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BIBB COUNTY WILLS
BOOK B 1851-1871
Transcribed By Joyce Green

Last Will and Testament of **JULIA KELLY**
Bibb Co. Ga. 1 DEC 1856 14 JAN 1857
Pages 98-99

I Julia Kelly of the city of Macon, Bibb Co. Ga. make this my Last Will and Testament.
I direct all my estate be sold and proceeds applied as follows:
My funeral expenses and lawful debts be paid first.
I bequeath all that remains to my only child Patrick Henry Kelly for his support and education in the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church and a sound English education. Should my child die during minority, I bequeath all the foresaid property remaining to be equally divided among Margaret, Thomas and Owen, children of my sister Mary Killen, deceased. Children are now living in Ireland.
I appoint Thomas C. Dempsey and George Rogers, both of Macon, Ga., my Executors.
I appoint my brother Patrick McKevelt of Franklin Co. Penn. Guardian for son Patrick Henry Kelly.

Witnesses:
Edmund Henesy
John P. Smith
Patrick Kerwin

Signed:
Julia (her mark) Kelly

Last Will and Testament of **MARTHA MATHEWS**
Bibb Co. Ga. 20 May 1856 2 Feb 1857
Pages 100-101

I Martha Mathews, widow of Timothy Mathews Esq. late of Bibb Co., being old and infirm but with sound mind publish this my Last Will and Testament.
After debts are paid, I bequeath to children of Mrs. Martha Ross, wife of John B. Ross Esq., the following property viz: the Plantation now owned by me known as the Williams Place, formerly belonging to Mrs. Flewellen and containing 1100 acres, also the following negroes, viz: Ann and her 3 children Tom, Bill and John, Milly and her 2 children Churian and Rachael, also Jack and Reuben.
To Mary Ross, daughter of Martha and John Ross I give 1 bed, bedstead and 6 silver spoons.
I give my 2 negroes Alpha and Miles, along with 2 mules to William L. Furlow.
I give my 2 negroes Clark and Hal to James W. Myrick.
To the children of Tapley L. Holt I give negroes Sebry and Charles.
To the children of Margaret E. Furlow, present wife of Timothy M. Furlow, I give negro woman Nancy and her 2 children Ann and Sarah .

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To William C. Redding Jr. I give negro woman Clary and her child Eugenia.
It is my will that 4 of my mules be sold and money placed at interest to be used to keep my grave in proper order and repair.

I appoint John B. Ross and William L. Furlow as trustees for said fund to carry this into effect.

I give balance of mules and horses to children of Mrs. Martha Ross, wife of John.

I nominate friends John B. Ross Esq. and Timothy M. Furlow Executors.

Witnesses:

Signed:

James Myrick

Martha Mathews

Nancy Myrick

Joseph S. Laney

Leonidas Holt

Codicil to will of Martha Mathews

Bibb Co. Ga. 20 May 1856 2 Feb 1857

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I Martha Mathews make this codicil to my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to Mary Ross, daughter of Martha and John B. Ross, all property of whatever kind I may become in possession of before my death that has not been disposed of in above will.

I appoint friends John Ross Esq. and Timothy M. Furlow Executors of this codicil.

Witnesses:

Signed:

James Myrick

Martha Mathews

Nancy Myrick

Joseph S. Laney

Leonidas Holt

Second Codicil to above will of Martha Mathews

Bibb Co. Ga. 18 Jun 1856 2 Feb 1857

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I Martha Mathews believing myself of sound mind make this additional codicil to my last will and testament in order to settle any doubt and dispute concerning the last will and testament of my late husband Timothy Mathews dated 14 Oct 1846 and proven 2 Nov 1846.

It is my will, that the will of my husband shall ever be and remain valid and undisturbed. Property referred to in the 5th item of said will shall go to, and become property of William Furlow the Devisee and Legatee therein named.

It is my will that this codicil shall in no manner effect or disturb any prior disposition of my estate.

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Witnesses:
James Myrick
Joseph S. Laney
Leonidas Holt

Signed:
Martha Mathews

Last Will and Testament of OLIVE DILLARD

Bibb Co. Ga. 31 Dec 1851 2 Mar 1857

Pages 102-103

Being in feeble health, I Olive Dillard declare this my Last Will and Testament.
After payment of debts, I give my son Manning Dillard my land script or Bounty Warrant for 80 acres of land. If the warrant is located in my lifetime, I give the land to him and his heirs forever. This in full of all claim on my estate.

All residue of my estate, both real and personal to be equally divided into 5 shares: One share to Susan E. Dillard (wife of Perry Dillard) and children, one share to daughter Mary Morris and children, One share to daughter Demarus Dillard, One share to daughter Demarus Dillard in trust for daughter Phoebe Green and children, and One share to son Bryant Dillard.

I appoint son Perry Dillard trustee for daughter Nancy Morris and her children, daughter in law Susan E. Dillard and children, and serve as my Executor.

My son Neel Dillard being in affluent circumstances, I deem it unnecessary to give him any share.

I hereby exclude him from my estate.

Witnesses:
Thomas P. Stubbs
James Williams
H.B. Page

Signed:
Olive (her mark) Dillard

Last Will and Testament of ISAAC D. N. JOHNS

Bibb Co. Ga. 12 Aug 1856 6 Oct 1857

Pages 104-106

I Isaac D.N. Johns being of sound disposing mind and memory do make this My Last Will and Testament.

I give my whole estate which remains after payment of my debts, equally to my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth Johns and beloved daughter Viola Johns.

I appoint my friends Judge Asa Holt and Dr. D. W. Hammond my Executors, requesting them to execute this will, and instruct them as follows to wit:

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It is my will that in the event I am engaged in the Mercantile business at my death with a stock of goods on hand, business to be closed immediately and goods be classified and sold in bolts at private sale. Proceeds to be paid to wife and daughter.

Witnesses:

E.A. Nisbet

T.R. Bloom

John Holzendorf

Signed:

I.D.N. Johns

Codicil to will of Isaac D.N. Johns

Bibb Co. Ga. 7 Aug 1857 6 Oct 1857

Pages 105-106

Being in sound and disposing mind and finding it necessary on account of the birth of my second child since the execution of my will, I hereby make this codicil.

I direct the 2nd item to will be altered to divide the whole of my estate equally between wife Mary Elizabeth Johns and daughters Viola and Irene Johns.

Witnesses:

C.J. Roosevelt

Ernest Grimmes

Alex M. Speer

Signed:

Isaac D.N. Johns

Last Will and Testament of **MARGARET GROCE**

Bibb Co. Ga. 29 May 1857 6 Jul 1857

Pages 107-108

I Margaret Groce being in feeble health but of sound mind, and being desirous to dispose of my property, make and ordain my Last Will and Testament.

Whereas my husband Lewis J. Groce and myself did previous to our marriage enter into a marriage settlement, I do hereby bequeath unto William F. Wilborn all my property both real and personal consisting of a sawmill and land annexed, known as Groce upper sawmill adjoining lands of Riggins McCall and Davis; Including also, wagons, 4 mules, cart, 15 head of cattle, house and lot in city of Macon known in the plan of said city as lot 1 on Washington Ave. where I now occupy, household and kitchen furniture together with 4 negroes: Lybin, Alex, Lewis and Chaney. All to be held in special trust for the use of my children.

I desire husband Lewis J. Groce should occupy house and keep family together. As children become of age, or daughters marry, I desire they receive their equal share of estate. Property vested in special trust for the use of children to be controlled and managed by said trustee for their support and education.

I appoint William F. Wilborn my Executor.

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Witnesses:
Stephen Collins
F.E. Sanders
Washington Poe

Signed:
Margaret Groce

Last Will and Testament of ELIZABETH THARP

Bibb Co. Ga. 10 May 1857 3 Aug 1857

Pages 109-111

I Elizabeth Tharp being of advanced age and knowing according to the course of nature, I shall soon depart from this world, deem it right and proper to make disposition of my property.

I give to son John V.A. Tharp, my 16yr. old yellow completed boy Dick for his own proper use and benefit.

I give and bequeath to daughter Obedience A. Davis, wife of James M. Davis, my 11 yr. old yellow completed girl Lucy together with all increases.

I desire the balance of estate after paying all expenses, to be sold at public sale with proceeds divided among my heirs.

I hereby appoint James M. Davis my Executor.

Witnesses:
Elijah Eubanks
George W. Hollomon
John Hollomon

Signed:
Elizabeth (her mark) Tharp

Last Will and Testament of PENELOPE BONDS

Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Mar 1857 2 Feb 1858

Pages 112-113

Being of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart this world, deem it proper to make a disposition of my property.

As I am not much in debt, I shall not trouble my Executor much on that score. What indebtedness against me to be paid as soon as possible.

