lott Son of J H Bounds fifty Dollars, to be paid on receipt of his father and by him to be managed, hoping that these Children may be each a blessing to their parents and an honor to their names

Item 5 I also give & bequeath to Mrs Frances Ashley fifty Dollars. to be appropriated by her towards the tuition of her children

Item 6 I give to M. E. Whitehead one Hundred Dollars

Item 7 I give and bequeath one Hundred Dollars to L M Sones

Item 7 I give and bequeath to Mrs Amelia Garrison fifty Dollars, for her especial attention to me during my late affliction

Item 8th I give and bequeath fifty dollars to E L Smith, son of Johnathan Smith of Covington County Mississippi, to be paid on the receipt of his father

Item 9 I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza B Lott One hundred Dollars as a mark of my love and affection

Item 10 I give and devise to my Nephew Sol I Lott the Eighth of land on which he now resides, in fee simple forever and I also give and bequeath to him one good working animal, or a yoke of oxen, if he should prefer to take oxen

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my Son William B Lott Two hundred Dollars.

Item 12 I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife E I Lott one hundred and fifty Dollars to aid in defraying her expences during the first year of her widowhood.

Item 13th It is my will and desire that the foregoing pecuniary legacies shall be paid by my Executor out of the proceeds of the crop gathered the year in which I may die

Item 14th It is my wish and desire that my wife shall have the plantation and Mansion House on which I now reside in Madison County during the term of her natural life, in lieu of all dower in my real estate, and I also give and bequeath to her during her natural life my family carriage & carriage horses and also all the household & kitchen furniture, and also all the waggons, carts, farming tools & utensils of every description, ploughs, hoes, harnipe, that may be on my plantation in Madison County at the time of my death, to be used and enjoyed by her during her natural life, and at her death it is my wish and desire that said plantation and all the farming tools above mentioned in this item shall become the property of my grandson Elisha Lott, but the carriage and carriage horses shall be sold and proceeds divided into two equal parts one to go to my Son Wm B Lott and the other part to my three grandchildren John B Lott Sallie I Lott, & Elizabeth Lott, but it is my will that my wife shall have the power of disposing of the household & kitchen furniture as she pleases during her life time or by will at her death, and if she fail to do, then it is to be divided into two equal parts, one for my Son W B Lott and the other for my three grand children last aforesaid.

Item 15. I give and devise to my Son William B Lott my house and lot at Sea Shore

Item 16. I give and devise to my grandson Elisha Lott the plantation on which I now reside in Madison County Mississippi, after the death of my beloved wife, and I also give and bequeath to him after the death of my wife all the farming tools & implements that may be on said plantation, and the foregoing devise and bequest in the item mentioned are made to my grandson Elisha Lott because he is not to receive any share of the proceeds of the notes evidences of debt & money by me assigned & delivered on 7th July 1860 to Wm B Lott, for the use of W B Lott, and John B Lott and Sallie I Lott & Elizabeth Lott, the said Elisha Lott being excluded from any

share therein, and also because he receives under this will no portion of my lands in Scott County, and it is my will & desire that in the event of the death of said Elisha Lott before reaching the age of twenty one years, then it is my will and desire that the devises and bequests contained in this item shall descend to and become the property of all my grand children then alive, share and share alike

Item 17th I also give, devise & bequeath my lands in Scott County and all the plantation tools and appointments of every description on my plantation in said County to my Son William B Lott and my three grand children John B Lott, Sallie J Lott and Elizabeth Lott children of E W Lott Dec'd, one half for said Wm B Lott, and the other half for said three grand children equally.

Item 18th It is my will and desire that all the residue of my personal property, not disposed of by me in my lifetime and not specifically devised or bequeathed in other clauses of this will, and consisting of slaves, stock, horses, mules, sheep provisions &c, shall be divided into three equal shares, one share to go to my beloved wife, one share to my son Wm B. Lott and the third share to go to my four grand children Elisha Lott, John B Lott, Sallie J Lott and Elizabeth Lott, children of E W Lott Dec'd, the one third going to said four last mentioned grand children to be given to them equally share & share alike.

P. O. Leary

Item 19 It is my will and desire that all the property herein devised and bequeathed to the four children of Elisha W Lott dec'd shall remain under the managment & control of my son W B Lott, and to be managed by him as he pleases, with full power hereby given to sell any portion thereof either real or personal, as his judgment may dictate, and with a like power in him to reinvest the proceeds of sale, or to profit & gains in such way as he may deem most advisable

Item 20 I hereby nominate and appoint my Son William B Lott Executor of this my last Will & Testament, and expressly direct that neither Bond nor Security be required of him by the Probate Court

Item 21 I hereby revoke and annul the devise and bequest contained in item 10. as the things therein set forth have already been performed by me in my lifetime, by a deed having been already executed by me for the land therein mentioned, the said Item 10 having been erroneously inserted by the draftsman because of a memorandum handed to him by me to aid in the preparation of this Will, and said Memorandum having been made before the execution of the Deed, and this revoking and annulling clause is here inserted to dispense with the necessity of re-writing this Will.

P. O. Leary

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of July A D 1860, to the foregoing six pages endorsed on the margin of each page by P. O. Leary in his own hand writing to identify the same

E Lott (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Published by the testator as his last Will &

we pre[illegible], and each of us in the presence of the testator [illegible] presence of each other and at the request of the testator and by his direction have hereunto affixed our names as attesting witnesses this seventh day of July A D 1860

P. O. Leary
John M. Lee Henry
mark
A P Hell

I also heard the testator publish and declare the above to be his last Will & Testament, and at his request and in his presence I have signed the same as an attesting witness this 7th day of July A D 1860

Wm C Abel

State of Mississippi } August the 9th A D 1860
Madison County }

Whereas I, Elisha Lott of the County and State aforesaid, have made my last will and testament in writing, bearing date July the seventh day, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty, in and by which I have given and bequeathed One thousand dollars for the purpose of assisting to build up a District school under the supervision of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of South Mississippi, and if said school fail or prove impracticable, then and in that event the said thousand dollars to be used by said Conference in support of Home Missions in the bounds of said Conference

Now therefore, I do, by this my writing, which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof, order and declare that my will is that only the sum of One hundred dollars shall be paid to said Conference for said purpose as the full amount bequeathed by me, and that all the residue be and is hereby revoked See Will. Item 2nd

Also in and by which I have given and bequeathed to A E Whitehead One Hundred Dollars, I do order and declare that my will is that only the sum of fifty dollars be paid to him as the full amount bequeathed by me, and that all the residue is hereby revoked See Will. Item 6th

Also in and by which I have given and bequeathed fifty dollars to Mrs Amelia Garrison, I do order and declare that my will is that the said bequest be and is hereby revoked See Will. Item 7th

Additional Bequests. Thirst. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth J. Lott in addition to the One hundred and fifty dollars stipulated in my said last will and testament Item two fifty dollars more for the purpose of assisting her in defraying expenses during the first year of her widowhood, [illegible]

Second. I give and bequeath to my [illegible] in Christ
fifty dollars for the purpose of assisting him to complete his
College Studies

Third. I give and bequeath to E. L. Johnson, Son of Walter W Johnson
of Newton County, Miss. fifty dollars for his tuition, to be paid over by my
executor to his, the said E L Johnson's father who shall receipt for
the Same

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my friend and brother in Christ,
P. H. Napier One thousand dollars to be applied in assisting to pur-
chase him a residence in Madison County

Fifth. I also give and bequeath to the said P. H. Napier in addition to
the above bequest, the Sum of five hundred dollars to assist him in buying
household furniture provision &c, as he is expected to remove to Madison
County for the purpose of Serving the Methodist Protestant Church in the
capacity of a minister in said county and contiguous thereto

Sixth. It is my desire, and I hereby declare it to be my will that in
the event of the death of my wife Elizabeth J. Lott, or in the event of
her voluntarily abandoning or ceasing to reside on my plantation and
in the Mansion house where I now reside; then and in that case it
is my well that my Son W. B. Lott Shall have the full use, benefit
and control of said place until my grandson, Elisha Lott Jr, arrives
at the age of twenty one years.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed my Seal 11th day of August in the year of our Lord One Thou-
sand eight hundred and Sixty

E Lott (Seal)

The above instrument was Subscribed by the said Elisha Lott
in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us; he at the same
time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be
a codicil to his last Will and testament and we at the testators request
and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto

attested By
Thomas Harton
H J Rimmer
Wm C Abel

In the Matter of a certain paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Elisha Lott Decd } Probate Court Mc Oct Term 1860
Be it remembered that at the present Term and on the first day thereof that a certain paper dated 7th day of July A D 1860, attested by P. O'Leary, John M Heavy, A P Hill & W C Abell and purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elisha Lott was presented for Probate, and each of the above named attesting witnesses appeared in Open Court and each being duly Sworn deposed substantially as follows, the said P O'Leary Stated that on the 7th day of July A D 1860 he was at the residence of the said Elisha Lott and that he saw the said Elisha Lott sign & seal the instrument above designated and that said Elisha Lott at the same time published and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament and that the said affiant signed his name

thereto as an attesting witness in the presence and by the request of said Elisha Lott, and also in the presence of the other attesting witnesses Henry & Hill and that said paper was carefully read over to the said Elisha Lott before his signature was attached thereto – and he further stated that at that time the said Lott was of sound and disposing mind and memory that he had that day visited him as his physician, that he had known him for several years and that he considered his mental powers entirely sufficient to make and understand a Will, and that he was at that time more than twenty one years of age and a resident citizen of the county of Madison and had a fixed residence in said County both then and at the time of his death, and affiant stated that in order to identify said paper he attached his signature (P O Leary) on the margin of each of the six pages on which said instrument was written and that the paper produced in Court was the identical one executed by E Lott, and attested as aforesaid: Also appeared in open Court John M. Heary who being duly sworn stated on oath that on the 9th July 1860, he heard said paper read over carefully to Elisha Lott, that he was present and saw the said Lott sign & seal the same and publish and declare it to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of P O Leary, himself & A P Hill and that each of the last three named signed their names as attesting witnesses in the presence of said Lott and by his request and direction and in the presence of each other, and that the deponent not being able to write caused his name to be written thereto as an attesting witness and that he affixed his mark thereto, and recognized the same as genuine, and that the paper in court was the identical paper attested by him: he also stated that said Lott was more than twenty one years of age and of sound and disposing mind and memory at said time and was at the his death a resident citizen of Madison County Mississippi, having a mansion house and residence in said County;

A P Hill being sworn stated that on 9th July 1860 he saw Elisha Lott sign and seal the above described paper and now in Court and heard him publish & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament in his presence and in the presence of P O Leary, & John M Heary, that O Leary, Henry & himself signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses in the presence of, and by the request of, said Lott, and in the presence of each other, that said Lott was more than twenty one years of age, and as he supposed of sound and disposing mind & memory – that he had drafted the paper purporting to be a Will by the direction of said Lott, that he had never done any previous business for him and had never held much previous conversation with him and was not capable of instituting a comparison between his mental condition at that time and former periods, but from what he saw of him on that occasion, thought him altogether capable of disposing of his property by Will or otherwise; and stated that at his death he believed he had a fixed residence in Madison County Mississippi.

Also appeared in Open Court Wm C Hill & who being duly

Sworn Stated that on the 7th July A D 1860 he heard Elisha Lott publish and declare the above paper to be his last Will and Testament, and that he requested him to sign his name thereto as an attesting witness and that he did so sign as an attesting witness not however in the same room where the said E Lott was lying, but that he took the paper to an adjoining room and sign the same by a table near a window and that from the position where he sat, the said Elisha Lott could have seen him sign, if he desired it; that this was after night and he was not present when the three other witnesses attested the paper, and that none of them was present when he signed it, except John M Henry. He also stated that said Lott was at that time of sound and disposing mind & memory and more than twenty one years of age

Therefore the premises being considered by the Court it is Ordered adjudged and decreed that said paper dated 7th July A D 1860 signed & sealed by E Lott and attested by the joint witnesses of P O Leary, John M. his + mark Henry & A P Hill, and also attested same day and at seperate time by Wm C Abell & with the name "P O Leary" marked on the margin of each page, be and the same is hereby established as the true original last Will & Testament of Elisha Lott dec'd and that the same be admitted to Probate as such and that it be recorded

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of October A D 1860

J H Postell (Seal)
Judge &c

In the Matter of a certain paper purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Elisha Lott Dec'd } Probate Court Madison County October Term 1860

Be it remembered that a certain paper purporting to be a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Elisha Lott dec'd and dated 11th August 1860 having been presented for Probate; Personally appeared in Open Court on Monday the 8th October 1860 Thomas Harton and William C Abell who each being duly Sworn Stated that on the 11th August 1860, they each saw Elisha Lott sign and seal the said paper and declare the same to be a codicil to his last Will and Testament, that he did this in their presence and in the presence of H J Rimmer; and they each stated that they and also said Rimmer signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses in the presence of the said Lott and by his direction and in the presence of each other, that the said Lott was at that time more than twenty one years of age and of sound and disposing mind and memory at that time; and that he had a fixed residence in Madison County Mississippi at the time of his death; and also appeared on Tuesday the 9th October A D 1860 H J. Rimmer who stated on oath substantially the same fact as to the execution publication and attestation of said paper, and also stated that said Lott at the date & execution of said paper was of sound and disposing mind & memory and more than twenty

one years of age and had a fixed residence in Madison County at the date of his death; Therefore the premises being considered, it is ordered adjudged and decreed that said Paper dated as aforesaid and attested by Thomas Harton, W. T. Rimmer & Wm. C. Abell be and the same is hereby established as a Codicil to the last Will & Testament of Elisha Lott Decd and admitted to Probate as such, and also ordered that it be recorded

Given under my hand and Seal this 7th day of October A.D. 1850

J. H. Postell (Seal)
Probate Judge

Last Will & Testament of William Hill

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County } In the Name of God Amen