I give to son William Honeycut for his natural life my 3 negroes (to wit) Jon about 70, Sarah about 35 and her infant boy child Peter. After his death, above negro property to go to grandson John Honeycut.

I appoint son William Honeycut my Executor.

Witnesses:
T.C. Bradley
Alexander Jones
J.M. Davis

Signed:
Penelope (her mark) Bonds

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Last Will and Testament of **ALFRED L. BOREN**

Bibb Co. Ga. 8 May 1852 7 Jul 1857

Pages 114-116

Knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous to arrange my worldly affairs, I Alfred L. Boren make my Last Will and Testament.

I empower my Executor herein after named, to sell all my property except my negroes, with the proceeds applied to payment of my debts.

I give to Rebecca A. Butler, widow of David B. Butler, now residing in Macon, Ga. all my negroes to wit: Maria my 26 yr. old mulatto woman and her 3 children, Mary Ann about 11, Reuben about 9 and Arabella about 6. At her death, Negroes and increases to be immediately removed to some non-slaveholding state and not permitted to return to this state, or any slave state, unless Executor can procure to be passed by legislature of Ga. an act authorizing them to return.

As to the notes I hold against brother Joseph Boren, notes to be surrendered and given up to him.

For causes satisfactory to myself, I thought proper to exclude from participation in my estate the children of my deceased sister Sarah Dillon, my half brothers and sisters and my brother Joseph except as above referred to in this will.

I appoint my friend John C. Butler Executor and in the event of his death, I nominate my friend John A. Cambell of Mobile, Ala. Executor in his place.

Witnesses:

Thom P. Stubbs

John T. Chapman

Granberry Bridges

Signed:

Alfred L. Boren

Last Will and Testament of **MARCUS A. FRANKLIN**

Bibb Co. Ga. updated 23 Apr 1858

Pages 117-120

Being weak in body but sound of mind, I Marcus A. Franklin make this my Last Will and Testament.

I desire the residue of my property after my just debts are paid, to go to my wife and children share and share alike, only subject to the restrictions and provisions herein after mentioned.

My wife Mary L. Franklin shall retain possession and control of our present residence and house servants. At her death, to be divided between my children. Should she feel inclined to give up our present manor and establishment in order to seek one demanding less care and attention, it is my desire she not take that step until she has considered the matter for 2 yrs., then I desire she seek the advice of my mother and brothers Benjamin and Leonidas.

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It is my desire that my daughters shall receive their portion of estate at their marriage, and all to receive their portion at age 21.

I desire my children be educated well and thoroughly in the scientific useful and ornamental departments in such manner as to bestow upon them the full advantage of an education.

I do include my library in the disposition of my property herein before mentioned. My library I give to my Son Cleveland hoping that he will make good use of it and carefully preserve it.

I appoint my wife Mary L. Franklin sole Executrix. I desire that no security shall be required. Should my wife die before youngest child reaches majority, I then appoint my daughter Helen M. Franklin Executrix.

Witnesses:

Benjamin C. Franklin

L.N. Whittle

George Payne

Robert Collins

Eliza Smith

Signed:

Marcus A. Franklin

Last Will and Testament of ANN WILEY

Bibb Co. Ga. 6 Feb 1854 7 May 1858

Pages 121-122

I Ann Wiley being aged and infirmed but of sound mind, make this my Last Will and Testament.

I give to Leroy M. Wiley and John B. Wiley the following negroes to wit: Sancha age 60, Dinah about 65, and Sarah about 58 yrs, old. It is my expressed wish that said negroes should always be taken care of and well treated.

I desire that negro woman Maria shall have the privilege of choosing among my children, or some other person, to buy her, and it is my wish that my Executor in accordance with such child, sell at private sale for a reasonable price, said negro woman Maria and her child, with the intention of keeping her and husband together.

All my furniture in Macon I give to son John B. Wiley. At my death, balance of estate to be equally divided between my 3 daughters Mary Baxter, Eliza J. Carnes, Sarah Ann Hayes and to my 2 granddaughters Susan L. Mc Cay and Anna Eliza Tinsley.

I appoint sons Leroy M. Wiley, John B. Wiley and John J. Gresham my Executors.

Witnesses:

James C. Edwards

Edwin Graves

John S. Baxter

Signed:

Ann Wiley

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Last will and Testament of FRANCIS KELLY

Bibb Co. Ga. 10 Jul 1858 2 Aug 1858

Pages 123-124

I Francis Kelly of Macon Ga. being of sound mind do make and publish my Last Will and Testament.

After payment of all legal debts, I bequeath my watch to my sister Margaret and to my brother in law William Mc Gee, \$25.00 to be credited on his account on my books.

I bequeath $\frac{1}{2}$ of the residue to my parents now living in the county of South Ireland. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ to be distributed among my 5 sisters namely Eliza and Margaret now in Macon, Jane in England, Mary in New York and Anne in Ireland.

I appoint George Rogers of Macon my Executor.

Witnesses:

James Hopson

Michall Connell

Thomas C. Dempsey

Signed:

Francis Kelly

Last Will and Testament of JULIA A. POWERS

Bibb Co. Ga. 16 Sep 1858 4 Oct 1858

Pages 125-126

I Julia A. Powers being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish my Last Will and Testament.

All of my property of every kind I dispose of in the following manner:

To my nephew Gerald Griffin, son of Daniel Griffin, I give land in Missouri, Southwest portion of state containing 240 acres which was purchased by locating land warrant in my name.

To my brother in law L.N. Whittle, I give the interest that may be due on any note I had against him.

All the balance of my estate I give and bequeath to Daniel Griffin for the sole and separate use of my sister Sarah M. Whittle, and she to take good care of and treat kindly my 2 servants Jerry and Claiborne and the others.

To Lydia my nurse who has waited on me so kindly, I give the sum of \$50.00.

I appoint my brother in law L.N. Whittle my Executor.

Witnesses:

D.B. Searcy

Edmond Fitzgerald

Alexander M. Spear

Signed:

Julia A. Powers

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Last Will and Testament of PRISCILLA LUNSFORD

Bibb Co. Ga. 5 Jul 1858 6 Jan 1859

Pages 127-128

I Priscilla Lunsford, widow, being of sound mind do declare this my Last Will and Testament.

I wish my body to be buried by the side of my deceased husband and a monument to be erected over our remains at a cost of not more than \$300.00.

I give to my young esteem friend John Parry who has been boarding with me for sometime past, \$100.00 as a slight return of his kindness during my illness.

The residue of my estate to the children of George S. Lunsford in equal shares.

I appoint Thomas P. Stubbs as Executor.

Witnesses:

W.T. Hughes

A.S. Calhoun

John M. Stubbs

Signed:

Pricilla Lunsford

Last Will and Testament of ARTHUR KEARNEY

(written with K- every other time a C is used)

Bibb Co. Ga. 10 May 1854 4 Oct 1858

Pages 129-130

I Arthur Kearney of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart this life, deem it right to make a disposition of my property.

I give to my beloved wife Polly during her natural life or widowhood, a lot of land consisting of 50 acres whereon my buildings now stand.

I give my children John A., Elizabeth F., James M., Margaret Ann and Mary L.A. equal shares of the balance of my lands-Lot 93 containing 202 ½ acres in said Co. and 152 acres, half of lot 60 in 4th dist of Bibb Co. Ga.

I hereby appoint beloved wife Polly Executrix and son John A. Carney Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

Witnesses:

Travis Huff

John Mitchell

Richard Banfield (?)

Signed:

Arthur (his mark) Carney

Last Will and Testament of DERMOT DEMSEY

Chatham Co. Ga. 7 Jun 1845 Bibb Co. Ga. Nov Term 1858

Pages 131-132

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I Dermot Demsey, merchant, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make this my Last Will and Testament.

I give my grandson Thomas Holligham the sum of \$3,000.00.

I give to my son Thomas Demsey, all my estate in the city of Columbus, Ga.

All the rest of my estate, both real and personal, I give unto son Thomas and daughter Ellenor, share and share alike.

It is my wish, and I direct my son Thomas shall support and take care of his mother Ellenor Doyle in a becoming manner.

I hereby appoint son Thomas my sole Executor.

Witnesses:

John R. Johnson

Alvin N. Miller

Mulford Marsh

Signed:

Dermot Demsey

Last Will and Testament of **JOSEPH BOND**

Bibb Co. Ga. 21 Oct 1856 26 Mar 1859

Pages 133-136

I Joseph Bond being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous of settling all my worldly affairs while in health and strength, make this my Last will and Testament.

I give to my beloved wife Henrietta S. Bond my dwelling house and lot, all lots owned by me in city of Macon, my horse and carriage, household and kitchen furniture and stock of every kind. Also give the following negro servants, Calvin, Alonza, Eliza and her children, Angoronia and her children, Jenny, Ellen and Mary to have, hold, and enjoy to her use and benefit during her natural life. At her death, to be equally divided among my children.

To my beloved wife Henrietta S. Bond, my Colawaha Plantation in 2nd dist. originally Baker, now Dougherty Co. Ga. containing 3000 acres and negroes to wit: Moses and wife Patsy and their children, Abner and wife Lovey with their children, Larkin and wife Nancy with their children, Adam and wife Beckey, Howell and wife Betsey with their children, Evan and wife Mary and children, Elijah and wife Martha with their children, Luke and wife Sillar, Porter and wife Catherine and children, Ben and wife Judy, Wright and wife Sally, Washington, Zack, Catherine, woman Augy and Henderson. At her death to be divided among my children.

Within 12 months after my death, I desire my Executors and Executrix to sell residue of estate, not bequeathed by this will, on a credit of 1 to 2 yrs. for notes with 3 good and responsible names to each note bearing interest from date. When notes mature, collect and invest in safe dividend paying Bonds and Stocks issued within the State of Georgia

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for the benefit of my children: Maria L. Bond, Mary Jane Bond, Lewis Bond and Henry Clay Bond.

Each child to be educated, maintained and supported out of the proceeds.

I name my trusty friends Tomas H. Moughon, William S. Moughon Executors, my wife Henrietta S. Bond Executrix and Testamentary Guardian of children.

Witnesses:

Robert Collins

Charles Campbell

Jas. A. Nisbit

Signed:

Joseph Bond

Last Will and Testament of MRS. CLARISSA DANIEL

Bibb Co. Ga. 17 Nov 1858 Dec Term 1858

Pages 136-138

I Clarissa Daniel being weaken in body but sound in mind publish this my Last Will and Testament.

I desire my household and kitchen furniture to be sold and proceeds applied to payment of my debts. Should a larger sum be raised than the amount borrowed, I desire it to go to my niece Eliza Daniel, daughter of my sister Martha Daniel.

I will unto said niece Eliza Daniel the house and lot where I now live for her natural life.

I appoint friend Nancy Minor Executrix.

Witnesses:

Sarah Minor

Kate Reynolds

W.T. Massey

Signed:

Clarissa (her mark) Daniel

Last Will and Testament of JOEL BOND

Bibb Co. Ga. 13 Jun 1853 2 May 1856

Pages 139-142

I Joel Bond being in feeble health but with sound mind do execute my Last Will and Testament.

I hereby will that all personal property belonging to me at my death, except my household and kitchen furniture, shall be sold and proceeds divided between wife Susan Bond and my 5 children to wit: Charles B., Harriett E., George D., Leonard K., and Milly Wilson Peyton wife of Thomas Peyton.

I will my dwelling house and lot where I now reside, all household and kitchen furniture shall remain in possession of my wife during her natural life. At her death, to my 5

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children. Should my wife die before son Leonard K. reaches age 21, dwelling and land to be rented out with proceeds applied to the support and education of said Leonard K..

My wheelwright and blacksmith shop to remain in possession of son Charles B. Bond for his use until son Leonard K. Bond comes of age. At wife's death, to be sold and proceeds divided among my children.

I appoint my son Charles B., Executor.

Witnesses:

Hatton P. Redding

Moses D. Burris

Benjamin K. Harrison

David Reid

Signed:

Joel Bond

Last Will and Testament of WILLIAM B. GAMBLE

Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Jun 1854 2 Apr 1859

Pages 142-144

I William B. Gamble being in my usual good health and knowing it is best to settle worldly affairs, declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

I give to wife my house and lot in the city of Macon whereon I now reside containing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for her natural life. At her death to be sold and proceeds equally divided between my children.

All residue of my estate, negroes, town property, notes, accounts, and all other notes and personal estate that I may also possess, to be appraised and divided into 5 equal shares. I give 1 share to my wife and each child.

My Executor to hold property that may fall to my 2 daughters to protect them as far as I can against the misfortunes of any husband.

I nominate and appoint wife Mary Ann Gamble Executrix and brother in law Matthew E. Rylander Executor.

Witnesses:

Thomas P. Stubbs

Samuel B. Hunter

James W. Gates

Signed:

William B. Gamble

Last Will and Testament of LOUISA STOTESBURY

Bibb Co. Ga. 7 Jan 1857 8 Jun 1859

Pages 145-148

I Louisa Stotesbury, widow of John Stotesbury deceased, being of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart from this life, deem it right to make my Last Will and Testament.

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I give to my beloved son Arthur Stotesbury my eldest, all my rights, titles and claim to 1/6 of the property claimed by the children of John and Louisa Stotesbury viz: parcel of land in the town of St. Mary's, Camden Co. Ga. known as part of lot 4, also the following negro property to wit: Sarah, Sam, Mary, little Sarah, Hannah, Amelia, Dick, Bill, Silley and Westley.

I give to beloved son James Stotesbury all rights and claim to 2/6 of property for his own proper use and benefit forever.

I desire and require that the rest of estate, both real and personal, be sold at public outcry. Proceeds to be equally divided into 6 parts and given to beloved sons Arthur, Peter, Henry, James, George and Lewis.

I appoint sons Arthur and Henry Stotesbury my Executors.

Witnesses:
Benjamin Bryan
M.L. Bryan
Henrietta B. Foreman

Signed:
Louisa Stotesbury

Last Will and Testament of **WILLIAM LOCKETT**

Bibb Co. Ga. 9 Apr 1859 August Term 1859

Pages 149-151

I William Lockett make and publish this my Last Will and Testament.

I appoint my brother Benjamin Lockett and James W. Tinsley Executors, and I appoint my wife Guardian of my children and their property.

All negroes I received from my fathers estate and all I received by my wife, also the wife's husband, and children of these 2 sets of negroes, I wish to be kept and equally divided amongst my wife and children

My debts to be paid out of the sale of my Railroad bonds.

Other negroes to be sold and proceeds invested in South Western Rail Bonds.

All my estate I give and divide equally amongst my wife and children. The property given my daughter to be hers for life with my son Robert as trustee.

All our house servants, viz: Nannie and her children, Winnie and Kate, Jacob, Catherine and her children like those received from my wife and my father, I wish a plantation purchased and negroes left to wife and children kept on it for their benefit. I wish my negroes well kept and kindly treated.

Witnesses:
L.N. Whittle
A.E. Thompson
S. Bates

Signed:
William Lockett

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Last Will and Testament of **JOHN LAMAR**

Bibb Co. Ga. 6 Jun 1859 1 Aug 1859

Pages 151-153

I John Lamar do intend this will to be a final disposition of all my property.

It is my will that after my death, my Executor pay my debts, funeral expenses and appropriate sum for a suitable monument to be erected over my grave, and \$80.00 in erecting a monument for my deceased brother Henry G. Lamar.

It is my will that my Executor sell my real and personal estate at public or private sale as he may deem best. Proceeds from sale and with the money I have on hand, and all debts due me, be collected and held in trust by him for the purpose of giving my 3 youngest sisters, Mary G. Lamar, Matilda Julia Lamar and Ida Lochran Lamar a musical education. Proceeds from interest to be held in trust until youngest, Ida Lochran, shall marry or reach age 21, at which time the same to be divided in 3 equal parts.

One third to youngest brother Clementine F. Lamar, one third to be held in trust for sister Matilda Julia, and last one third to be held in trust for sister Ida Lochran Lamar

I hereby appoint my father Henry G. Lamar Executor.

Witnesses:

Lucius M. Lamar

H.J. Lamar

W.M. Dunston

Signed:

John Lamar

Last Will and Testament of **ABNER POWERS**

Macon Bibb Co. Ga. 3 May 1858 Nov Term 1859

Pages 154-155

I Abner Parrotte Powers being a citizen of said State, County and City, under the authority of the laws of said State make this my Last Will and Testament.

I appoint wife Francis Lumpkin Powers my sole Executrix without accountability to court or obligation to make returns of her act, or compulsion to give security.

In case Francis Lumpkin Powers should think to marry again, her office of Executrix is hereby revoked, son Nathan Beal Powers is to serve instead.

I give to Francis Lumpkin Powers all my property of every kind and description. At the marriage of wife, she to receive the negroes to wit: Sam about 35, his sisters Caroline and Eliza and their children, William sometimes called John, also Owen and Anna, woman Rose and her children, all household furniture of every kind including wares, plates and jewelry. She is to also receive \$10.000.00. I further devise when these bequeaths have been complied with, the balance of my property be divided equally between wife and children. My said wife will not be entitled to dower as the above bequeaths given in lieu of dower.