I William Hill of the town of Wilmington being in good health of body and of sound ~~and~~ disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

And first and principally I commit my soul into the hand of my Creator and my body to the earth to be interred with my Father at Orton or at Wrightsville with my sister, my Wife wishes in this respect I desire should be followed and as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of the same as follows,

Imprimis To my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth if she shall survive me I bequeath and devise all my interest in the real Estate & personal property of any and every kind whatsoever which belonged to her and which she brought me at our marriage, for the term of her natural life and after her decease to any Child or Children begotten or to be begotten by me said William Hill on the body of said Mary Elizabeth my wife their heirs and assigns forever In case however no Children shall be born then to my wife Mary Elizabeth I give absolutely and forever all the property she inherited from her Father and also all property both real and personal given and devised her by her Aunt Devane, being the same included to be disposed above, her heirs and assigns Forever

To my wife Mary Elizabeth so long as she remains unmarried I give and bequeath all and singular the property to which I may now or hereafter shall be entitled as heir to a portion of Estate of my Father John Hill or in any other manner whatsoever excepting of course all property herein before disposed

In case however and in the event of her marriage I direct and Will that immediately upon its consumation all the Property herein gumbered along as she remains unmarried shall vest and belong and I hereby devise the same to my Child or children begotten or to be begotten by me said William Hill on her said Mary Elizabeth my wife their Heirs and assigns forever In case however I die childless, to my (next of kin) whomsoever they may be and in the manner the law prescribes, I give and bequeath upon the death or marriage of my Wife all the property inherited or had in my

away from my Father John Hill being the same given to my Wife so long as she remains unmarried their heirs and assigns forever whatever little articles Jewelry Clothing &c &c I may die possessed of I give to my wife to be kept or disposed of as she shall think best

I do nominate and appoint my Brother Dr Richard B Hill the Executor of the provisions of this Will so far as they relate to the property last disposed of to my wife so long as she remains unmarried remainder to child or children or in case I die child leaving no (next of kin) with regard to all other Provisions of this my last will and testament I constitute and appoint my Wife Mary Elizabeth Executrix

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of July 1860. } William Hill (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said William Hill as his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his presence and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses

P W Fanning
A Empie Jr

In Explanation after the foregoing will and testament I desire that the word in brackets in page second "next of kin" should read my Mother Eliza Hill I know my dear wife, confidently will bestow upon all my Brothers and sisters whom I dearly love Testimonials of affection and love

Witness W Hill

W Hunter
J H Hunter

North Carolina }
Halifax County } A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of William Hill deceased with a codicil annexed is exhibited for probate in open Court by Mrs Mary Eliza Hill the Executrix therein named and the Executor thereof by the said William Hill is proved as to the Will by the Oath and Examination of P W Fanning and A Empie Jr the subscribing witnesses thereto and as to the codicil, by the Oath and Examination of William Hunter and J H Hunter the subscribing witnesses thereto it is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing together with the Codicil and every part thereof is the Last Will and testament of the said William Hill and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed

Witness James H Whitaker Clerk

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Halifax County } February Term AD 1861 Mrs Mary Eliza Hill the executrix named in the foregoing will of Wm Hill deceased Comes into Court before P P Darrow Esq & B Whitaker

and R H Smith Esquires Justices present and presiding and Exhibits a relinquishment from Richd B Hill the Executor named therein and it is accepted by the Court and ordered to be filed and thereupon Mrs Mary Eliza Hill is duly qualified in Open Court by taking the Oath prescribed by Law

Witness J W Whitaker Clk

North Carolina } I James H Whitaker Clerk of the Court of
Halifax County } Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County and State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect Transcript of the Record of said Court in the Matter of the last Will and testament of William Hill decd as the Same appears in my office

L S In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office in Halifax this 11th day of March AD 1861

J W Whitaker Clk

State of North Carolina }
Halifax County } I Rice B Pierce Chairman and presiding Magistrate of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby Certify that James H Whitaker Whose genuine Signature appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of said Court and that his attestation is in due form of Law Given under my hand and private Seal having no Seal of office this 12th day of March AD 1861

Rice B. Pierce Chairman

State of North Carolina }
Halifax County } I James H Whitaker Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that Rice B Pierce Whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Chairman and presiding Magistrate of the Court aforesaid and that full faith and Credit are due to all of his official acts as such

L S In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my Name and affix my Office Seal at office in Halifax town this the 12th day of March AD 1861

J W Whitaker Clerk
By S M Grizzard Dep Clerk

In the Matter of the petition of Mary Eliza Executrix of the last Will and testament of Wm Hill Late of North Carolina dec to have authenticated Copy of said last Will and testament of said Wm Hill decd proved and admitted to Record

This Cause Coming on to be heard at the present term and it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that the instrument produced and referred to in petition as Exhibit A. is a properly authenticated Copy of the Original last Will and testament of Wm Hill Late of the State of North Carolina decd and that the said original

Last Will and Testament has been proved according to the Laws of the State of North Carolina and it further appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that the said Original Will and Codicil were wholy written and subscribed by the testator Wm Hill himself in his life time in the State of North Carolina that no Children were begotten of the Marriage between said Mary Ann Hill and Wm Hill dec^d and that the said Mary Ann Hill is a feme Sole and unmarried it is therefore ordered and adjudged and decreed that said authenticated Copy of said Last Will and Testament be admitted to Probate and that the same with all accompanying Certificates be recorded in this Court by the Clerk thereof Ordered adjudged and decreed 14th May 1861

Willm H Bailey Judge &c

Last Will and testament of Wm H Tucker

Know all men by these presents that I William H Tucker of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of Life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say

First I resign my body to the Earth and my Spirit to God who gave it

Second My Will and Desire is that all my just debts be paid out of my Estate by my Executor hereinafter to be named and the residue of my Estate, after paying my just debts, be paid over to My Wife Mary F Tucker for the support of herself and my Children during her Natural Life and at her death to descend to and belong to my then Surviving Child or Children But in Case my Wife Mary F Tucker should think proper to Marry, in that event my Will and desire is that the property, then descend to and belong to my surviving Child or Children In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this the 20 day of March AD 1861 and I hereby Constitute and appoint my Father William Tucker, and my Wife Mary F Tucker my Executor and Executrix to this my Last Will and testament

Witness
A H Dunkins
J D Fryer

W H Tucker (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } May Term 1861

This day personally appeared in Open Court Alexander H Dunkins and J D Fryer subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of William H Tucker deceased who being

duly Sworn each Said that he Signed Said Writing as atte-
ting witness in the presence and at the request of Said
William H Tucker, and in the presence of each other that
Said William H Tucker Signed Said Writing in their presence
declaring the Same to be his last Will and testament and
further at the time of Signing the Same Said William H
Tucker was of Sound ~~and~~ disposing Mind It is therefore
ordered ~~xxx~~ adjudged and decreed that Said Writing be
established as the Last Will and testament of Said William
H Tucker deceased, and that the Same be recorded and
filed

Given under my hand and Seal this 16th day
of May, 1861

Will J. Bailey (Seal)
Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of Jas M Mayor

In the name of God Amen

I James M Mayor of Madison in the State of Mississippi do
make and ordain this my Last Will and testament revoking
any and all testamentary disposition by me heretofore made
" 1st I devise and give to my beloved kinsman Henry L Shand
of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina my Gold
Watch, Chain and Seal also my Cloak, walking Staff Double
Barreled Gun and all fixtures thereunto belonging also my
Fiddle and note Book and Dog or any Dogs I may have at the time
of my decease
" 2nd It is my Wish and desire (that he) the said H L Shand
Shall act as Trustee for Certain purposes herein after mentioned
" 3rd I do Nominate and appoint my Neighbour and friend Garrett
Goodloe Executor of this my Last Will having full Confidence in
his friendship and integrity I require no Security
" 4th I Leave my trusty and Careful Servant Woman Dicy free, It is
my desire that She Shall not be held or compelled again into
Servitude by no Person or party any more during her Natural Life-
time but Shall be under the guidance and Care of a Trustee whom
I will nominate and appoint hereinafter
" 5th My Executor will Sell all of my Personal & Real Estate the Negro woman
Excepted, pay all just debts and after all or So much thereof Shall be
raised to defray Expenses the Negro Dicy Shall be given over to the
hands of my Cousin H L Shand
" 6th I hereby Nominate and appoint my Cousin H L Shand of the
County of Martin and State of North Carolina Trustee or guardian
of and for the said Slave Woman Dicy now belonging to me I desire
that after all my effects Shall have been converted into money the
Slave Woman Dicy Excepted that my Executor or administrator

shall make settlement with the said H L Sherrod his Executors — administrators or Successors and the same shall stand good in in the premises as though the said H L Sherrod was my legal and Lawful Heir

" 7th My Cousin H L Sherrod, will receive and take Charge of my Negro woman Dicy and all other effects that may belong to me or be or come in to the hands of My Executor or administrator at the time of my death or afterward and put the same at interest to the best possible advantage I further desire him to provide a Comfortable House & home for the negro Woman Dicy and furnish her with a Sufficient quantity of the necessaries of Life to do well on, during the balance of her natural Lifetime to be furnished from the interest arising from the effects so left, by him after the decease or death of the negro woman Dicy

" 8th I devise and bequeath my Estate if any left equally among the Heirs of Thomas and William Waver. Regardless of age or Sex and they to be dealt with as all other Minors are

" 9th I devise and bequeath unto Thomas J Waver the Sum of Forty dollars to be paid him out of my Estate, also to William Waver and Noah Waver one half Each of my wearing apparel also to my Cousin John M Sherrod my Library of Books Provided also that this shall not Conflict or revoke any other article or Section heretofore Written

" 10th Provided the said Said Negro Woman Dicy should live longer than the said H L Sherrod it is my Will and desire that his Brother John M Sherrod be appointed his Successor to act as trustee agent or guardian of and for said negro Woman Dicy and all other property of any and all Kinds whatsoever belonging to my Estate and in case he should die before the said negro Woman Dicy his Executor admr or guardian will act the same as he or either of them would have done in the premises

This 20th day of March 1857

Test

Jas M Waver (Seal)

Garrett Goodloe

W H Goodloe

R J Goodloe

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court June Term 1861
Madison County } (12 June 1861)

This day personally appeared in Open Court Garrett Goodloe William H Goodloe and Robert J Goodloe subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of James M Waver deceased, who having been duly sworn each said that he signed said Writing as attesting Witness in the presence and at the request of of testator who also signed the same in their presence declaring said Writing to be his Last Will and testament and further at the time of signing the same said James M Waver was of sound and disposing mind It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that said Writing be established as the Last will

and testament of said James M Nawer deceased and that the same be recorded and filed

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 12th day of June 1861

Will P Bailey Clerk
Judge Probate M C C

Last Will and Testament of John Dear Senr

In the Name of God Amen

I John Dear Senr. of Madison County State of Mississippi being of Sound and disposing mind and memory but of declining health and knowing the uncertainty of Life and the certainty that at my advanced age that I cannot possibly Live much longer and wishing to dispose of my earthly effects to make and Ordain this My Last Will and testament hereby revoking any and all testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me

First, I recommend my Soul to the God Who made me

Secondly I will when I die that my body be decently buried in my family Grave Yard, which is near my dwelling house in which I now live the accounts as charged in my account book against my different Children I wish to take, and as much of what is wish them to have of my estate and my Will and wish is that the residue of my property be equally divided between my Children so as the amounts already given as stated in said accounts shall make them equal in the distribution of my estate and as an equal distribution of my Land and Stock of different Kinds and household furniture cannot be divided equally I wish it to be Sold and the proceeds to be divided equally.

My Will is that my Executor herein after named shall sell the tract of Land on which I now live but reserve the Grave Yard near my dwelling for a burying Ground for my family and relatives and that the Right to it shall ever be Stand remain an inheritance to them and their posterity and no Others Forever.

My Will as regards my Negroes is that Grace be Valued by disinterested persons and suffered to choose which of my Children she will live with and that whoever she may prefer shall take her at the Valuation as so much of his other proportion of my Estate and that the rest of my Negroes be equally divided if practicable but if a Satisfactory division cannot be made my Will is that they be shall be Sold and the proceeds divided so as to make their shares equal but in the event of a division or a Sale my Will is that Caroline and her two youngest Children shall not be separated

That portion of my Estate, which I wish to be an equal part with the rest of my Children which I wish the heirs of my Son William O Dear to have I will that it be and remain in the hands of my Son John Dear until they become of Lawful age to choose their own Guardian but like those that my Son

John Dear be their Guardian My Will is that the Children Martha Ford be entitled to her share in My Estate and that my Son John Dear after a division as herein directed shall deliver it to their Father Rev. Washington Ford In Like Manner I will that my Son John Dear shall deliver to Capt George A Flemming for the Children of My Daughter Sarah A Flemming their Mothers equal part of My Estate

Lastly I do appoint My Son John Dear Executor to this My Last Will and testament and that he shall not be required to give any Security

Written on the Seventeenth day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One and signed by the testator in our presence and by him acknowledged to be his last Will and testament and by his Request We William Hemmingway Evan Shelby and William Mansell Subscribed our names as Witnesses

W Hemmingway
Evan Shelby
Wm Mansell

John Dear Sr (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } July term 1861

This day was produced in open Court the forgoing Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John Dear Sr deceased and thereupon personally appeared in open Court Evan Shelby and William Mansell Subscribing Witnesses to said Writing Who having been ~~duly Sworn~~ severally duly Sworn State that they each signed said writing as attesting Witnesses in the presence and at the request of said John Dear Sr. Who also signed the same as his last will and testament in the presence of them the said witnesses the said witnesses Each further State on Oath that William Hemmingway the other Witness to said Writing signed the same in the presence and at the request of said John Dear Sr. deceased and also in the presence of them the the said Shelby & Mansell affiants also State that at the time of signing said Writing said John Dear Sr was of Sound and disposing mind and Memory It is therefore Ordered adjudged and decreed that said forgoing writing be and the same is hereby established as the Last Will and Testament of said John Dear Sr Deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 8th day of July 1861