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Witnesses:

Benj. H. Rutherford
William P. Anderson
Joseph Mc Alpin

Signed:

Abner P. Powers

Last Will and Testament of **JOHN CASTTEN**

Bibb Co. Ga. 8 Dec 1858 6 Feb 1860

Pages 156-159

I John Castten being of sound disposing mind and memory but of advanced age and infirm health deem it prudent to make my Last Will and Testament.

To my son John B. Castten, I give 420 acres of land in Union Co. on which he now resides, the same I bought from Thomas Revier which I value at \$4,000.00. I give also negro man William heretofore given valued at \$1,000.00.

For my daughter Sarah E. Cauthon, wife of Thomas Cauthon, no provision in this will for her, as I have already given her property valued at \$3,184.00 which has been wasted by her said husband, and I have also this day made a Deed of gift, conveying property valued at \$2,800.00 for her use and benefit.

To son William H.P. Castten, I have already given property valued at \$3384.00 and I make no further provision for him except that he is to be advanced with my other children as herein after provided.

To my daughter Ann E. Cocke, wife of Pexton L. Cocke, I have already given her property valued at \$3,723.00 and I make no further provision for her.

To son Fleming G. Castten, I have already given \$1,100.00 and he to be advanced as herein after provided.

To my sons Edwin S., Bradford G. and Marcellus Castten and to Catherine M. and Caroline V. Castten, I have as yet given nothing, but wish them each advanced and made equal with their brother John B. Castten to the amount of \$5,000.00 as soon as Executor thinks proper in case I do not do so during my life.

To wife Eliza Castten, I give the whole of my property: money, debts due me, and claims in action wherever the same may be situated for her to use, have, enjoy and control.

In case my wife dies having all or any part of my estate which has not been distributed, to be divided among my children.

The share to my daughter Sarah E., it is my desire that in no event her husband Thomas Cauthon take or control any part of my estate.

The 21 negroes received by my wife from her brother Reuben B. Goodwin, I relinquish all rights, they being her sole and separate property.

I hereby appoint wife Eliza Castten and son William H.P. Castten Executrix and Executor, requiring them to give bond and security in the sum of \$50,000.00. I wish an inventory to be made and filed away, but wish them not to make returns to the Court.

Witnesses: N.C. Munroe

Peter Solomon
L.N. Whittle

Signed:

John Castten

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Last Will and Testament of **FRANCES M. HUGHES**

Bibb Co. Ga. 10 Apr 1852 Mar Term 1860

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After commending my soul to almighty God who gave it, I desire my Texas land and house and lot in Macon on the Rail Road be sold to pay my debts.

I give my niece Frances E. V. Tankersley, my woman Selina and daughter Lizzie, Chany, Big Lizzie and her 4 children, Nancy, my boy Ned (?) and all household furniture, except 2 beds and furniture to Mrs. Sowell's 2 daughters.

To my friend Richard McGregor one bed, mattress and 2 bed covers.

I give to my brother Thomas Bagly my man Daniel, boy Edmond and my gray pony.

I give Mrs. Sowell's 2 daughters, Louisa and Mary Frances, negroes Sarah called Sal and Cherry.

I desire the house and lot near Macon, bought from Lunsford recently, whereon Mrs. Sowell and my mother in law reside, to be in good repair for a home during the life of my mother in law, at her death to Mrs. Sowell, my sister in law.

The balance of my property to niece, Frances E. V. Tankersley.

I nominate my friend James Dean Executor of all my estate.

Witnesses:

John Rutherford

Custis B. Nottingham

Robert Carver

Signed:

Frances M. (her mark) Hughes

Last Will and Testament of **WILLIAM J. JOHNSON**

Bibb Co. Ga. 7 APR 1860 19 APR 1860

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I William J. Johnson being afflicted with pneumonia and believe that I must shortly depart this life, deem it proper to make a deposition of my property.

I desire my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed and enjoyed for over a year in my beloved Primitive Church.

I desire my Executor and Executrix to have power to sell all my land in 4th dist. Bibb Co., originally Houston Co. being 350 acres known as Lot #68, also West half of #83, and 50 acres off east half of Lot # 71 at public or private sale.

I desire a piece of land be purchased for a home for my wife Mariah M. Johnson, and after her death, to our children.

I also desire my interest with Willie Wood in 600 acres lying in Ocmulgee Swamp being in the 28th dist. of Wilkinson Co. to remain unsold until my Executor thinks best.

I appoint my worthy friend Samuel McArthur Executor and my wife Mariah M. Johnson my Executrix.

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Witnesses:
J.H.D. Worsham
Jos. Marshall
John T. Barfield
Willis Wood

Signed:
William (his mark) Johnson

Last Will and Testament of **HENRY NEWSOM**
BIBB Co. Ga. 17 MAY 1859 1 OCT 1860
Pages 163-164

I Henry Newsom being in feeble health but of sound and disposing mind do make this my Last Will and Testament.

I give to wife Elizabeth Newsom \$2000.00 in lieu of Dower, and in lieu and in bar of usual allowance to widows for her 1 year support, and in lieu and in bar of all her claims on my estate.

In case Wife Elizabeth should have child born in such time as would make the same legitimate, then such child will share equally with my other children provided for as herein after directed.

I give son Madison G. Newsom my Plantation known in the family as my "Old Place" lying on Echeconnee Creek containing 750 acres adjoining lands of Martin Johnson, C.H. Tharp and Thomas J. Sanders. For this devise he is not to share in my other lands.

To each of my children now born and to each legitimate child that may be born to me, and my grand daughter Elizabeth Ellen, daughter of deceased son William B. Newsom, to receive one full share.

The division of my negroes I wish to be divided in families as nearly as possible.

I appoint my son Madison G. Newsom, Robert B. Barfield and Ira Jennings Executors.

Witnesses:
James M. Parker
Thomas P. Stubbs
J.C. Bradley

Signed:
Henry Newsom

Last Will and Testament of **ABSOLOM JORDAN**
Bibb Co. Ga. 24 JUL 1859 5 OCT 1859
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Being of advanced age and knowing I should make a deposition of my property, make this my Last Will and Testament.

I give to my beloved wife Julia Jordan, with whom I have lived in the quiet and strict love for 48 years, all that I am possessed of, both real and personal with the exception of Negro man Luck. At her death, all property to be divided between my children.

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My negro man Luck I want to work for himself under a guardianship of my sons Wiley and James Jordan.

I appoint sons James and Wiley Jordan my Executors.

Witnesses:

David Lemuel Miller

Solomon R. Johnson

D.W. Braswell

William J. Langston

Signed:

Absalom Jordan

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(Please refer to prior transcribed will.)

Last Will and Testament of **ANDREW PYE**

Bibb Co. Ga. 17 NOV 1858 25 SEP 1860

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I Andrew Pye availing myself of the privilege that the laws allow me of ordering and directing as to the disposition of my worldly estate, do now make my Last Will and Testament.

I give to Mrs. Minerva Dorsett, wife of Richard Dorsett, my negro Mary and the sum of \$1500.00 to have and to hold the 1/3 of said sum of money to wit: \$500.00 to her and her children in fee simple forever, and as to the negro Mary, I will and direct as follows: the remaining \$1000.00 and negro Mary to Minerva Dorsett for her natural life. At her death, negro Mary shall receive the \$1000.00 and be permitted to select her own master and be sold for \$1000.00.

I appoint Thomas P. Stubbs, Esq. Trustee for Minerva Dorsett. I will to Thomas P. Stubbs in trust for the sole and separate use of Minerva Dorsett the following property to wit: Emeline 13 yr. old mulatto girl, Garland 20 yr. old Mulatto man, Clarissa and children Sally and Solomon and dwelling house with lot in city of Macon whereon I now reside. At her death, to her children.

The remainder of my estate to be divided into 7 equal shares. One share to my half brother Kensalum D. Thornton in fee simple; the other 6 shares to remain in the hands of my executor with annual or semiannual dividends, rent and profits thereof paid to my half sisters (excluding Minerva Dorsett) and the children of my deceased brother Perry Pye. I appoint my half brother Kensalum D. Thornton Trustee for property given to half sisters.

I appoint Stephen Collins, William S. Holt and A. Beall my Executor.

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Witnesses:
James M. Gates
John R. Hill

Signed:
Andrew Pye

Last Will and Testament of **ELIJAH STEVENS**

Bibb Co. Ga. 15 MAR 1858 2 OCT 1860

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I Elijah Stevens being of advanced age but with sound mind, make this my Last Will and Testament.

I give to my wife all my estate, real and personal, to dispose of 2/8 of the whole as she pleases, the other 6/8 to be disposed of at her death as follows:

One-eighth share to the children of my deceased son West W. Stevens.