Wm S. Bailey Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of A G Grant

In the name of God Amen

I Alexander G Grant being of sound mind and impressed with the uncertainty of Life do hereby make and Ordain this my Last Will and testament

Item 1st I give and bequeath to My Nephew James A Smiley Son of My deceased Sister Harriet Smiley the Sum of Five Hundred dollars

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to My Brother George W Grant the debt he Owes Me, also All My real Estate in the State of Texas

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to My Said Brother George W Grant My Slave Eliza Adams and — and the Sum of Five hundred dollars

And I hereby request My Brother George W Grant as Soon as practicable after My death to Convey Said Slaves Eliza Adams and — to Some State or Country where Slavery is not allowed by Law And there Leave them in a Comfortable Condition and to give and pay Over to Said Eliza the Said Sum of five hundred dollars

Item 4 I give and bequeath all the balance and residue of my Estate of every Kind and description of which I may be seised at the time of My death to my Brother George W Grant my brother Egbert Grant My Sisters Eliza Cage Sarah Bibb and the Children of My deceased Sister Harriet Smiley the Said Children of Said Harriet to take One fifth of Said Residue Share and Share alike and the other four fifths to to be divided equally between my brother George and Egbert and My Sisters Eliza and Sarah

And for the purpose of making the division of my Property as aforesaid if it should be under necessary to Sell any of the Slaves It is My Will that each and all of my Slaves Shall have the privilege of Selecting his or her own Master or Owner provided the person so selected shall pay the appraised Value of Such Slave And further it is my Will that My Slaves Shall be Sold only in families that no Family Shall be Separated except by their Consent

Item 5, I hereby appoint My Brother George W Grant Executor of this My Last Will and testament, If the Said George W Grant or his representatives Shall fail to Convey or Cause to be Conveyed the Said Slaves Eliza Adams and Bonaparte to some free State or Country where Slavery is not allowed and to pay over to Said Slave Eliza Five hundred dollars and Leave Same Slaves free and in a Comfortable Condition within twelve Months after this Will Shall have been Probated and established Then in that event I hereby revoke the Second and third Items of this Will and hereby give and bequeath all my Estate Real and Personal to My Brother Egbert Grant and my Sisters Eliza Sarah and the Children of My deceased Sister Harriet the Said Egbert Grant Eliza, Sarah and the Children

of my deceased Sister Jr and wife each taking one ~~fourth~~ fourth of my Estate & excepting from this Claim the legacy in the first Item hereof

Given under my hand and seal this tenth day of August 1857

A G Grant (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court July term 1861
Madison County } 8th July 1861

a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of A G Grant deceased having been this day produced in open Court by George W Grant who applied to have the same established as the last will and testament of said A G Grant decd and there being the names of two attesting witnesses to said Will Henry T Burnett W A Baine R R Winter A J Montgomery L J Reddy J R Mayson & J W Lamsuth were examined as witnesses touching the execution of said Will who severally testified as follows after being duly sworn in Open Court The said Henry T Burnett in answer to questions propounded to him states that he is acquainted with the handwriting of the testator said A G Grant and having seen him write, has frequently seen him sign his name and firmly believes said Will or writing to be wholly in the hand writing of said A G Grant he further states that said will is written in a rather planner hand than was usual with said A G Grant but believes the writing to be wholly his

W A Baine states that he knows A G Grants hand writing well having had very many business transactions with him and has in very often seen him write and that from an inspection of the paper purporting to be his last will and testament he has no doubt that it is wholly in the hand writing of said A G Grant

R R Winter states that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of said A G Grant having seen him write often and firmly believes that the whole of the writing purporting to be his last will and testament is in the hand writing of said A G Gra

A J Montgomery states that he has had much business with said A G Grant is acquainted with his hand writing that he has compared the writing with other writings in his possession of said A G Grant and firmly believes the writing purporting to be his last will and testament to be wholly in the hand writing of said A G Grant

L J Reddy states knows A G Grants hand writing well having seen him frequently write and having had many settlements and business transactions with him and that he has no doubt that the writing purporting to be a will was wholly written & signed by said A G Grant

J R Mayson states that he is acquainted with the hand writing of A G Grant decd having frequently seen him write and having seen very many notes orders and letters from him and that he firmly believes the will and signature to be ~~wholly~~ wholly written by said A G Grant

J. R. Vanbuth states that he was acquainted with the hand writing of said A. G. Grant died from having transacted much business with him when he saw him write and that he has no hesitation in saying that to the best of his knowledge and belief the said writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of said A. G. Grant was wholly written and signed by said A. G. Grant

On the foregoing testimony it is ordered adjudged and decreed that the writing hereto annexed purporting to be the Last Will and testament of A. G. Grant deceased be and the same is hereby established as the last Will and testament of said A. G. Grant deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 8th day of July 1861

Wellf. Bailey Judge P.C.

Probate Court Pike Term 1861

This day came George O. Burnett and presented in Open Court an Instrument of Writing Purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Lemuel O. Smith deceased. Said application being opposed by Mrs Virginia Smith Widow of L. O. Smith setting up a second testamentary Capacity in said Smith it is here in open Court ordered that an Issue of divisavit vel non be made up and a Jury of Twenty men be summoned to try said issue at the next term of this Court & that this Cause be continued

Wellf. Bailey Judge P.C.

Last Will and Testament of Lem. O. Smith

Camden January 30th 1861

My Only wish with regard to How I want my Affairs Managed after I am gone, and How I wish my Means distributed As long as My Wife Virginia remains my Widow I wish her to live at the place I am am living at at the time of my Decease I want her to Stay at the place in Possession of every thing I Carry To Manage to the best of her Ability, to Manage and Controll the Children and Provide in every Way for them, Willie will be of great service to her in this work and I wish him to Keep business of the Kind he is employed in now if Possible and to have his Eye at all times towards his Ma & Brother & Sisters and I wish the Children to have as good an Education as my means and the situation of the family will admit I wish my business to be all Settled up as quick as possible and all the money that can be raised to be put in the hands of a responsible Person or Persons at the Rate of ten percent Interest, and this will support the family Plentifully, I dont Want the Children devided they must all Stay together If Virginia Marries

that shall be no reason why the Children should not stay at home Willie is large and old enough to take Care of them he the exact Virginia does marry again I wish her to have the boy Molly that came by her and such other articles of Furniture as she might have had, and in the Event she does marry again, my Children and property is no longer under her Control I wish Willie to have my Watch and when my youngest Child is 20 years old, then to divide among the four all that then may be to divide

The property that I give to Virginia in the event she she does not Remain my Widow is all the property of my estate, that she is worth Have the right to dispose off I wish George Bennett to Have the management of my and for Virginia & Willie to be bound to consult him concerning their Business and without his Sanction nothing is to be transacted any Property that I own can be disposed off for the benefit of the family of George Bennett Willie and Virginia Can again that it is best, George has the right in all Cases to say whether or no a thing shall be so

My strongest desire is that my Children shall be bound to Live at Home under any Circumstances whatever

I wish George Bennett as soon as I am gone to take some Experiencio and get out my Papers and get them all right be sure George you give my Children perfect protection is all I ask Given the 30th 186

Witness { Pro W Maxwell
Witness { Geo O Bennett
Witness { R W Sampson

Lemuel A Smith

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } Sitting term 1861

In the Matter of the estate of L A Smith deceased

This day Came on to be tried the issue of divisavit vel non made up at a former term of this Court and thereupon Came a Jury of good and lawful men being freeholders and house holders of said County, to Wit, William R Luckett and Eleven Other who being first duly Sworn well and truly to try the issue joined upon their Oaths do say they find the instrument of Writing Exhibited Contains the Last Will and testament of L A Smith that at the time of making the same said Smith was of sound ~~mind~~ disposing mind and memory Whereupon it is Ordered adjudged and decreed that said will be and the same is hereby Ordered to be admitted to probate as the Last Will and testament of L A Smith deceased whereupon the said George A Bennett presented in Open Court his petition for letters testamentary on said Estate Whereupon it is here Ordered and Decreed that letters testamentary on said Estate issue to said George A Bennett upon

his entering into Bond in the Sum of Ten Thousand dollars, Conditioned as required by Law with S N Downs and A W Clark as his Sureties thereto

Whereupon the Said Brunto presented his Bond & Executed Conditioned as the Law requires with S N Downs & A W Clark as his Sureties thereon in the Sum of Ten Thousand dollars, which is approved, by the Court and Letters testamentary on Said Estate are here now Ordered to issue to the Said Gerge C Brunto and that the Clerk issue accordingly and that J B Moore H F Adams Sam'l Hamilton J M Walker, & John Cooper, be appointed to Value and appraise the goods & Chattels, Which were of L O Smith deceased and Report to this Court & that the Clerk issue accordingly

Wellborn Bailey Judge P C

Last Will and Testament of D S Goodloe

July 30th 1859

In the Name of God who has been my Stay and Source of my gratitude and who will be my portion forever and of his Only Son my Saviour In whom I believe with the assent of my mind the trust of my heart and Consent of my Will and of the Holy Spirit in Whom I fully Trust for full Sanctification do make this my Last Will and Testament, In the first Place I my Ever true and cherished wife Ann Jane Goodloe to give to Wm C Love. Irvings life of Washington and to distribute Some among Sons & books give me by my College Mates, and Other presents Made me in Books by Other friends to my daughters

In the second place I give and bequeath to my Wife Ann S Goodloe every Species of Property that I own whether real or Personal Notes Claims &c included which I may hold against Other persons which may be found in the States of Louisiana Alabama or the Counties of Sequena & Madison in the State of Mississippi

This bequest of all My Property to my Wife Ann S Goodloe is made with a View of having all my debts fairly Settled

Witnesses present
Joseph Hoy
William Baker Trimble

D S Goodloe

In the matter of a certain instrument of Writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of David S Goodloe deceased

Upon reading and filing the Petition duly Verified by Ann S Goodloe for Probate of a certain Instrument of Writing purporting and alledged to be the Last Will and testament of David S Goodloe late resident of

this County and for Letters of Administration with Will annexed, and on Reading the depositions of Joseph Hoy & William Baker Kimbale now on file in this Court. Said Hoy & Kimbale being Subscribing witnesses to Said Last Will and Testament the Court after reading and maturely Considering the Same being now Satisfied that Said Instrument is fully and Legally established as the last ~~Will~~ true and original last will and testament of Said David S Goodloe deceased, as to the personalty and Said David S Goodloe was on the day of the date of Said will, that is to Say on the Thirtieth day of July AD One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Nine of Lawful age to devise and of Sound ~~and~~ disposing mind memory and understanding and of right and in Law entitled to make Said Will It is therefore Considered, Ordered adjudged and decreed that Said Instrument of Writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and Original last Will and testament of the Said David S Goodloe deceased And it is further Considered, Ordered, and decreed that Letters of administration with Said Will annexed be granted to her Said Ann S Goodloe on her taking the oath prescribed by the Statute and entering into Bond in the Sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars With William C Love and Williams W Goodloe as her Sureties

December 15th 1859 — S H Postlethwaite Judge &c

Last Will and Testament of E. D. Devine

I. Elizabeth David Devine of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being of Sound and disposing mind and memory. do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

Let all my debts be paid including funeral charges

Let all my Estate real and personal not hereinafter enumerated be sold

Let my body have a christian burial, and a plain marble Slab or monument mark its final resting place

To my daughter Emmeline Gaitney I give and bequeath the Slaves Hogan & his Wife Maria and their child Mima -

To my daughter Mary Coleman I give and bequeath the Slaves Abram & his wife Ester, and their daughter Franny & her child Addline

To my daughter Laura Devine I give and bequeath the House now occupied as my family residence together with one hundred acres of land on which I now reside, and to be so laid off as to include the house aforesaid, cotton gin, negro quarters and

all other buildings and improvements on the aforesaid tract of land – I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Laura the Slaves Sophy & Sarah and Betty child of said Sarah –

To my daughter Ann Ford I give & bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars in money, to be paid out proceeds of sale herein before directed

To my Son Hiram Clinton Devine I give and bequeath the Slaves Giles, Frand and Moses.

To my daughter Lydia Baldwin I give and bequeath the Slaves Anna Aggy, Mary her child Omega

To my grandson Milton Fisk Devine Ford I give and bequeath the Slave Nancy

To my Grandson William Fly, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars in money to be paid out of the proceeds of sales hereinbefore directed

To the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church South in Sharon, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars in money, to aid in the erection of a new house of worship, for the use of said church

I wish my Executors to retain out of my Estate five hundred dollars which they will invest in good & sufficient Security, and annually pay the interest on said investment to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Sharon to be appropriated by said Trustees towards keeping the Cemetery of said church in good repair

To Hiram Wyatt, son of my deceased husbands niece Mary Dennis, I give and bequeath whatever may remain of my Estate, after the distributions already herein directed, and it is my desire and belief that such residue of my estate may amount to at least four hundred dollars.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my son Hiram C. Devine and my son in law Felix M Baldwin Executors of this my last Will and Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 5th day of December A. D. 1860

Elizabeth D Devine (Seal)

Signed Sealed, published and declared in our presence by the above named Elizabeth D. Devine to be her last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof we the undersigned witnesses in presence of each other and in presence of said Testator have hereunto signed our names this 5th day of December A. D. 1860

Wm M Curtiss
Eleanor D Curtiss
A W Clark

— Last Will of Wm B Tisdale —

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } In the name of God amen —

I. William B Tisdale being at this time feble in body but of Sound mind and memory and believing that a man should make his last Will when he has his full mental powers about him, I do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say:

Item 1st It is my Will and desire, that all my Just debts & burial Expences be paid,

Item 2nd It is my Will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth J Holliday the wife of J N. Holliday Should have a Negro Girl by the name of Amanda about nine years old now in her possession, and her increase to belong to Said Elizabeth & the heirs of her body,

Item 3rd It is my Will and desire that my Son Edward B Tisdale do have my Negro man John and his wife Eliza and her child George W. all the tract of land I now live on, to wit; S E 1/4 of Section twenty four & five acres in the N. E. corner of Section twenty five and township ten range four East, it is further my desire that he shall have all other of my Estate of whatever nature it may be that is not heretofore named, It is als my desire that in the event of my wife Frances S. Tisdale Should be the longest liver or Survive after me, that my Son Edward B. Tisdale, is hereby bound to take care of her So long as She may live,

Item 4th It is further my will and desire that my Son Edward B Tisdale be and is hereby appointed my Executor to carry this my last Will and testament into effect, without bond or Security, — In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal this 27th day of July A D 1855.

Attest
Owen W Baldwin
Wm A Baldwin
Wm B Lott

Wm B. Tisdale (L S)

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Probate Court
January Term 1862.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of William B Tisdale deceased was this day produced in Open Court and thereupon came Wm B Lott one of the Subscribing witnesses to Said writing who having been duly Sworn deposed & Said that he Signed Said writing in the presence and at the request of Said Wm B Tisdale who declared the Same to be his last Will & Testament and also in the presence of Owen W Baldwin & Wm A Baldwin the other two witnesses who Signed Said writing in the presence & at the request of Said Wm B Tisdale and further that Said Owen W & William A Baldwin are now dead — Affiant further Stated that the time of Signing Said writing as aforesaid the Said William B Tisdale was of Sound Mind and memory — It is therefore ordered and decreed that Said be and the Same is hereby established as the last Will & testament

of William C Tisdale deceased and that the same be recorded and filed

Will S Barley judge &c (Seal)

Last Will & Testament of Elijah Young

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } This the last Will and Testament of Elijah Young, made this the twenty Sixth (26) day of November Eighteen Hundred and Sixty one (1861) I give and bequeath to Ebenezer H Young and Emma Eliza Young, Willie R Young Samuel L Young my wife Eveline give all in parts equal in every respect land and personal property after paying the debts, Sarah A Thomas is to have the Three Hundred and Twenty acres of land she lives upon, Mary Ann Carson is to have Three Negroes, Julia Mack and Bob and one Thousand Dollars ($1000.) Emma two Negroes more than the three boys, and I appoint Ebenezer H Young and my wife Eveline my Executors of My Estate without being required to give Security to the Probate. Signed and Sealed in the presence of

F G Thomas
Jno W Suber
J S Whitworth

Elijah Young (Seal)

The State of Mississippi }
Madison County } Probate Court Jany Term 1862

The forgoing writing purporting to the last will & Testament of Elijah Young dec'd was this day produced in open Court whereupon came F G Thomas, Jno W Suber and J S Whitworth Subscribing witnesses to said writing who being duly Sworn deposed and said, that said Elijah Young signed said writing in their presence declaring the same to be his last will & testament and that they each signed the same as attesting witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Elijah Young and in the presence of each other It is therefore ordered and decreed that said writing be established as the last will and testament of said Elijah Young dec'd and that the same be recorded and filed

Jany 13th 1862.

Will S Barley
Judge &c

Will A A E Briggs

Madison County, Miss February 3rd 1862

Know all men by these Presents I. A A E Briggs in my right mind do hereby make my last and only will. I bequeath all of my property to my wife I A E Briggs until her second marriage

and I wish the Court then to have my property divided between my wife J A E Briggs and heirs. I also give my wife and executor the power of selling one unruly slave whose name is Ben I wish hire of the slave soon as possible, as soon as my Executor gets my Estate out of debt I wish him to transfer it to my wife J A E Briggs. I do here appoint Dr L R Crawford and my wife J A E Briggs my Executors of my last Will and testament. Witness my hand and seal

Feby 3rd 1862 A A E Briggs (Seal)

Witness
G J Hulme
Thomas Taylor
W. B. Mather

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } This day was produced in open Court the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of A. A. E Briggs decd and thereupon came G J Hulme and Thomas Taylor Subscribing witnesses thereto who having been duly sworn each deposed and said that they signed the said writing as attesting witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said A A E Briggs and that they saw the said Briggs sign the same, he declaring it to be his last Will and testament, That W. B. Mather the other Subscribing witness signed said writing in their presence and at the request & in the presence of said A. A. E Briggs he stating it to be his last Will & testament, and that the three Subscribing witnesses signed said writing in presence of each other & in presence of Testator - and said G. J. Hulme and Thomas Taylor further on oath testified that said A. A. E Briggs at the time of signing said writing and of sound & disposing mind and memory - It is therefore ordered and decreed that said writing be and the same is hereby established as the Last Will & Testament of A A E Briggs deceased and that the same be recorded & filed. Given under my hand and Seal this 14th day of February 1862.

Wm S Barley (Seal)
Judge &c

Will Elizabeth Howard

My Last Will and Testament - April 15th 1860

I Elizabeth Howard of the city of Shieldsboro Hancock County State of Mississippi do hereby bequeath to my three children Alfred Julia and Charles Howard my effects to be equally divided.

I do hereby appoint Joseph Feild my Sole executor to take charge of and administer on my estate as he may think proper also to act as guardian to any of my children who may be minors at the time of my death It is my wish that the executor herein appointed is to dispose of lease sell by in fact manage the estate as though it was his own until the heirs may arrive at lawful age

I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the fifteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and Sixty

Elizabeth Howard (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } Feby Term 1862.

This day was produced in open Court the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Elizabeth Howard deceased who by the petition and oath of Alfred S Howard was proved to have been a citizen of Madison County at the time of her death, and J G Fellowes having been duly sworn de-posed and said that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of said Elizabeth Howard having corresponded with her and frequently seen her write and that he is fully satisfied that said foregoing writing is wholly in the hand writing of & was written by her and subscribed by her and further that he was well acquainted with said Elizabeth Howard before and since the date of said writing and that he never knew her to be otherwise than of sound and disposing mind and memory - It is therefore ordered & decreed that said writing be and the same is hereby established as the last Will & testament of said Elizabeth Howard deceased and that the same be admitted to probate, recorded and filed - Ordered and judged & decreed this 18th day of February 1862.

Will S Bailey Judge &c

Will of S Probst

Madison County Mississippi July the 4th 1861

This is to Certify of the undersigned Should be Killed in Battle or die Otherwise that I constitute Miss Mary E. Mitchell (the Daughter of J H Mitchell) as his Sole heir of all his Effects and Claims of money he holds against other Persons, which accounts are in the hands of J H Mitchell & W S Wallhart. I do also appoint my father J H Mitchell as the Executor of this my Will

Witnesses
S Probst Watch Maker

The foregoing annexed writing purporting to be the Last Will & testament of S Probst decd was this day presented to the court and thereupon Comm W. A. S. Wharf and J W Smith who having been severally duly sworn deposed and say that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of said Probst having frequently seen him write and having transacted business with him and that they have no doubt that the said writing is wholly in the handwriting of said Probst. It is therefore ordered and decreed that said foregoing and annexed writing be established as the last Will and testament of said S Probst decd and that the same be recorded and filed, done in open Court March 10th 1862

Wellis Bailey Judge
of Probate Madison County
Miss

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Last Will and Testament of John Kyle

In the Name of God Amen

I, John Kyle of Madison County State of Mississippi being of sound mind but weak in body do this day make my last Will and testament in manner and form as follows

1st It is my Wish that all my Property both real and Personal shall remain together under the supervision of My Wife Elizabeth Kyle untill all of My Just debts are paid and it is also my Wish that my Wife Elizabeth Kyle act as my Executrix and that no bond be required of her.

this December 21st 1861

John Kyle
by J R Powell

Test:
J R Powell
D E Burnes
J D Elborn
Wm H Porter

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } The foregoing Writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of John Kyle deceased, was this day produced in Open Court and thereupon came Joseph B Powell James E Burnes & William H Porter Subscribing Witnesses to said Writing who being duly sworn say that they each signed said writing as attesting Witnesses in the presence and at the request of testator who declared the same to be his Last Will and testament and also in the presence of each other and in the presence of D E Burnes the other Witness who also signed the same in the presence and at the request of testator and in the presence of affiants and further that said Writing was signed in name of said John Kyle by J R Powell at the request of said John Kyle. Said affiants also testified that at the time of the making of said writing the said John Kyle although in sickness was of sound mind and memory and to the best of their knowledge being in all respects fully able to dispose of his property understandingly by Will.

It is therefore Ordered and decreed that said writing be established as the Last Will and testament of said John Kyle deceased and recorded and filed

Wm J Bailey Clk
Probate Ct

Feby 13th 1862

Last Will and Testament of A. Dunkins deceased

Know all men by these presents That I Joseph Hughes Dunkins of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being sound of a sound mind and disposing memory but knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my Last Will and testament in manner and form as follows viz: First my Will and desire is that all my just debts and Funeral Expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of my Estate Second I will and devise that all the residue of my Estate, of every description after paying my just debts & Funeral Expenses shall descend to and belong to my Sister Anna Rose Dunkins said income to be paid over to my Father Lewis Dunkins and by him kept during his natural life to aid and assist in the Education of said Anna Rose and in the event Case or the event that she should die before she arrives at age or marries or die without having any lawful issue then and in that Event the aforesaid residue of my Estate shall descend to and be equally divided between my three surviving Brothers and Sisters Thirdly I hereby constitute and appoint my Eldest Brother Claudius H. Dunkins my sole Executor to carry out the Provisions of this my Last Will and testament and request that no bond shall be required of him and further that he will not charge any thing for his services but only claim and receive such emoluments as shall be expended in carrying out this Will

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my Seal this the 14th day of March A.D. 1852

Signed in the presence of us — A. H. Dunkins (Seal)

A. J. Dunkins
D. E. Barns

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court April Term 1862
Madison County } The foregoing annexed writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of A. H. Dunkins deceased was this day produced in Open Court and thereupon came Alexander H. Dunkins one of the subscribing witnesses to said writing who being duly sworn deposed and said that said A. H. Dunkins deceased signed and sealed said writing in his presence on or about the day of its date he the said A. H. Dunkins declaring the same to be his Last Will and testament also that he signed the same as attesting witness in the presence of and at the request of said A. H. Dunkins and in the presence of D. E. Barns the other attesting witness who also signed the same in his presence and in the presence and at the request of said A. H. Dunkins deceased, and further that at the time signing said writing the said A. H. Dunkins was of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed that said foregoing annexed writing be and the same is hereby established as the Last Will and testament of said A. H. Dunkins deceased and that the same be recorded and filed

April 17th 1862 — Milford Riley Judge P.C.

Last Will and Testament of Mrs Jane Briscoe

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

I Jane Briscoe of the State and County above named being of sound and disposing mind and memory mindfull of the Certainty of death and uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my Last Will and testament revoking all previous wills

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Pace a negro woman named Harriett about 25 years of age as a Specific Legacy for the purpose of equalizing her Share with advancements to and other Children

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Nannie Sevier all the Furniture in the Hall

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to P J Briscoe in trust for Thomas Sevier my Grand Son One Bed Bedstead & Bed furniture

Item 4th It is my will and desire that all the rest of Property real and personal or mixed Shall be equally divided in the following manner One Sixth to Jane Pace One Sixth to Louisa Gayden One Sixth to P J Briscoe One Sixth to John J Briscoe and One Sixth to P J Briscoe in trust for the use and benefit of Thomas Sevier Nannie Sevier Rosanna Knight and Indiana Knight equally and One Sixth it being the remaining Sixth to be divided as follows namely the One half of said Sixth to John J Briscoe in Trust for the use and benefit of my Grandson George Briscoe and the other One half of said Sixth to P J Briscoe as trustee for my Grand daughter Jane Purcell

Item 5th It is my will and desire that the property herein above bequeathed to P J Briscoe as trustee for Thomas and Nannie Sevier and Rosanna and Indiana Knight, Shall remain in the hands of said P J Briscoe and under his control and direction until each of said Cestui que trusts Shall marry or come of age and that on the marriage or arrival at age of any of them the said Trustee is to pay over and deliver to him or her as the case may be the property herein bequeathed and its increase and gains and in the event of the death of said P J Briscoe or his refusal to act in the premises it is my will and that the Chancery Court of Madison County Shall appoint Some Suitable Person to act as trustee, in premises in whom the same powers Shall be vested and the Like duties, as provided for in the Case of the Original Trustee P J Briscoe, but the Chancellor is Expressly directed not to Confer Said Trust on J M Knight

Item 6th the property herein above bequeathed to P J Briscoe in trust for Jane Purcell it is my wish and desire Shall remain in his hands during his lifetime, and in like manner it is my wish that the property bequeathed by me to John J Briscoe in trust for George Briscoe Shall remain in the hands of John J Briscoe during his life, and in no event, is the same to be placed in the hands of said George Briscoe and in the event of the death of Jane Purcell the property in the hands of said Briscoe is to remain in his hands as trustee for the Children of said Jane Purcell and if She dies without having Children, then said property is to be paid over and delivered by the Trustee to Jane Pace Louisa Gayden and J J Briscoe & P J Briscoe One fifth to each of said four persons except P J Briscoe who is to receive two fifths One for himself and the other fifth for the use of Thomas Sevier Nannie Sevier and Rosana Knight

and Indian Knight it being my desire that no portion of the same shall go to George Briscoe and in like manner in case of the death of George Briscoe without heirs of his body it is my will and desire that the property bequeathed to him shall be distributed to the same persons and divided in the same way as is above provided in the case of Sam Purcell dying without heirs of his body

It is my Will and desire that all the Slaves shall be sold for the purpose of division, but I desire that my Negroes shall be divided by Commissioners to be appointed by the Probate Court for that Purpose making Six equal lots as near as practicable, and the lots falling to P J Briscoe Trustee for Thomas and Nancie Sevier, Rosana & Indiana Knight, to be again subdivided by said Commissioners assigning each of said Cestui que trust their respective interest, that is, allotting a specified share or lot of said negroes to P J Briscoe as Trustee for Thomas Sevier and a specified to him as Trustee for Nancie and so on until said Sixth share is exhausted

And in like manner the said shares intended for John J Briscoe as Trustee for George Briscoe and to P J Briscoe Trustee for Sam Purcell shall be divided by said Commissioners assigning one half thereof to John J Briscoe and the other half to P J Briscoe in the aforesaid Capacity of Trustees

It is my Will and desire that all of the property of my dear beloved husband be kept together on the plantation until the death of my beloved husband John Briscoe and under his entire control and direction so long as he may live with the right to use so much of the proceeds as he may desire or need, but no portion of the same or its increase shall be liable for any past liabilities of my dear husband, and no division is to be made until his death, unless he should consent to the same taking place at any earlier period.