One-eighth share to my son Miles Stevens now living in Texas. If he is deceased, the shares go to his children.

One-eighth share to my son Hilliard J. Stevens now living in Texas.

One-eighth share to daughter Eliza R. Oslon.

One-eighth share to daughter Cintha Taylor now living in Macon, Ga.

One-eighth share to daughter Ellen Harris, widow, living in Crawford Co.

My reason for not leaving a share to the children of Allen B. Stevens and Simeon S.

Stevens are: As to Allen, he died indebted to my son West W. and that debt will probably be lost, or a part of it.

As to Simeon, he requested me to remember his widowed sister Mrs. Oslon, which I have done. He left one child who can take care of herself.

I appoint my wife Executrix and authorize and empower her to give off a part or whole of the above shares, or keep all as long as she pleases. I recommend her to take care of herself and keep enough to live on comfortable in her old age.

Witnesses:
Thomas P. Stubbs
John M. Stubbs
Ellison Edwards

Signed:
Elijah Stevens

Codicil to Will of Elijah Stevens.

Since the execution of above will and testament dated 15 MAR 1858, I have purchased 70 Acres of land, part of lot # 175 and # 202 in the 4th Dist. of Houston, now Bibb Co., Ga. Lots join lands of James Tinley, Thomas Cherry and others. Being desirous of disposing said land on which I now live, I do hereby make and publish this Codicil to said will.

I hereby give land herein above described to my wife Faitha Stevens for her sole benefit and use.

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Witnesses:
James Tinsey
Joel T. Cherry
Johnson Wise

Signed:
Elijah Stevens

Last will and Testament of **MRS. ELEANOR BLAKE**
Bibb Co. Ga. 12 DEC 1860 14 JAN 1861
Pages 175-176

I Eleanor Blake of Macon, Ga. Being weak, but of sound and disposing mind do ordain this my Last Will and Testament.

I direct that a neat head and foot stone be placed at the graves of my son Thomas W. Harris, my granddaughter Martha B. Harris and that of my own.

I give to brother Nathan H. Beal \$200.00.

I give to my grandniece Mary Isabella, daughter of Edward M. and Verlinda R. Burton \$50.00.

To old and faithful servant Kizzy \$10.00.

To my 3 grandchildren Wilmotte C. Harris, Mary F. Harris and Wade H. Harris, what money I have in bank and what may be collected on notes now due and running due in counties of Lee and Terrell arising from negro hire for the present and past years.

My bedroom furniture to granddaughter Wilmotte C. Harris, to Mary J. my watch and work stand, and bird cage and stand to grandson Wade H..

To granddaughter Mrs. Eleanor Sims, the remaining balance of my furniture, except my silver wares which are to be equally divided between grandchildren Nathan, Thomas, Wilmotte C., Mary F. and Wade H. Harris.

My negro property I direct to be equally divided between my daughter in law Mrs. Martha A. Harris and grandchildren Mrs. Eleanor Sims, Nathan, Thomas, Wilmotte C., Mary F. and Wade H. Harris.

I appoint daughter in law Mrs. Martha A. Harris my Executrix and brother Nathan H. Beall and grandson in law Charles C. Sims Executors.

Witnesses:
D.W. Hammond
Gabriel Harrison
George S. Obear

Signed:
Eleanor Blake

Last Will and Testament of **MARY L. CRAY**
Bibb Co. Ga. 20 AUG 1858 4 FEB 1861
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Being of sound mind, make and publish my Last Will and Testament.

It is my will that all just debts be paid, with the claim of Dr. Collins being first settled.

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I give my niece Mrs. Sarah M. Armstrong the following slaves during her natural life, Lucy and her children Dolly and Emma.
I give my sister Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt, \$1000.00.
To nephew George Holzendorf in trust for his children John and William, \$200.00.
To nephew Michael Pratt and nieces Margaret Pratt, Mrs. Louisa Seymore and Mrs. Jane Pratt, the sum of \$100.00 each.
I give to niece Louisa Dilworth my work stand with 2 leaves and \$200.00.
To niece Euphemia Holzendorf my bureau.
I give nephew Alexander Holzendorf, my silver cup.
I direct my servants receive \$10.00 each and a suit of mourning.
I give and bequeath to the Presbyterian Church in Macon my pew in the house of worship. I give the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the sum of \$100.00. To Trustees of Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the sum of \$100.00 to be used for missions in Hopewell Presbytery.
I give my Pastor Robert S. Breck in trust for his children to wit: Pauline, William, Jinnie, Sallie and Martha, the sum of \$250.00.
My slaves not heretofore disposed of and after payment of Lagacies herein named together with all goods, Chattles and effects, I give to sister Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt.
It is my request my body be buried beside my husband in Rose Hill Cemetary in the lot allowed me by Dr. Collins.
I appoint Dr. Robert Collins of Bibb Co. and nephew Alexander Holzendorf of Camden Co. my Executors.

Witnesses:

Edwin Saulsbury
A. Brydie
Robert L. Breck

Signed:

Mary S. Cray

Codicil to will of MARY CRAY

Bibb Co. Ga. 6 OCT 1858

I Mary S. Cray hereby make and ordain this Codicil to my Last Will and Testament.
I give unto Mr. Archibald Brydie as Trustee for his wife Jane J. Brydie, negro Corrine about 12 years old.

Witnesses:

Edwin Saulsbury
John Parry
John C. Curd

Signed:

Mary S. Cray

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Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT COLLINS**
Bibb Co. Ga. 9 JUN 1859 6 MAY 1861
Pages 181-183

I Robert Collins being in usual health and strength of mind, deem it right to publish my Last Will and Testament.

I desire all my estate, both real and personal, shall be taken charge of at my demise by my Executors, and shall be held, managed and controlled for the best interest of my Legal heirs. Executors shall have full power to make sales and investments of the proceeds without any order of the court and transact all Estate business without being required to make returns to the court of Ordinary and further not be required to make inventory or appraisement of estate to the court.

It is my will that my estate be equally divided between my wife Eliza C. Collins and daughters Julia R. and Mary C. Collins. The portion of my property set apart to each of them as they become of age or marry.

I hereby appoint my wife Eliza C. Collins, Robert A. Smith and George W. Hardie Executors.

Witnesses:

Thad G. Holt

Elam Alexander

Charles R. Armstrong, Notary Public

Signed:

Robt. Collins

Codicil to will of Robert Collins

Bibb Co. Ga. No date

Whereas in consequence of the marriage of daughter Julia R. Collins to Benjamin B. Lewis, I desire to change said will so far as it relates to the appointment of George W. Hardie as Executor, and I appoint my son in law Benjamin B. Lewis in his place.

Witnesses:

Alexander M. Speer

D.W. Hammond

James A. Nisbet

Signed:

Robt. Collins

Last Will and Testament of **ARTHUR STOKESBURY**
Bibb Co. Ga. 21 JAN 1861 3 JUN 1861
Pages 184-185

Mr. Arthur Stokesbury of the city of Macon being in sound mind at the time of making this my Last Will and Testament.

I hereby constitute Mr. W.A. Cherry my true and lawful Executor and Trustee.

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I give to said William A. Cherry in trust, all my property consisting of negroes Bill, Ann and her son Rosco, also 4 tracks of land in originally Cherokee Co. Ga., number not now remembered, for the benefit and use of nephew Arthur Wipple Stokesbury, son of my brother Lewis B. Stokesbury with the following restrictions. Negro Ann to be considered only nominally a slave and that she only pays \$1.00 per month wages to said Trustee to pay her taxes. Negro Ann be allowed all privileges consistent with her station in life and the laws. She to be allowed to retain the services of her son Rosco until he is 15 yrs. old, being now 9, mother and child never to be separated. She is to receive all household and kitchen furniture, my clothing and \$100.00 to be paid her monthly from money coming in from the hire of negro Bill.

Witnesses:

Job. H. Cherry

Hiram D. Hill

J.C.C. Burnett J.P.

Signed:

A. Stokesbury

Last Will and Testament of **ELIAS B. SHAD**

Bibb Co. Ga. 27 JUL 1860 1 JUL 1861

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I Elias B. Shad being of sound mind do make my Last Will and Testament.

I desire my debts paid out of proceeds from the sale of my negroes.

I give to children of Solomon S. Shad my undivided half in the Island called Elba, situated in the Savannah River.

I give to John D.M. Shad, my fathers gold watch.

I give the proceeds of sale of \$1200.00 worth of Hadley Falls Bank Stock in Massachusetts, recently sold by me, and which I am looking for in a check from C.W. Ranlet to Louisa M. Preston of South Hadley, Mass., married to Mr. Brown.

I give to Mary Ann Butts of Springfield, Mass. \$5.00 worth of stock in Merchants and Planters Bank of Savannah, Ga.