To avoid all misconstruction I state that the following three negroes are not designed to be numbered in the provisions of this Will namely Harriet a child about 12 years old and Jeff and Lemira, having given Harriet several years ago to my grand daughter Nannie and the slaves Jeff and Lemira, it is my purpose and design in my life time to dispose of in a different way so that they will constitute no part of my estate at my death

It is my will that neither Bond or Security be required of my Executors hereafter named, I hereby nominate and appoint P J Briscoe and John J Briscoe Executors of this my last Will and testament

Witness my hand and Seal this 14th day of February AD 1860

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the testatrix to be her last Will and testament in our Presence } Sam her X mark Briscoe (Seal)

and Each of us at her request and in her Presence and in presence of Each other signed our names thereto as attesting witnesses this 14th day of February 1860

B C Alsworth
D P Caldwell
Thos J Alsworth

State of Mississippi }
Madison County } ss I John Briscoe of said State and County hereby state that I am now fully appraised of the making execution and publication of the above Will and I fully consent to the same this 14th Feby 1860

John Briscoe

Attest
B C Alsworth
D P Caldwell
Thos J Alsworth

In the Matter of the probate of the Last Will and testament of Jane Briscoe deceased

J J Alsworth one of the attesting Witnesses to the Writing produced in Court as the Last Will and testament of Jane Briscoe deceased appeared in Open Court on the 17th day of May AD 1862 and having been duly Sworn deposed and said that he signed said writing in the presence at the request and at the request of said Jane Briscoe who declared the Same to be her Last Will and testament and in the presence of W C Alsworth and D P Caldwell the Other Subscribing witnesses who also Signed the Same in his presence, and in the presence and at the request of said Jane Briscoe the declaring said writing to be her last will and testament and who also signed the Same in his and their presence And also the Said D.P. Caldwell another Subscribing Witness to said writing Personally appeared

Decree } in Open Court on the 19th day of May 1862 and having been duly Sworn deposed and said that he signed said writing in the presence and at the request of said Jane Briscoe she declaring the Same to be her Last Will and testament and also in the presence of said J J Alsworth and W C Alsworth the Other Subscribing witnesses who also signed the Same in the presence and at the request of said Jane Briscoe who declared said writing to be her last Will and testament and who also signed the Same in his and their presence and further that he and the Other Subscribing witnesses signed the Consent of John Briscoe following said writing as witnesses thereto in the Presence and at the request of Said John Briscoe who also signed Same in his and their presence

It is therefore Ordered adjudged and decreed that the aforesaid writing be and the Same is hereby established as the Last Will and testament of Jane Briscoe deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed as such

Ordered adjudged and Decreed May 19th 1862

Wm J Bailey judge

Will of Benjamin Chambers

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Chambers of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being Well Stricken in years but of Sound mind and disposing Memory do Make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

Item 1st I wish all my Just debts paid

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son William R Chambers the following Slaves (to Wit) Ben Isabella Nancy Lucy Anna Mary ann Green and Eliza with all their increase from this date

Item 3d I give and bequeath unto My Grand Son John B Thompson the following Slaves (to Wit) Moses, Anne, Eliza Moses jr. Daniel jr Allen Jane Bill, adaline Lucy Delilah Allen jr Sam. Angelina Sol & Elijah with all their increase from this date Also Annie & Child Nunny

Item 4th In relation to the Legacies to my Grand Sons Wm R Chambers and John B. Thompson it is my Will that my Executors hereinafter named sell hire the Negroes annually those bequeathed to my

grand Son Wm R Chambers to Wm B Taylor and those bequeathed to my Grand Son John B Thompson to his Father Charles Thompson the hire of each to be determined by appraisement by two or more disinterested persons the amount accruing from each hire to be applied by the Guardian to the Support and education of said Minor Heirs and should there be a Surplus it is my will that the guardians loan it out upon good Security and report to my executors annually, the Condition of their Guardians Accounts

Item 5th In addition to the Negroes bequeathed to my Grandson John B Thompson I have delivered to his Guardian Charles Thompson Notes to the amount of Four thousand four Hundred and fifty dollars and in addition to the negroes bequeathed my grand Son Wm R Chambers I have delivered to his guardian Edward M Chambers Notes to the Amount of Four thousand one hundred and Sixty Six 66/100 dollars for the use and benefit of said Minor Heirs

Item 6th It is my will that the Guardians of my Minor heirs shall on no Case expend a larger amount upon them than the hire of the Negroes bequeathed them unless by the Consent of my Executors

Item 7th It is my Will that no part of the property bequeathed my Grand Sons Wm R Chambers and John B Thompson be delivered them until they arrive at the age of twenty one years and should one or both of them die before reaching the age of twenty one years then all legacies herein bequeathed them to lapse and return to my estate to be equally divided among my Legal Heirs

Item 8, I hereby appoint my Son in law Charles Thompson guardian of my Grand Son John B Thompson and my Son Edward M Chambers guardian of my grand Son Wm R Chambers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of my Will herein before expressed in Relation to my two grand Sons

Item 9 I give and bequeath to my Niece Drusilla Crawford of Green County Alabama One Hundred dollars and to my Niece Sam McWhorter of Itawamba County Mississippi widow of Benjamin McWhorter Eighty Five dollars

Item 10th In remainder of my Estate real and Person of every Kind and description Whatsoever I hereby give and bequeath to my Children Mary Ann Elizabeth Edward Harriet Samuel and my Grand Children Rebecca McAlister Wm R Chambers & John B Thompson in equal Parts

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Rebecca McAlister the amount of Thirty Seven Hundred and fifty dollars and the interest accruing thereon When Stephens Crokes Note due 1 January 1863 is collected which amount and the amount bequeathed her by the 10th Item of my Will to be invested in Such personal or real estate as she or her husband may Select, the title to Said Property to be vested in her and the heirs of her body

Item 12 I hereby appoint my Son in Law Wm B Taylor and Son Samuel Chambers 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 December 1860

Benjn Chambers (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in the presence of the

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undersigned and in the Presence of each other this 29th day of December AD 1860

C W Wood
J C Richards
B R Allen
E D Ward

In the Matter of the Probate of the last Will and testament of Benjamin Chambers deceased.

A Certain Writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Benjamin Chambers deceased was this day Produced in Open Court Whereupon Camble W. Wood J. C. Richards B. R. Allen and E. D. Ward subscribing witnesses to said Writing Who having been duly Sworn each said that he signed the Same in the presence and at the request of said Benjamin Chambers Who also signed Same in their presence he declaring said writing to be his last Will and testament. and also that they and each of them signed the same as attesting witnesses in the presence of each other the said Witnesses and each of them do Depose further Say that the said Benjamin Chambers at the time of signing said Writing was of sound mind and disposing Memory It is therefore Ordered and decreed by the Court that said writing be established as the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Chambers deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed.

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 29st day of May AD 1862

Wm S Bailey Judge PO

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Last Will & Testament of Wm F Yancey.

In the Name of God Amen I Wm F Yancey being of sound and disposing Mind Memory will and understanding and now being about to depart for the war having enlisted in the Service of the Southern Confederate States of America knowing the perils I am about to encounter and being desirous before my departure from Madison County and State of Mississippi where I reside to Settle my Worldly affairs and to dispose of my Worldly effects and estate, do make and Ordain establish publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament revoking hereby all wills heretofore made by me

Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved Sister Ann E Yancey all my Property real Personal and mixed and all Bills Notes and Accounts and all effects now belonging to me and all rights and Credits or Claims in action or rights of actions in any manner or in any wise to me appertaining or belonging to have and to hold the Same to her and her heirs forever in fee simple

Item I wish and desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid and settled

Item I nominate and appoint as Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Dr J A Phillips and B B Lipscomb and should my friend B B Lipscomb not return from the War nor survive me then and in that Case I nominate and appoint Z Lawhorn to act in the place and stead of the said Lipscomb in conjunction with the said Phillips

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and have this 24th day of March AD 1862 published made and declared this to be my Last Will and testament

W F Yancey (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the Last will and testament of the testator this 24th day of March AD 1862. in the Presence of the undersigned as Witness thereto who Signed the same at the request of the testator and in his presence

Franklin Smith

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court Aug Term 1862
Madison County }

The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of William F Yancey deceased was this day produced in Open Court and thereupon Came Franklin Smith, whose name is also signed to said writing as attesting Witness who having been duly Sworn deposed and Said that Said William F Yancey Signed Said writing in his Presence declaring it to be his Last Will and testament and that he affiant Signed the same as witness in the presence and at the request of Said Yancey on the day of the date of said writing and further that at the time of signing Said Writing the Said William F Yancey was of Sound Mind and disposing Memory

It is therefore Ordered and decreed that Said writing be and the Same is hereby established as the Last Will and testament of Said William F Yancey deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 18th day of July 1862

Wm Yerby
Judge P C

374 Last Will & Testament of Thomas Summers dec

Madison County } Know all men that I Thomas Summers
State of Mississippi } being in sound mind and memory do
make this my last will revoking all others by me made so. viz
First above all, my will is that I live in the fear of
Almighty God so after death that I may inherit eternal
happiness with him in Heaven, hoping all through the merits
and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. next I
commit and commend my wife and Children to the care and
protection of Almighty God begging him to direct them
in the use of what Worldly goods I have to lean them in
such a way that it may be for his honor and glory here
and to their salvation hereafter,

After thus disposing of myself my wife and Children as
far as in man lies I next proceed to dispose of my entire
estate as follows to Wit.

First Item I will all my just debts paid as soon
as possible

Second Item I will the off spring of my Son Roger
L Summers dec.d by his Wife Sarah (the name of the Child is Hannah
Roger Summers) if said off spring as aforesaid should live to the age
of Eighteen years, the sum of Five Thousand dollars, this
Legacy is not to bear interest, the simple sum of Five thousand
to be paid at the age of Eighteen I will it further a home
at the Homestead of my Wife and Children, If it lives it with
out Charge, If the said Child dies before the age of Eighteen
years then I will it nothing unless it should marry before
that age and die leaving off spring of her body then this
Legacy of Five Thousand Dollars left as aforesaid I will to be
paid to her said off spring

Third Item I have given off my Son Alphonso L Summers
his entire share of my Estate, so I will him nothing more, unless it
is caused by the death of some one more of my minor Children then
and in that case I will to him to have a Childs part of the said deceased
Childs share, which part shall be by my Executrix ascertained by appra
-ising my Estate and apertaining what the said deceased Childs share
would have been had there been a Childs part of said share
and so on in the event of the death of other minor Children and
also I will him in the event of the death of the Child of Roger
L Summers dec.d If said Child die before the age of Eighteen years and
without leaving any issue the sum of Seven Hundred hundred
dollars this sum to be paid him within the term of twelve months
after the death of said Child it's Childs share of the Legacy left
to the said Child of R L Summers dec.d in the event of its death
I. as aforesaid

Fourth Item. I will the balance of my entire estate to my wife
Catherine and to my minor Children Jointly share and share alike

and to be managed by my Wife Catherine as She may think best for said joint interest untile the eldest Child becomes of age then to appraise my Estate and set off to the Child so of age his or her Share or Childs part, the balance the balance of my Estate remaining together in the hands and Care of my wife Catherine for the minor Children and herself until the next Child becomes of age, then appraise and set off as in the first Case and so on until all become of age, leaving in my Wifes hands her own Share or Childs part which part I will her to do with as She may please

Fifth Item In the event of any of my minor Children dying after one or more of the elder Children have become of age and his or her Share given off. then and in that Case appraise my Estate and ascertain the deceased Childs part and then give off as has received their part of my Estate a Childs part of the deceased Childs Share, so as to equalize each Child Willing as I do Each of my Children an equal part of my estate

Item Sixth In appraising my Estate for to ascertain a Childs part I will that my House and Lot and furniture and Kitchen Furniture and my Carriage and Carriage Horse be appraised at a Sum not to Exceed Five Thousand dollars but as much less as their Value may appear to be at the time of appraising, the Lot attached to the House is the Land purchased of Mr Henry Coulter in his Life time of about twenty three acres and also a piece purchased of Mr Bugg & Chanlers on the West of the Road of about five acres in the two plats about Twenty Eight Acres, this Constitutes the Land attached to the House

Item Seventh I appoint my Wife Catherine my true and Lawful executrix to carry out this my will giving her full power to carry out and manage the same in any way that She may think best for their joint interest, willing that She shall do the same without any accountability to the courts of the Country for her said acts. In giving this power I entrace the power to sell and to lease any property that She may think proper to do, and in any way that She may please, but Should my Wife Catherine Marry then and in that Case I hereby her powers as my Executrix and will that my estate be appraised and her one Childs part be set off to her and I appoint my Son Alphonso T Summes my Executor to carry out my will or in the event of the death of my Wife before my estate is wound up I then appoint my Son Alphonso T Summes my Executor to carry out my will Should my Wife and my Son as above both die before my estate is wound up. I then and in that Case appoint my friend Sylvester V Luckett my Executor to carry out my Will

Item Eighth the Legacy of Five thousand dollars left to the offspring of Roger L Summes decd to be paid at the age of Eighteen years shall be left in the hands of Executrix or Executor as the Case may be as a fund to meet the Legacy when due

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this Twenty Second day of February 1858 in the presence of

Test Sherrod G Luckett
John T Ward

Thomas Summes (Seal)

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Madison County } This addition to my Will by Way
Mississippi } of Codicil is to guard against my Executrix or Executor being Compelled to give Bond with Security for the Executorship of My Estate as I will her or him to take my Estate and manage it without giving any Security for Said Executrix or Executor

Test. March 1st 1860

Oliver A Lockett Jr (Seal) Thomas Semmes (Seal)
S M Anderson (Seal)

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court July Term 1862
Madison County }

In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Semmes decd and Codicil to the Same

Be it Remembered that at this time term of the Court to wit, on the fifteenth day of July 1862 a certain writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Thomas Semmes deceased and a certain other writing purporting to be a Codicil thereto were produced in Open Court and filed for Probate and thereupon Came Oliver A Lockett Jr and James M Anderson Subscribing to Said Writing purporting to be a Codicil to Said will as aforesaid who having been first duly Sworn deposed and Said that Said writing was signed by Said Thomas Semmes in their presence he declaring the Same to be a Codicil to his last Will and testament that they each and at the Same time, to wit, on or about the 1st day of March 1860 Signed the Same as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of Said Thomas Semmes and in the Presence of Each other and further that at the time of Signing Said writing the Said Thomas Semmes was of Sound Mind and disposing memory

And Afterwards to wit on this the Seventeenth day of July 1862 Personally appeared in Open Court Sherrod G Lockett one of the Subscribing witnesses to Said writing purporting to be the Last will and testament of Said Thomas Semmes deceased, who having been first duly Sworn deposed and Said that the Said Thomas Semmes Signed and Sealed Said writing in his presence on or about the day of its date, to wit, the twenty Second day of February 1858 declaring the Same to be his Last will and testament and that he affiant Signed the Same as witness thereto at the Same time and in the presence, and at the request of Said Thomas Semmes who was at the time of Sound and disposing mind and memory

And on the Same day to wit on the Seventeenth day of July 1862 Personally appeared in Open Court Oliver A Lockett Jr and S M Anderson who having been duly sworn and having each Examined Said writing purporting to be the

Last Will and testament of Thomas Simmons as aforesaid and deposed and said that they were each well acquainted with hand writing of said Thomas Simmons deceased having frequently seen him write and having transacted much business with him and that they are each well satisfied that said satisfied that said writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of said Thomas Simmons and the signature thereto are Wholly in the hand writing of said Thomas Simmons It is therefore Ordered and decreed that said writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Thomas Simmons deceased and the said writing purporting to be the Codicil thereto be ~~and the~~ same are established as the Last will and testament of said Thomas Simmons deceased and Codicil thereto respectively and that said will and Codicil so established be recorded and filed as such

Ordered adjudged and decreed this 17th July 1862

Wilf Pauly judge &c

Last Will and Testament of John Martin Elder

I John Martin Elder of Madison County in the State of Mississippi being of sound mind memory and understanding and in good health Do hereby make Publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament as Follows

First I do give and grant and Bequeath to my Friend Celia Ann Singleton of Canton in Madison County in the State of Mississippi All the tract of Land and Plantation on which I reside at Walnut Creek in Madison County and all its appurtenances To Wit, the East half of Section twenty three and the West half and the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty four and the North half and the East half of the South west quarter and the South East quarter of Section twenty five and the North East quarter and the East half of the North West quarter and the South west quarter of Section twenty Six & the East half of the South East quarter of Section thirty five and the West half of the North east quarter and the West half of Section thirty six all in Township Nine of Range three East Also the West half of the North West quarter of Section thirteen and the east half of the North east quarter of Section fourteen and the east half of the North east quarter and the East half of the North West quarter and the South half of the N. W. of of the North East quarter of Section twenty two and the North of the west half of the South east quarter and the East half of the South West Quarter of Section fifteen all in Township Nine of Range Three East, And the North half and the West half of the South West quarter of Section thirty

Township Nine of Range four East and also a tract of Land in Madison County at Pearl River to Wit the South east quarter and the east half of the South west quarter of Section eight and Lot No one of Section twenty at Cram Bluff all in Township eight of Range four East (and also a tract of Land at Pearl River at Yellow Cane Bluff at the ferry to wit the East half of the South west quarter of Section twenty four, and Lots two and three and four and five of Section twenty five and Lot One Section twenty six all in Township Nine of Range four East And A tract of Land including the Island at Pearl River and Old River to Wit the East half of the North west quarter and the South West quarter and the South east quarter of Section Thirty and the West half of the South West quarter of Section twenty Nine all in township Nine of Range five East in Madison County And I do give and bequeath to my Said Wife R Singleton all my Land in Wilkinson County and in Scott County & in Leake County and in Madison County And the Property named as follows to wit All my Negro Slaves Eliza Abram Nancy Perry Charles Reuben the Son of Nancy Nilly Polly Anta Enoch Cornelius Anthony and their increase Dick Barbara Phebe Caroline Celia Molly Billy Melinda and Josephine & their increase Susan Griffin Lavinia Jonas Delia Hamilton and their increase Luke Clarissa Sophronia Washington Elijah Silsby and Lugans and their increase Ann Albert Lilly Romulus Sandy Jenny Henrietta Angelet Margarto Washington Rhuben Catharine Margaret Lucinda Jared and their increase Edmund Maria Bow Louis Willis Andrew Daniel Joseph Johnson Minerva Adline Prudy Sarah big Louis and their increase Isaac Elias Harriet Silvester Nelson Lucet Spencer Aggy Nizzah and their increase Emily Sally Morton Charlotte Leanna & their increase Milton Fanny Darcus Elizabeth Gilbert Sarah Paris Martha Andrew and their increase Nelson Caty Levi and their increase Richard Mary Rachel Patriot Amy Isabella Erasmus and their increase Harry Silby Alex David Jerry Lucy Caroline Caroline Shadrick Esau Matthew Hilson Sophy Liddy Michael Grace William and their increase Stephen Julia Alexander and their increase Dennis Nancy Eliza Nunnys daughter Washington Mack Romeo Lavina Francis Marshal Rosanna Polly Louisa Floya Satyr Mary Alfred and their increase and Frank and Sampson Hannah Ann Lilla and Ann Armstead Betty Amanda Ency and their increase and all my Negroes that I may have forgotten to name and I do give to said Alex R Singleton all things appertaining to my residence and Plantation and belonging to it and Provisions Horses Mules Cattle Hogs Sheep and all my stock and farming utensils Tools and all its appurtenances and all my Household Furniture Beds and bedding

Books, Papers Debts Obligations and Notes and my Crop of cotton and the Money that I may have on hand in the State of Mississippi and in Louisiana And I will and desire that the Families of My Negroes may not be Separated but be kept together on the Plantation on which I resides and I do give and bequeath to Mrs Martha Mulherrin my Gold watch and Key and I do give and bequeath to the Said Otho R Singleton All Remainder of My Estate and All Property that I may have forgotten or Omitted to name in this My Will And I do hereby Constitute and appoint Otho R Singleton of Warren County in the State of Mississippi the Executor of this my Last Will and testament Revoking All Others

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of March 1861 one

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
in presence of us Witnesses } John Martin Elder (Seal)
W P Harvey
Wm M Reid
J S Reid

State of Mississippi } Circuit Court September Term 1861
Warren County } This day was produced in Open Court a Certain paper purporting to be the Last Will and testament of John Martin Elder deceased and thereupon came W P Harvey one of the subscribing witnesses to said writing who being duly sworn deposes and Said that he signed the same as witness in the presence and at the request of said John Martin Elder who stated that he was wholly in his mind and Said Writing for the purposes therein contained and the said W P Harvey further on Oath states he signed said writing in the presence of Wm M Reid and J S Reid the other subscribing witnesses who also signed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other and in the presence and at the request of said John Martin Elder, and afterwards to wit on the same day personally appeared in Open Court said Wm M Reid who being duly sworn deposes and Said that he signed said writing as witness in the presence and at the request of said John Martin Elder who acknowledged his signature thereto and also in the presence of W P Harvey who signed the same in his presence and in the presence and at the request of said John Martin Elder that the said Wm M Reid from his personal knowledge of the handwriting of said John Martin Elder verily believes said writing to have been wholly written and signed by the said John Martin Elder and said Wm M Reid further on Oath states that he does not positively recollect that J S Reid whose name is signed as witness to said writing was present at the time he affiant signed the same, but that he is satisfied that the signature of J S Reid thereto is the signature of said J S Reid and was written by him and

the Said W. B. Harvey and W. M. Reid further on Oath Solemnly Stated that at the time of their Signing said writing as Subscribing witnesses the Said John Martin Elder was of Sound ~~mind~~ and disposing mind. It is therefore Ordered adjudged and decreed that Said writing be and the Same is hereby established as the last Will and testament of John Martin Elder deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed as Said.

Ordered adjudged and decreed this Ninth day of September 1862.

Nell J. Pauley Judge P.C.

The Last Will & Testament of

Crosby S. Siddons

In the Name of God Amen

I Crosby S. Siddons being in perfect health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this as my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other testamentary dispositions by me made

Item 1st. I will and direct that my Property of every description be kept together subject to the conditions hereafter mentioned until my executor hereinafter named with my hands upon the Home Place where I now reside to the Plantation in Fayette County now occupied by James Simmons and by Self in partnership until it proves expedient to pay off and discharge all my just debts and thereby invest my Said Executor with ~~discretionary~~ Power necessary to a successful management of my Estate and enforce debts than the Property of so far as may seem to Every Handle as he deems my Estate best in the Shortest possible period of time I also empower him to sell any portion of my Property that he may think proper except which in their the Executor and best judgment should be deemed not profitably purchased by Land which they may think most conducive to the interest of my Estate and I hereby Exempt them from giving Bond and Security as my Executors as I have full confidence in their honesty and integrity.

Item 2nd. It is my wish that my Executor deliver over to my Grandchild Sidney P. Siddons as soon as she comes of age or marries an Account of Personal Property Equal in Value to what I have previously given to Each of my Daughters as of the time when the Same was given and Crediting in Kind no money or Property

with that received by each of my said married Daughters

Item 3rd I will and desire that my Son Samuel Crosby Skidmore now in the Service of his Country if he should return home alive be sent by my Executors to some first class College in the Southern Confederacy and receive a finished education and then select for himself such a profession as he may deem fit. It is also my wish that my said Son shall receive upon a final division of my estate over and above the share of my estate received by my other Children what would be in money equal to the value of one half the plantation upon which I now reside with the privilege of taking the other half of said plantation if he sees proper to do so at a fair price to be fixed by disinterested appraisers to be selected for that purpose by my said Son and my Executors herein after named soon as my said son arrives at age or marries I direct my Executors to deliver to him an amount of Personal Property equal in value to what I have heretofore given to each of my married daughters as of the time when the same was given and corresponding in kind as nearly as possible with that received by each of my said married Daughters

Item 4th I give to my Grandson Daniel Gilmore Son of my deceased daughter Augusta C. Negro boy by the name of Wm C Dawson but it is my wish that the share of my Estate to which my said daughter might have been entitled had she survived me and to which her Children will be entitled in her right to be charged with the value of said Negro boy.

Item 5th It is my Will that until my Daughter Sidney and my Son Samuel Crosby shall arrive at age that they be decently supported out of my Estate and as soon as my Executors wind up my business and pay all my debts it is my desire that all the property belonging to my Estate after the payment of my debts and the legacy herein mentioned be equally divided share and share alike among all my children and the Children of my deceased Daughter Augusta representing the share or interest of their deceased Mother

Item 6th I do constitute and appoint my Sons in Law John W Griffin and W A Carraway my Executors to carry out as Executors this Will. Witness my hand and seal 3rd Sept 1861

Signed sealed and published by the Testator as his last will and testament in our presence and by us signed in his presence and the presence of each other in witness whereto

A Rogers
Geo W Stewart
R A Lyne Jun.

Sidney S Skidmore (Seal)

Codicil

In Addition to the above and by Way of Codicil I make and desire that my Executors permit my Servant Woman and Laundress Susan to go to Washington City District of Columbia or Richmond Va as She may prefer and and I hereby give to my Said Executors for her use the Sum of five hundred Dollars I direct and require my Executors Select for me some girl Negro aged about 10 years a Suitable home where She will be treated with Kindness and humanity and taught the art of Sewing and when She arrives at the proper age I request my Executors to place her under some humane and intelligent mantua Maker to be appreticed to learn the trade and I give my Said Executors five hundred dollars for her use

And I hereby declare it as my intention and as part of my Will that any of my Children who may attempt to render nugatory the provisions or directions contained in this Codicil Shall not receive any portion of my Estate but the Same Shall go to those of my Children who are willing to conform to my Last wish and request as herein contained

Witness my hand and Seal this 3rd Sept 1862

Signed Sealed and published } Crosby S Skidmore (Seal)
as a codicil to the Last Will and testament
of Crosby S Skidmore by him in our Presence
and by us in his presence and in presence of Each other
A Rogers
G W Stuart
C A Lizenbee Sen.