To A.G. Butts of Macon, the note I hold against him for \$260.00.

I give my gold watch and chain to my aunt Mrs. Barstow in Hawkinum, Mass.

I give my pistol to A.G. Butts son, Auronah W. Butts and my mothers photograph to Aunt Burt in Kinderhook, N.Y..

I give to Mrs. Albert G. Butts as her own separate property, the household furniture and trunks in my room in Macon and the house of A.G. Butts.

The jewelry contained in my Mothers small hair trunk to Aunt Burt to be distributed among her sisters. My rifle gun to A.G. Butts.

I give to Mary L. Butts, daughter of A.G. Butts, my negro girl Molly. The remainder of my negroes in Macon and Savannah to be sold and provided good owners; Families not to be separated. Proceeds equally divided between Laura E. Butts of Macon, David B. and

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Carlos W. Chapin of Springfield, Mass. The sum of \$200.00 to be paid out of negro hire for repair of my family vault located on Wilmington Island, Ga.

Remainder of property if any, goes to David B. and Carlos W. Chapin.

I appoint friend Albert G. Butts my Executor.

Witnesses:

J.E. Wells

A.A. Menard

R.S. Lanier

Signed:

E.B. Shad

Last Will and Testament of JAMES W. GRIFFIN

Bibb Co. Ga. 29 APR 1861 2 JUL 1861

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Being of sound and disposing mind and memory, I James W. Griffin publish my Last Will and Testament.

I give to friend John Faulk of Twiggs, Co. in Trust for my beloved wife Mary Adella Griffin, all my property both real and personal after payment of my just debts, for her sole and separate use during her natural life. Said wife Mary Adella to dispose of property by will as she pleases.

I appoint my trusty valued friend John Faulk of Twiggs, Co. my Executor and my wife, Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament.

Witnesses:

W.F. Anderson

J. DeLoache

Stevens Collins

Signed:

James W. Griffin

Last Will and Testament of JOHN B. WILEY

Bibb Co. Ga. 15 JUN 1861 2 JUL 1861

Pages 189-191

Being in feeble bodily health but of sound mind and memory make this my Last Will and Testament.

I will all my stock of mules, cattle, hogs and Plantation tools on my Plantation in Alabama, be sold by my Executor. My Alabama Plantation in Barbour Co. I wish sold and hereby authorize my Executor to sell when he can get a fair price, but I do not wish it forced on the market in the mist of the political troubles of the country. My negroes on Ala. Plantation to be brought and placed on my Houston Plantation.

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for \$838.00 which I have endorsed to her and \$9,836.40 which I have had deposited to her credit in the Bank of Savannah in Macon.

I give son Charles M. Wiley in trust \$20,000.00 to be judiciously invested in bonds and stocks to be held for benefit of my daughter Anna L. Wiley, interest and dividends to be a permanent fund for her support and maintenance and paid to her at age 21.

To my wife Ann G. Wiley and son Charles M. Wiley \$10,000.00, the interest of which is to be paid at their discretion to son David L. Wiley, but he is not to be allowed to use the principal. If after years he should reform, his mother is authorized to give him the amount, but in no event is this to be done until by continued course of good conduct by industrious and sober habits and he can take care of fund.

The balance of estate, in equal portions, to my wife Ann G. and children Mary C. Harris, Charles M. Wiley, Eugenia Blount, Anna L. Wiley and John B. Wiley.

I appoint wife Ann G. and son Charles M. Wiley my executrix and Executor.

Witnesses:

John J. Gresham

James Mercer Green

J.S. Baxter

Signed:

J.B. Wiley

Last Will and Testament of ANN LESLIE

Bibb Co. Ga. 18 FEB 1842 2 MAY 1861

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I Ann Leslie being sound in body and mind make this my Last Will and Testament.

To my son David F. Riley, one bed and stead, furniture and the land whereon I now live containing 50 acres. To son Moses Leslie, my other bed and stead and furniture.

To son William Riley and daughter Mary Ann B. Mosley the balance of household and kitchen furniture.

It is my will that all my servants to wit: Dianah, Harriet, Allen, Mandy, Henry, Mary, Patsy and Sam be equally divided between sons William Riley, David F. Riley, Moses Leslie and my daughter Mary Ann B. Mosely.

It is my will that if either of my children should bring any demands whatsoever against Estate after my death, their share be sold to pay such demands.

I ordain James Harden as my Executor.

Witnesses:

C.B. Strong

Martha B. Bailey

Elizabeth J. Strong

Signed:

A. Leslie

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BOND & MURDOCK vs JAMES BROWN
... for the plaintiff sixty-eight dollars and cost of suit.
JACOB HOBBS, Foreman

By Attachment

SUZAHAH MILLS vs JAMES H. WILLIAMS & JAMES BROWN
... for the plaintiff eighty dollars with interest and cost
JACOB HOBBS, Foreman

Debt

WILLIAM M BROWN vs CLARISE BOND
JACOB HOBBS, Foreman

... find the property not subject.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Applt. vs ASA WILLIAMS (??)
the wife ... decision of the court below be confirmed.

Motion to dismiss Guardian & appeal from

ABEL C. VAIL vs JAMES C. PEMBERTON
... for the plaintiff Thirty-five dollars and seventy-five cents with all cost.
WILLIAM H. LAWFORD

Assumpsit

Petit Jury No 2

1. JOHN STEMBRIDGE
2. WILLIAM HORTMAN
3. ELIGAH EUBANKS
4. PATRICK SAWYER

5. LEWIS CURRAN
6. SAMUEL THOMAS
7. NATHAN CHILDERS
8. RIDDON CARROT

9. ALCANA SAWYER
10. ZACHARIAH McCLENDON
11. JAMES T. CARSTARPHEN
12. JEREMIAH HANCOCK

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No Bill
WILLIAM H. LOWE, Foreman

Assault & Battery

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Aiding a prisoner to escape

True Bill
WILLIAM H. LOWE, Foreman

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True Bill
WILLIAM H. LOWE, Foreman

Riot

The State vs WILLIAM CARSLILE
True Bill
WILLIAM H. LOWE, Foreman

Stabbing

PAULETT & RYALS vs ANDRW PROUDFET
— each Spring from Justices Court ... BURKE COUNTY

Fifa

The Same vs The Same

Fifa

... requiring JOHN WHITTINGTON, late sheriff, to return the above Fifas into court at this term with his actings and doings therein & thereon ... that the sum of Seventy-five dollars and thirty-one and one fourth cents ... that the Sheriff do pay over to C. B. STRONG, the plaintiff's attorney in said case

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Should any of my children not having reached 21 yrs. old, upon death of their mother, I appoint Mr. Dennis Daly their Guardian.

I name John W. O'Conner and Thomas C. Dempsey my Executors.

Witnesses:

O.F. Adams

Thomas C. Hardee

G.J. Blake

Signed:

Henry Horne

Last Will and Testament of DAVIS SMITH

Monroe Co. Ga. 16 Mar 1868 30 May 1868

Pages 377-378

I Davis Smith think it proper to make some disposition of my property, I am old and subject to die.

I wish after my death, my property both real and personal sold at the discretion of my Executor.

I direct a small monument placed over my grave and the graves of my deceased wife and my son Jordan Smith. The balance I give equally to my 3 children viz, son James Smith, daughter Elizabeth Taylor, and daughter Jane Brent.

I have already given a portion of my property to my children and I have given my present wife a lifetime estate to my Hogan (?) Plantation in Monroe Co. by marriage contract. At her death, said property to my 3 children. The place where I now live, including the Christian Place and Dixon Place my 3 children can live on jointly as long as they please. I appoint Orlanda Holland and James M. Hollis, my lawful Executors.

Witnesses:

William L. Lampkin

J.M. Pender

H.G. Bean

Signed:

Davis Smith

Court of Ordinary Monroe, Co. Ga. 14 Nov 1868

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Both Orlanda Holland and James M. Hollis, named Executors for the will of Davis Smith, decline to qualify. In their place, son James Smith and son-in-law Thomas Brent were certified to replace them.

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Know all men by these presents that I, John H. Farrell by birth and nativity of the county of Langford Parish of Granite Ireland, but at present a resident of Macon, Ga. do make this my last will and testament.

I give my wife Teresa Kate Farrell all the real estate I own, my goods, effects and personal property to have for support of herself and my 2 children Joseph and Thomas F. Property to be divided between children, after her death.

I nominate my worthy and esteemed friend John Malone Guardian over my will and children.

Witnesses:

Philip Fitzgerald
Geo. Johnson
Domnick Dunn

Signed:

John H. Farrell

Last Will and Testament of MERRELL THOMAS

Bibb Co. Ga. 16 Jul 1863 2 May 1864

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I Merrell Thomas being of sound disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength to do so, publish this my last will and testament.

I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body I desire to be buried at the burial ground at Midway Church in Bibb Co. Ga.

I desire all my estate to be equally divided between my children. One share each to son Washington Thomas, Jett Thomas, Telith Reynolds, Delana Hail and to daughter Alla Reynolds, one half of lot situated in Butts Co., number not recollected, adjoining William Foster on the North and West.

I appoint sons Washington Thomas and Jett Thomas my Executors.

Witnesses:

Cicero A. Tharp
Robert Burket
Thomas J. Bartlett

Signed:

Merrell (his mark) Thomas

Noncooperative Will of MARY A.E. SIMMONS

Wilkerson Co. Ga. 19 Jan 1864 May Term 1864

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We the undersigned witnesses state we were present at the death of Mrs. Mary A.E. Simmons in the county of Wilkerson, which took place Sunday 3rd Jan 1864, at the house of Jesse B. Carroll of said county. She being there on a visit (her residence being in the

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Second Codicil to Will and Testament of George R. Hunter
Crawford Co. Ga. 16 Jan 1861

Whereas I have during this month loaned to son D.F. Hunter the following negroes to wit: Lowry, Cardine and her children Pexton and Mary on the conditions which may vest absolute title to said negroes to him. Should that happen, negroes or their value to be deducted from what would otherwise be his share of estate.

Witnesses:

Thomas B. Ellis
John B. Fowler
Z.A. Fowler

Signed:

Geo. R. Hunter

Last Will and Testament of WATSON CAMPBELL

Bib Co. Ga. 4 Jul 1863 4 Apr 1864

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I Watson Campbell in consequence of circumstances which surround me and it being necessary for me to leave home for a time, and knowing that life is uncertain, I deem it necessary to make disposition of my property in case I may not return.

I give my beloved wife Telitha C. Campbell with whom I have lived for 23 yrs. all that track of land known and distinguished in the plan of 4th Dist. originally Houston Co. now Bibb Co. Ga. as lot 206 containing 50 acres lying in the North West corner of lot for her natural life. After her death, land to be sold and proceeds equally divided between my 4 children to wit: Mary A.M. Campbell, James E. Campbell, Thomas Campbell and Christopher C. Campbell.

I give to my wife also, all my stock of 16 hogs, household and kitchen furniture for her proper use and benefit of family.

I appoint my beloved wife Telitha C. Campbell Executrix and worthy friend Luther R. Johnson Executor.

Witnesses:

William J. Shinholser
M.A.M. Campbell
James M. Campbell
J.W. Malone

Signed:

Watson Campbell

Last Will and Testament of JOHN H. FARRELL

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To wife Mary Hunter, negroes Talbot, Lowry and Lucy which were deeded to her by her father. I give also 6 children of Lucy viz Jeanette, Frederick, Haity, Jesse, Edy and Turner. I give back Isaac whom I received from her father estate. She is to receive \$1,500.00 in lieu of Dower.

When Knoxville property and Plantation are sold, proceeds divided as follows: one-fifth to David T., one-fifth to Elizabeth W., one-fifth to Archibald R., one-fifth to Peyton Holt and one-fifth to Grace Fenton Hunter. Provided the property in my hands belongs to Mariana R.S. Hunter is not equal to one-fifth part of said sale, the value of which is ascertainable from the Ordinary Book, bring the proceed of sale of undivided half lots (\$12,500.00) and interest thereof, the share of the aforesaid to be made equal with shares of the other children.

I wish my wife to keep her Piano Forte she had when we married.

I give my library and law books to son Daniel T. Hunter provided he study law.

I hereby appoint Charles H. Walker and Nathan Fowler Executors and Testamentary Guardian of the property bequeathed to my children.

Witnesses:

John W. Ellis
Elijah M. Amos
Thos. Andrews
Joseph R. Ansley

Signed:

George R. Hunter

First Codicil to Will and Testament of George R. Hunter

Crawford Co. Ga. 30 May 1857

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I George R. Hunter having written the foregoing will while in bad health and laboring under the depression of mind incident, thereto think proper now upon my restoration to health make the following alterations therein. The death of my esteemed friend Nathan Fowler since the making of said will is another reason for executing this Codicil.

If my daughter Mariana R.S. Hunter wishes to do so, she can take negroes Hugh and Harriett purchased by me of Dr. C.M. Hichcock in full payment of what money may be due her from me as her Guardian.

I appoint my brother-in-law Dr. C.M. Hichcock of San Francisco, California as Executor in place of Nathan Fowler.

Witnesses:

John W. Ellis
Thomas Andrews
W.W. Dennis

Signed:

George R. Hunter

**Bibb County Wills
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Co. Plantation for family. Upon division of husbands estate, I give my mother Mrs. Martha L. Fort and my brother Dr. George Fort my Macon house and lot, furniture and all my servants to wit: Maria, Sandom, Cumsey, child Lucy, Sally, Cora, Simon, Isaac, Minny and Isham.

I will the balance of estate to my children Mathew F., Eliza V., Edward, John E. and Dora Huguenin.

I appoint my brother Dr. George Fort Executor and mother Mrs. M. L. Fort Executrix of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses:

John J. Gresham

M.F. Morgan

Kate H. Fort

Signed:

Julia E. Huguenin

Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Julia E. Huguenin

Bibb Co. Ga. 26 Nov 1863

I alter my will published 30 Oct 1863 to give to Rosa E. Delony, daughter of my late husband, \$5,000.00 in current funds to be paid upon the division of my husbands estate.

Witnesses:

John J. Gresham

Mary W. Towns

Mary B. Gresham

Signed:

Julia E. Huguenin

Last Will and Testament of George Hunter

Crawford Co. Ga. 12 Feb 1856 Bibb Co. Ga. 9 Mar 1864

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Being sound of mind and body, I George Hunter make the following my last will and testament.

Should I die at my residence in Knoxville, I wish my body buried on the premises. I direct \$150.00 to be expended to erect a marble slab over grave having my name inserted thereon, and grave enclosed with strong iron railing.

Having assumed payment to Mrs. Polly M. Holt, now Mrs. Polly M. Andrews, an annuity of originally \$655.00 but now reduced by death of 2 negroes to \$500.00 annually.

It is my will a sufficient number of my negroes be hired out to raise the sum. Balance of negroes to be kept together to work on Plantation until final discharge of annuity by death of Mrs. Andrews. My wife may reside on the premises I now live on with the children and keep servants, or move to the Plantation and build a temporary house. In the event she leaves Knoxville, I desire house and land sold at public outcry or private sale.

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Transcribed by Joyce Green

Last will and Testament of **THOMAS WOOLFOLK**

Bibb Co. Ga. 20 Jun 1843 26 Dec 1863

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I Thomas Woolfolk knowing that life is uncertain and feeling a desire while in my proper mind, do make disposition of my property.

It is my will and desire that all perishable property, furniture and stock be sold by my Executors at public outcry.

I will unto my son John W. Woolfolk, negroes Bob, Sive, Milly, Suce and little Suce, which are now in his possession and also the land in Houston Co. now in his possession for which I have paid, and am to pay \$4,200.00.

It is my desire that after my decease, property shall be so divided that each of my other four children, Thomas J., Lowel C., James H. and Richard F. shall have as many negroes in value, and as much land in value as son John W. has received.

Each of my 4 youngest sons shall have a gold watch and horse and buggy or the value equal with son John W.

It is my will and desire remainder of estate be equally divided between my 5 sons, share and share alike.

I appoint my 2 sons John W. Woolfolk and Thomas J. Woolfolk Executors. My son Thomas to be qualified when he arrives at age.

Witnesses:

Jehu Campbell

James Denton

David Flanders

Signed:

Thomas Woolfolk

Last will and Testament of **JULIA E. HUGUENIN**

Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Oct 1863 7 Mar 1864

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I Julia Huguenin being of sound disposing mind and memory, but having met with a serious accident which may endanger my life, make this my last will and testament.

It is my will and desire my house and lot in city of Macon where I now reside, household and kitchen furniture, my silver plate, glass, crockery ware, horses, carriages and house servants constituting the entire establishment left to me by my husband, be kept without inventory or appraisement by my Executors, and in their discretion, as a home for my children.

It will be a great responsibility for my mother Mrs. Martha L. Fort and brother Dr. George Fort to take charge of my family, as compensation for their trouble and as a testament of my affection, I give the use of my house and lot, furniture and servants aforesaid until division of my husbands estate. They shall draw supplies from the Sumter

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Last Will and Testament of **WILLIAM A. ROSS**
Bibb Co. Ga. 11 June 1860 5 Aug 1861
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Being about to take a long journey to the West and North, and knowing the accidents to which I shall be liable, deem it proper to make disposition of my property.