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } October Term 1862

Here before to wit, at the September Term of this Court on the 8th day of September 1862 the foregoing annexed writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Crosby S Skidmore deceased and Codicil thereto was produced in Open Court and thereupon came Allen A Lickliter one of the Subscribing witnesses to said writing and having been duly Sworn deposed and said that he signed said Will and Codicil in the presence of and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore dec'd and also in the presence of A Rogers and G W Stuart the other subscribing witnesses who also signed the same in his presence and in the presence and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore and further that said Skidmore was at the time of signing said writing of sound and disposing mind and memory and declared said writing to be his last will and testament and Codicil thereto and afterwards ~~to~~ during said September term of said Court to wit on the 15th day of said month of September personally appeared in Open Court A Rogers one of the Subscribing witnesses to said writing who having been duly Sworn and sa[illegible]

having been shown to him deposed and said that he signed the same in the presence and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore and in the presence of O St Lucille Sr. and G W Stewart the other subscribing witnesses who also signed the same in the presence and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore who signed the same in his and their presence, as his last will and testament and further, that the said Crosby Skidmore was at time of signing said writings of sound and disposing mind and memory

And afterwards at the October Term 1862 of the Probate Court of Macoupin County to wit: on the 13th day of October 1862 personally appeared in open Court G W Stewart who is also one of the subscribing witnesses to said writings which having been duly sworn deposed and said that he signed said writings in the presence and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore and in the presence of said O St Lucille Sr. and A Rogers the other witnesses who also signed said writings in the presence and at the request of said Crosby S Skidmore and moreover that said Skidmore at the time of signing said writings was of sound mind and disposing memory It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed that the aforesaid writings be and the same are hereby established as the last will and testament of the said Crosby S Skidmore deceased and be admitted thereto and that the same be recorded and filed as such

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of October 1862

Wm J. Dailey (Seal)
Judge &c

The Last Will & Testament of David M. Wiggins
Madison County Miss. Nov. 1st 1866

In View of the uncertainty of Life and the Certainty of death and fearing this present illness may prove Fatal I David M. Wiggins being sound of mind and retaining memory do make this my Last will and testament

Item 1st I will and direct that my beloved wife Melissa & children Wiggins shall have in fee simple the dwelling in which I am now residing Enclosure of land thereunto and Stock &c. Also all the horses & Mules on the premises Cows and Heifers hogs all the stock on farm Wagons & all the ground crop Household & Kitchen furniture & farming implements I have begotten to remain in fee simple for life my youngest child Lily Clifford Wiggins becomes of age

Item 2nd I will and direct that the proceeds of the property or the property itself specified in Item 1st shall be used and appropriated by my beloved wife Melissa & as in her body may the necessity of the case may demand for the rearing and educating of our Younger children as well as supplying the wants and necessities of the Elder children of necessary

Item 3rd I will and direct that my indebtedness be liquidated as soon as convenient

Item 4th If my beloved wife Melissa & Sarah die before any younger child shall have arrived of age then in that case Sarah and desire an equal degree of Property as specified in Item 1st bequeath all our Children or their representatives if any

Or in Case of the Marriage of my beloved Wife Melissa & In that Case I will and direct the above property as in Item 1st to be equally divided between her and our Children said division to be made immediately after Said Marriage

Item 5th I will and Direct that all my Merchandise be handed to Mr. A. H. Montgomery Subject to sale at his discretion and then by him returned to my Wife or family and that he be requested to Preach my Funeral and that I be Buried by him according to the forms and usages of the M. E. Church, South and nothing further my Coffin to be made of Plain Pine Plants.

Item 6th I will and desire that Wm. Coleman act as Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament

Witness

Thomas Gilliard

A. H. Montgomery

W. M. Ward

D. M. Wiggins

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } November Term 1862

The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of David M. Wiggins deceased was at this term to wit on the 11th day of November 1862 produced in open Court and thereupon came Thomas W. Ward one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who having been duly sworn deposed and said that the said David M. Wiggins signed said writing in his presence on the day of its date and that he the said Thomas W. Ward signed the same then and there in the presence and at the request of said David M. Wiggins and also in the presence of Thomas L. Hart and A. H. Montgomery the other subscribing witnesses who also signed the same in the presence of and at the request of said David M. Wiggins and that said David M. Wiggins was then of sound and disposing mind and memory [illegible] and afterwards at the same term of the Court to wit on the 13th day of November 1862 personally appeared in open Court the said Thomas L. Hart [illegible] subscribing witness to said writing who having been duly sworn [illegible] and said that he signed the same as attesting witness in the presence and at the request of said David M. Wiggins and also in the presence of Thomas W. Ward the other subscribing witness who also signed the same in their presence and in the presence and at the request of said David M. Wiggins and further that at the time of signing the same the said David M. Wiggins who signed said writing in their presence was of sound mind and disposing memory. It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that said foregoing writing be and the same is hereby established as the last Will and testament of the said David M. Wiggins deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of November 1862.

[illegible] Clerk
[illegible]

The last will and testament of Robert Scott

I Robert Scott being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Scott the use of my plantation on which I now reside with all the stock of horses cattle hogs and sheep and all the farming utensils on the same during her natural life or so long as she may remain my widow

Second I give and bequeath to my son Robert Scott the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell and all the rest and residue of my land lying and being in the County of Southampton Virginia containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Third I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Drake the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell adjoining the land I have given my son Robert containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Drake the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell adjoining the land I have given my son Robert containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Fifth I give and bequeath to my son Robert Scott the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell in Madison County State of Mississippi containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Sixth I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Drake the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell in Madison County State of Mississippi containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Seventh I give and bequeath to my son Robert Scott of Southampton County State of Virginia my negro boy Daniel Sam

Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Robert Scott of Southampton County State of Virginia the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell in Madison County State of Mississippi containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Ninth I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Drake the tract of land I purchased of Thomas Bell in Madison County State of Mississippi containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less

Tenth I give and bequeath to Sterling Walters Taylor son of L L Taylor of Madison County State of Mississippi the two hundred dollars out of money due me from Elias L Lockett Exr and Wilson McCaleb Exr of same

Eleventh I give and bequeath to James Taylor son of said L L Taylor my Sixth Sixth

Twelfth I give and bequeath to said L L Taylor of Madison County Mississippi my Dearly Beloved Wife Mary Ann and my five Children

Martha A Appomattox Samuel Hamilton —

Executor of this my Will
Given under my hand and seal this 25th day
of March AD 1862

Richard X Scott (Seal)
his mark

A A Smith
E L Ward
W A Ingler

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } November Term 1862

In the matter [illegible] The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Richard Scott deceased was at this term of the Court to wit on the 11th day of November 1862 produced in Open Court [illegible] A Smith [illegible] of the subscribing witnesses [illegible] being duly sworn deposed and said that the said Richard Scott signed said writing by making his mark [illegible] and that said Thomas A Smith signed the same [illegible] the presence and at the request of said Scott and in the presence of E L Ward and W A Ingler the other subscribing witnesses who also signed said writing in the presence of [illegible] and at the request of said Scott [illegible] and said Thomas A Smith [illegible] that at the time of signing said writing the said Richard Scott was of sound [illegible] memory [illegible] at the same term of the Court to wit on the 11th day of November 1862 [illegible] appeared in Open Court the said W Ingler one of said subscribing witnesses [illegible] being duly sworn deposed and said that the said Richard Scott signed said writing [illegible] signed the same as witness in the presence of [illegible] at said Scott's request [illegible] and the other witnesses [illegible] signed said writing in the presence of each other and in the presence and at the request of said Richard Scott [illegible] said Richard Scott at the time [illegible] said writing was of sound mind and memory [illegible]

Then the Court [illegible] the proof [illegible] the said writing [illegible] the same as truly established as the last Will and testament of Richard Scott deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such.

Given under my hand [illegible] this [illegible] day November 1862

[illegible] Probate Judge [illegible]

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Last Will & Testament of Julia Scholes

I Julia Scholes of Canton in the County of Madison and State of Mississippi do hereby make and publish this my Last Will and testament

First I direct that the Expenses of my last Sickness and my Funeral be paid out of the money of which I may die possessed

Second I give and bequeath the three of the remainder of the money of which I may die possessed to my Sister Nancy Ann Jeffreys the remaining two thirds of said money I direct to be appropriated to the Purchase of Mementos for the use of my two Sisters Mrs Louisa Fellows and Mrs Henrietta Huey to Each an equal Share

Third I give and bequeath my Wardrobe to my Sister Mrs Louisa Fellows

Fourth I Give and bequeath to my Neice Julia Jennette Fellows the East half of the tract of Land which I own in Scott County Iowa to Wit the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section thirty (30) in Township Eighty north of Range three East

I give and bequeath to my Sister Ann Fichmer in trust for the exclusive use and benefit of Mrs Louisa Fellows the West half of the tract of Land above discribed

Fifth I Give and bequeath to Louisa Fellows in trust for the exclusive use and benefit of my Sister Mrs Ann Fichmer the Lot of Land which I own in the City of Davenport Iowa

I do hereby appoint Jonathan G Fellows my Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby directing that no Security be required of him as such executor In witness whereof I Julia Scholes have hereunto Set my hand this 11th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and Sixty two

Julia Scholes

The above instrument of an Instrument was at the date thereof declared to us by the testatrix Julia Scholes to be her Last Will and testament and She acknowledged to each of us that She that She had Subscribed the Same and we at her request sign our names hereto as attesting Witnesses

Witness

A D Barlow
Peter Brown
Henry Lord

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } December Term. 1862

The foregoing Writing was this day Produced in Open Court as the Last Will and testament of Julia Scholes deceased and thereupon Came A D Barlow Peter Brown

and Mary Lord Subscribing Witnesses thereto who having each been duly Sworn deposed and Said that they each Signed Said writing as witnesses in the presence and at the request of the Said Julia Scholes who declared the Same to be her Last Will and testament and that She had Signed it as Such that Said Julia Scholes was at the time of their So Signing Said Writing of Sound and disposing mind and memory and that She was a Woman Over the age of Eighteen years.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged that Said foregoing writing be and the Same is hereby established as the Last Will and testament of Said Julia Scholes deceased and that the Same be recorded and filed as Such

Given under my hand and Seal this 5th day of Decr 1862

Milton Bailey Judge M

Last Will and Testament of L D Pace

State of Mississippi
Madison County } In the name of God the Supreme ruler and arbiter of the fate of all men and with a due Sense of all the obligations to Him and to all men, I, Lorenzo Don Pace of the aforesaid State and County being of full age and of Sound and disposing mind and memory, but duly impressed with all the Lamentable Uncertainties of life do ordain and constitute this my last will and Testament.

First I am mindful of the duties and obligations I owe to Divine providence I submit my body and Soul to the arbitrament of his will, goodness and mercy.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother Ellen Chastell L Pace all my worldly goods and effects both real and personal of all and every description to be held by her in fee Simple during the term of her natural life.

Thirdly, It is my further will and pleasure that my Said beloved Mother Shall have the full right ample and complete to dispose of the goods and Chattels real and personal which are hereby bequeathed at her death to whomsoever She may think to bequeath the Same to, giving her a full and Complete power to dispose of the Same as I now possess to dispose of the Same

In witness that the above and foregoing is my last will and testament to take effect after my death, I hereby Set my hand and Seal in the presence of C. C. Shackelford Sr. R M Latimer and S L Hasty witnesses to the Same, done on this the 27th day of January A.D. 1861

L D Pace (Seal)

Witness R M Latimer
C C Shackelford
S L Hasty

Probate Court March Term 1863.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of L D Pace deceased having been produced before the Court at a former term to wit at the January Term 1863. and L L Mosby one of the subscribing witnesses thereto having appeared before the Court at said January Term 1863. to wit on the 14 day of January 1863. and R M Latimer another witness to said writing having appeared before the Court at the February Term 1863. thereof to wit on the 14th day of February 1863. and G G Shackelford Sr. the other subscribing witness having this day appeared before the Court and said subscribing witnesses having been severally duly sworn in open Court at the times they respectively appeared as aforesaid; they each deposed and said that they signed said writing as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said L D Pace on or about the day of its date, the said L D Pace declaring the same to be his last will and testament; and said witnesses further respectively stated that they believe they signed said writing in the presence of each other and that said L D Pace was at said time of sound & disposing mind and memory. And the said G G Shackelford also in oath stated that he wrote said writing at the request and according to the instructions of said L D Pace, It is therefore ordered and decreed that said foregoing writing be and the same is hereby established as the last will and testament of the said L D Pace deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of March 1863.

Wm F Bailey
Judge &c

Last Will & Testament John S Tucker dec^d

In the name of God Amen

I, John S Tucker of Madison County State of Ga being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory and on my mind knowing that life is uncertain and being desirous to dispose of my worldly goods & to make publish publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made

I hereby bequeath my body to the earth whence it was taken and my soul to God who gave it.

I desire that my body shall after my decease be decently interred and my debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my estate, so soon as the same can be conveniently done after my decease

I will and devise that my daughter Louisa E Tucker shall have the use of a woman Judah and I have already given her a negro in addition to the new for or may hereafter have

Item I will and desire that my daughter Catherine S. Fork shall have the negro woman Jane which I have heretofore given her

Item I will and desire that my son John W. Tucker shall have a negro boy Burleigh, and to my son Emmett J. Tucker a negro woman named Rose and to my daughter Martha E. Tucker a negro girl named Laura

Item I will and desire further that in case of my death during my contemplated absence from home that the negroes above named be given to my said children so soon as the present crop is gathered

Item It is my further will and desire that all the residue of my estate of every kind and description after the payment of my debts shall be equally divided between all my children as well those above named as those by my present wife share and share alike [illegible] to my said wife that the law allows her out of my estate

Item I hereby confirm and approve my son in law Thomas Gallagher & my son Emmett J. Tucker Executors of this my last Will & Testament

July 25th 1861 } J. W. Tucker (Seal)

Signed, sealed published & declared by the testator as and for his last Will and testament in our presence who at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

J. B. Hendricks
W. C. Laughlin
W. H. Hendrick

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } To wit: Circuit Court
May Term 1862

The foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of John W. Tucker deceased was produced in open court by Thomas Gallagher one of the Executors therein named & proved by the oaths of John B. Hendricks & William C. Laughlin subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn each for himself doth say that they saw the said testator sign and publish the instrument as his last will and testament in the presence of each other at the request of said John W. Tucker and in the presence of the said testator & Thomas Gallagher the other witness named therein who is now dead and that they signed and subscribed it as witnesses at the request of said John W. Tucker and in his presence

Upon the motion of the said Thos. Gallagher one of the executors named in said testator's last will and testament it is ordered that the said Thos. Gallagher executor of said testator be and he is hereby appointed executor of said testator's last will and testament and he having given bond and security according to law and taken the oath required by law he is authorized to take out letters testamentary thereon.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said testator be and the same is hereby established as the last will and testament of the said John W. Tucker deceased and that the same be recorded and preserved as such.

Given under my hand and seal this [illegible] day of May 1862

[illegible]
Clerk

Last will & testament John J Edwards

In the name of God Amen

I, John J Edwards of the County of Madison State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory 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

First It is my Will that all my just debts be paid by my executor as soon as the same can conveniently be done after my decease

Second I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Caroline M Edwards all my Personal Estate of every kind and description whatsoever to be held by her for and during the term of her natural life and at her death it is my Will and desire, and I hereby bequeath all my said Personal Estate to John T Dickinson and Georgiana A E Dickinson his wife to vest in them the same until this decease when it shall devolve to the natural heirs of their bodies. I however wish it to be distinctly understood that this bequest to my wife is not to include certain slaves mentioned in a deed of gift made by me in favour of John T Dickinson and Georgiana A E Dickinson

Third I give and bequeath to John T Dickinson and Georgiana A E Dickinson his wife all of my interest in the land or plantation upon which I now reside, it being the same conveyed by Gabl H Davis & wife to J & Dickinson, and for a particular description of which reference is hereby made to the Deed of Conveyance made by said Davis, now of record in the Chancery Clerks Office of said County. Provided however that this devise gift of said Real Estate to John T Dickinson and Georgiana A E Dickinson his wife I require a competent home be given or provided for my wife Caroline M Edwards during the term of her natural life

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Caroline M Edwards to be executrix and John T Dickinson to be executor of this my last Will and Testament

And further I desire the said Caroline M Edwards executrix and John T Dickinson executor shall not be required to give any security or bond for fulfilling the conditions of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I John J Edwards have to this my last Will and testament set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of February A D 1858

John J Edwards (Seal)

Signed and sealed by the Testator in our presence, and published and declared by him to be his last Will and Testament and signed by us in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other on the day and year above written

C B P Williams
J A Clifford
J Freeman

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court
Madison County } [illegible] Term 1863

The foregoing writing purporting to be a last will and testament of John J Edwards deceased was this day produced in open Court and thereupon came W. B. P. Williams, Jr & W. H. Brown as the witnesses thereto who having been duly sworn each stated that he signed said writing as witness in the presence and at the request of the said John J Edwards who stated to each of them that said writing was his last will and testament, and that being so signing as witnesses was to the best of their recollection, in or about the date of said writing to wit on the 25th day of February 1858 and further that at the time of signing said writing as witnesses the said John J Edwards was of sound and disposing mind and memory. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that said foregoing writing be and the same is hereby established as the last will and testament of the said John J Edwards deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such. Given under my hand this the 12th day of May A.D. 1863.

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Clerk

Last will & Testament S B Locke

In the name of God amen I, S. B. Locke of Madison County State of Mississippi do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking any and all testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made.

Funeral expenses – debts – My funeral and testamentary expenses and my just debts of my last illness are first and promptly to be paid and discharged out of my estate.

To my wife affectionate friendship – I give to my beloved wife Emily S Locke absolutely for the affection and friendship I have for my wife all my notes & debts against my wife and my tract of land of two hundred and forty acres lying and being in Madison County Mississippi place and post office Canton, together with all the residue not herein particularly named.

In witness whereof, I have set my name and seal this [illegible] the witnesses and above in my own

This 23rd day of June 1863 S B Locke (Seal)

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

(June 23rd twenty third day 1863 Eighteen hundred and sixty three) — R. Hooks, G. J. Tucker, J. R. Sample — witnesses.

The State of Mississippi
Madison County

Probate Court
March Term 1884

An instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of S B Locke deceased late of said County was this day produced in open Court and thereupon came Robert Hicks and J B Sample subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn each deposed and said that he signed said writing as witness in the presence and at the request of said S B Locke, and in the presence of W J Locke the other subscribing witness who also signed the same in the presence and at the request of said S B Locke and in their presence the said S B Locke declared to said several witnesses that said writing was his last will and testament, and said Robert Hicks and said J B. Sample further on oath stated that said S B Locke at the time of signing of said writing was of disposing mind and memory and capable of making an intelligent disposal of his property. It is therefore considered adjudged and decreed by the Court that said writing be established as the last Will and testament of said S B Locke deceased and that it be recorded and filed as such. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1884

Will S Bailey (Seal)
Judge &c

1st Interlineation stricken out & cancelled

Last Will & Testament of John W Boddie deceased

State of Mississippi

I, John W Boddie of Madison County State aforesaid, do hereby make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me:

In the first place I desire to be interred, my body in a suitable coffin of to be hereafter commodious in plain oak in form & contract shown & provided, & be interred by the side of my brother in the grave yard at Jackson, or in my orchard, as my relations may think fit & that from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for suitable marble grave stone fixtures, wherever convenient.

Secondly my debts to be paid

Thirdly I give all my estate both real & personal except such bequeths as I may name below to my nephews, sons of my brother George Boddie, Walter P Boddie & Nicholas W Boddie, & to the sons of my two deceased brothers William B Boddie & Jno R Boddie

Fourthly I give one thousand dollars of the proceeds of said estate after the debts shall be paid, to my nephew Andrew Broadus one thousand dollars, to my nephew William Broadus, five hundred to my niece Lucy Stovall, five hundred dollars to my niece Lucy Gilmore & one thousand each to my nephews Ben & George Gilmore five hundred dollars each to my nieces the daughters of my deceased brother William B Boddie

Fifthly I appoint my brother George Boddie & Walter P Boddie to be the executors of this my last will & testament, and should one or both be dead my brother

Nicholas W Boddie of N Carolina or should they not wish to be troubled with the settlement. I would recommend my friend R A Black to be selected at some reasonable fixed Salary, to see the same properly executed

Sixthly I would explain more fully the third & fourth sections and regard the estate & legacies should any one named above be dead before this Will is legally carried out or executed, he or she receives nothing & the gift to the estate for those living to have, in other words I give in money to my nieces & nephews of living otherwise nothing & as regards the Estate the same

Seventh I give to my negro man Isaac & Cory & to my woman Emma ten dollars each every year as long as they may live & recommend them good treatment

In Testimony of the above written I the said John W Boddie have on 1863 signed sealed & published & declared this my last will & testament before Willis P Boddie, John T Sorsby & Peter Verden who at my request have signed the same as subscribing witnesses in my presence

John W Boddie (Seal)

Signed sealed published & declared by J W Boddie as his last Will & Testament on 3rd November 1863 in our presence & at said Boddie request we now sign the same as subscribing witnesses

John T Sorsby
W P Boddie
P L J Verden

The State of Mississippi
Madison County } The foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John W Boddie deceased was this day found in open Court and thereupon came John T Sorsby, Willis P Boddie and P L J Verden subscribing witnesses thereto who each made oath that he signed said writing in the presence and at the request of the said Jno W Boddie - he the said John W Boddie declaring said instrument to be his last Will & testament and that he had signed the same as such - Said John T Sorsby Willis P Boddie and P L J Verden being further interrogated on oath said that from their knowledge of the handwriting of the said John W Boddie they took only believe said writing and the signature thereto to be in the proper handwriting of the said John W Boddie deceased - Said subscribing witnesses being further interrogated on oath say that at the time of their signing said writing in the presence at the request of said John W Boddie he the said John W Boddie was of sound disposing mind & memory - It is therefore ordered adjudged & and decreed that said foregoing writing be and the same is hereby established as the last Will and testament of the said John W Boddie deceased and that the same be recorded and filed as such

Given under my hand and seal in Open Court this 8th day of August 1864

Wm L Barry (Seal)
Judge &c

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Last Will & Testament of George Ward Deceased

Culpeper C.H. Va. August 1st 1863

I, George Ward, in view of the uncertainty of life and the probability of my death at any moment on the field of battle while engaged in this war do make and ordain this my last will & testament

1st I will & bequeath to my mother Clarinda M. Ward of Louisa Mpl for her use and benefit during her natural life all my estate real and personal of whatever kind & after her death to be devided equally between my sisters Elizabeth W. Ward & Mary Louisa Ward, and in the event of either one dying before my beloved Mother then my estate to the surviving one

2nd I will and bequeath to my Nephew Oscar W. Ward son of my dec.d brother Oscar, my gold watch as a memento of affection praying him to endeavor of God spare him to be a good and useful man

To my sister Lucretia Smith I will & bequeath any one of my books she may select as a token of my love

My brother Edward Ward I know will ever prove a protector and affectionate son & brother to our mother & sisters. To him I bequeath any estate or book or any other thing of mine he may select as a token of my love for him. He has a one half interest with me in the State land & in the town lot also in Hannah's children. There ought to be much more due me in the Clerk's Office than sufficient to pay my debts

And now commending all I love to the guidance protection and blessing of Almighty God and for myself & my eternal interest trusting only in the all sufficient merits of God my Saviour I submit to this my last will & testament, written with mine own hand & done at Camp near Culpeper Court House Va. this 1st day of August A.D. 1863 signed & sealed with my own hand

Geo Ward (Seal)

Probate Court Sept Term 1864

The within writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Geo. Ward deceased was this day produced in open Court and thereon came John Handy and Edmund D. Ward who having fair duly sworn and testified that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of said Geo. Ward deceased from having frequently seen him write and from having to read his writing frequently and they each swore before the within writing to have been wholly written & signed by the said Geo. Ward. It is therefore ordered adjudged & decreed by the Court that said writing be and the same is hereby established as the last will & testament of Geo. Ward deceased and that the same be recorded & filed as such. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1864

Wm J. Bailey (Seal)
Judge &c

Last Will & Testament of Thos. C. Logan Deceased

I, Thomas C. Logan of the County of Madison in the State of Mississippi but temporarily residing in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind and body, aware of the uncertainty of life, and desirous of providing for the disposition of certain property after my death, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me, to wit:

1 I devise and bequeath to Dr. James M. Holloway of the State of Mississippi, now a Surgeon in the army of the Confederate States of America, and Stationed in the said City of Richmond, all my property, now in the possession of Joseph Nicholson of Madison County Mississippi, to wit: Six Hundred Dollars in money and a promissory note for Two Thousand five hundred Dollars, dated October the 25th 1862, bearing interest at the rate of eight Centum per annum, drawn by William Mills Jr. of Hinds County, Mississippi, endorsed by William Mills Sr. of same County and State and made payable to me; that is to say: One Thousand Dollars, with interest as aforesaid, to be paid at the expiration of twelve months from the date of said note; one Thousand Dollars, with interest as aforesaid, to be paid at the expiration of twenty four months from the date of said note, and the balance, five hundred dollars, with interest as aforesaid, to be paid at the expiration of thirty six months from the date of said note; I intend however when the following conditions and for the following object:

That the aforesaid money, and the proceeds of the said promissory note, if the same be paid, and if not, then as soon as it is paid in whole or in part, and as it may be paid in whole or in part, be, by the said Dr. James M. Holloway, as Trustee, invested in some safe State, or Confederate State, security or in some other safe extent bearing security, for the benefit of his infant son John Balfour Holloway, and that the interest on said Security as it is received semi-annually or annually, be invested in the manner, and the interest be invested in like manner and with it John Balfour Holloway shall attain the age of twenty one years, the entire accumulated sum of principal and interest shall be paid and delivered by the said Dr. James M. Holloway Trustee, unto his said son John Balfour Holloway as his own absolute property.

2. In the event the said John Balfour Holloway should die before attaining the age of twenty one years, then the said property and all accumulations of the same shall belong to the said Dr. James M. Holloway.

3. I hereby nominate and appoint Dr. James M. Holloway as the Executor of this my last Will and Testament and direct that no security be required of him as such. In witness whereof I the said Thomas C. Logan, have to this my said last Will and Testament contained on this the 27th day of January 1.868

Thos C Logan

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator, Thomas B. Logan, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Henry W. Walker
Oscar F. Hackle
T. Lindsey Scales

State of Georgia
Jackson County

The State of Georgia
To Wm. M. Rudd Justice of the Peace Atlanta Georgia

Greeting

Know ye that trusting to your fidelity, competency and correctness we have appointed you a Commissioner, and by these presents, do request and authorize you to examine upon oath or affirmation to be by you administered, Oscar F. Hackle, Henry W. Walker & T. L. Scales subscribing witnesses to the instrument of writing herein annexed purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas B. Logan deceased, and depending in the Probate Court of the County of Madison State aforesaid for probate. To specially require the said witnesses to depose truthfully upon oath or affirmation as aforesaid, whether the said testator Thomas B. Logan signed and published the said instrument purporting to be his last will and testament, or whether some other person signed it by his direction, whether the said testator was of sound disposing mind and memory when signing said instrument, and whether the said witnesses subscribed the said instrument in the presence of the said testator, and at his request, and to plainly and distinctly set in writing, and certify under your hand and seal their examination, and to return the same to our said Court together with this writ, and the writing annexed enclosed

Witness the Honorable William C. Cathey Judge of Probate of said County the 6th Monday of November in the year 1883 and seal of said Court

Issued the 16th day of November 1883.

Jos. S. Robinson Clerk

State of Georgia
Walton County } Came before me W. M. Rudd a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State Oscar F. Hackle who being duly sworn says on oath that he was a subscribing witness to the will of Thomas B. Logan dated Jany 29th 1883 and that he saw Henry W. Walker and T. Lindsey Scales also sign said Will as witnesses - and the writing now presented to me is the same will that he witnessed and when said will was signed and published by the said Thomas B. Logan he the said Thomas B. Logan was of a sound disposing mind and memory and the said Thomas B. Logan signed the same with his own hand and published it as his last will and testament - that deponent signed said name in the presence of the testator, and at the request of said Thomas B. Logan and in the