I desire and direct my body to be buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.

After debts paid, I give to beloved wife Mary Ann, with whom I have lived in strictest quiet and love for 20 years, my dwelling house and lot where I now reside on the corner of College and Forsyth St. Macon, Ga., my household and kitchen furniture contained in dwelling, all horses, carriage, cows, calves and my negro property consisting of Bob, Patsy and her child Eliza, Amanda, Harriet and Raney. I give also \$20,000.00 in money out of residue of my estate to be limited to her use, enjoyment and occupation during her natural life. I also bequeath to wife \$10,000.00 for her own sole and separate use. At her death, to the children.

To my sons William R. Ross, Edgar A. and Luther F., \$10,000.00 each out of my estate when they reach 21 yrs. of age.

To daughters Ellen H., Julia H., Lila M. and Valeria, \$10,000.00 each when they arrive at 21 yrs. of age, or sooner should they marry.

It is my will that my property be kept together for the support, education and maintenance of my wife Mary Ann and my children.

I appoint wife Mary Ann Ross Executrix and Henry L. Jewell and William C. Redding my Executors.

Witnesses:

James M. Jones

Francis Lake

Benjamin H. Wrigley

Signed:

William A. Ross

Last Will and Testament of **JAMES WAKEMAN**
Bibb Co. Ga. 20 Jun 1861 5Aug 1861
Pages 200-201

I, James Wakeman being of sound and disposing mind and memory make this my last will and testament.

I give to my wife Jerusha Wakeman all my real and personal property that I may die possessed of, with exception of my negroes.

Negroes Harry, Charlotta and their children and grandchildren being 14 in number I have sold this day to Matthew R. Rogers by deed of bargain and sale.

I hereby appoint my wife Jerusha Wakeman Executrix.

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City of Macon) and on that day in our presence and hearing, she called the said Carroll to the bed where she was lying and said she wanted him to have her house and lot in Macon. She then called Mary A.E. Spears, and in our presence, told her to bear witness that she wanted Jesse B. Carroll to have said house and lot. This statement made about 8 hrs before death.

Witnesses:

Mary A.E. Spears

Nancy A. Pittman

Sarah (her mark) Wood

Bibb Co. Court of Ordinary-May Term 1864
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Jesse B. Carroll, Propounder of Mary A.E. Simmons Last Will VS F.B. Brown and other Caveators.

Appeared at Court of Ordinary, first Monday in April last and being continued to May term, and that F.B. Brown with wife Eliza, Sarah Wood, A.H. Brown, Janet Pennys heirs notified personally, heirs of Isaac Brown, Larry Simpsons heirs, Zilpha Martin (formerly Johnson) her heirs, served by publication of Georgia. Elizabeth Wimberly of Alabama, James Brown of Texas and Sarah A. Brown of Mississippi notified by publication in Macon Telegraph in terms of law.

After arguments and evidence in said case, it is ordained said will to be admitted to Probate.

Wm. M. Riley, Ordinary

Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT HAZLEHURST**
Glynn Co. Ga. 2 Jun 1860 Bibb Co. Ga. 6 Jun 1864
Pages 278-280

I Robert Hazlehurst, Planter, of Glenn Co. Ga. make and declare this my last will and testament.

Whereas I have executed and delivered deed of Gifts to each of my 6 children by my first marriage, namely to Sarah S. Houstoun, Elizabeth M. Plant, Leighton W. Hazlehurst, Robert Hazlehurst, George H. Hazlehurst and Harriet O. Bobbitt, and bestowed upon them 120 negroes to be equally divided. This giving them the portion of property with increases which I received from their mother.

I am desirous of making provision for family by my second marriage.

I give to wife F.L. Hazlehurst for herself, and as Guardian of my minor children Fredrick

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Winthrop, Pickney Alston and Ellen Douglas, my house and lots numbered 164 and 165 in the town of Brunswick with all household and kitchen furniture to be occupied and held by her during the minority of my children. When the youngest marry, or comes of age, said property to be sold with proceeds divided among heirs.

I give to my wife and children William, Frances E. wife of John B. Habersham, Caroline C. wife of A.R. Wright, Fedrick W., Pickney Alston and Ellen Douglas all real and personal property, the former lying in different parts of the state and in the other property consisting of the negroes John, Jinny, Bernard, Phillis, Margaret, Maria, Mily, Anna, Moses, Vinus, Rosana, Alpin, Tom, Ansel, Stephen, Paul, Matilda, Henry, Minte, Celia, Prince, Richard, Hilly, Sance, Barton, Gib, Jinny L., Ben, Delia, Anthony, West, Cate, Frank, King, Charles, Bibb, Rachael, Cason, Mary Ann, Peter, Jacob, Balfred and John together with all my stock of cattle, sheep, mules, horses and carriages, Railroad and Bank stock, bonds, notes, accounts and ready money to be divided among them.

I desire distribution of property made as soon as circumstances permit without recourse of court, as I owe nothing and time will be saved. Should any heir have objection thereto, or any disagreement among them, then I appoint my wife F.L. Hazlehurst Executrix and son William Hazlehurst Executor with full power to carry the same into effect.

Witnesses:

Tim C. Downie
Charles S. Schlatter
R. Hazlehurst, Jr.

Signed:

R. Hazlehurst

Last Will and Testament of MARTHA W. McGUIRE

Bib Co. Ga. 12 Feb 1864 4 Jul 1864

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I Martha W. McGuire being of advanced age and knowing I must shortly depart this life, deem it proper to make disposition of my property.

I give to my daughters Eliza R. McGuire and Georgia A.E. Russell wife of Thomas J. Mahaffe \$5.00 each.

To my Granddaughter Clotilda J.G. McGuire Hancock, daughter of William H. Hancock \$5.00.

To daughter Mary A. Barry, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in all my real and personal estate.

To daughter Margaret A. Peacock, wife of Samuel B. Peacock, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in my real and personal estate. To daughter Antonette A. Thomas, wife of William J. Thomas, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in my real and personal estate.

To my 2 Grandchildren James A. and Missouri McGuire, the remainder $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in all my property real and personal estate.

I hereby appoint my worthy friend and son-in-law Samuel B. Peacock my Executor.

Witnesses:

E.C. Grannis
John J. Wright
V.L. Williams

Signed:

Martha (her mark) McGuire

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Last Will and Testament of PATRICK ROACH

Bib Co. Ga. 4 Jan 1864 4 Jul 1864

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I, Patrick Roach being of sound and disposing mind and memory, make this my last will and testament.

I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body I desire buried in Cathedral Cemetery in the city of Savannah.

I will to my sister Bridget Niles of Savannah, Chatham Co. Ga. \$1980.00 due me by Maj. Bovaud Seig, Artillery Gen. Cobb Legion, and all effects, real and personal.

Witnesses:

Lem Cherry

John McLean

Denis (his mark) Drue

Signed:

Patrick Roach

Last Will and Testament of DAVID ALLEN

Bibb Co. Ga. 1 Aug 1864 3 Sep 1864

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I David Allen knowing I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper to make disposition of my property.

I give my beloved wife Emeline P. 199 acres of land closed and in cultivation, including all the wood lands out of swamp where my house stands for her own proper use and benefit with full power to dispose of as she may think proper.

My Executor to sell balance of property when he thinks best for the interest of my children, each to draw a share when they reach age 21.

I appoint friend Elijah Bond my Executor.

Witnesses:

M.A. Davis

Travis (his mark) Huff

John Mitchell

Nancy (her mark) Grace

Signed:

David Allen

Last Will and Testament of ROBERT P. McEVOY

Bib Co. Ga. 22 Jul 1864 5 Sep 1864

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I Robert P. McEvoy, sound of mind but weak in bodily health do make my last will and testament.

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I bequeath unto my mother Rachael Daniel, my wife Margaret Jane McEvoy and my 3 children Edward Cook, Margaret Julia and Robert Porter the whole of my estate with following conditions viz: I desire property kept together and so managed to make the annual income sufficient for support of my mother, wife and the maintenance and education of my children. It may be necessary for a portion to be disposed of to accomplish this during lifetime of my mother, widowhood of my wife and minority of my children. Should my wife marry, she can draw 1/5 of estate with remaining 4/5 kept for benefit of my mother and my children.

In the event my mother and 3 children die during their minority, estate to be divided as follows: 1/3 to wife Margaret Jan McEvoy, 1/3 to cousin John P. Porter now residing in Meriwether Co. and 1/3 to cousin Mrs. Charity Ann Corley, wife of Elihu Corley.

Should my 3 children die under age, my mother and wife surviving, estate divided as follows to wit: 1/4 part to my mother, 1/4 to my wife, 1/4 part to cousin John P. Porter and remaining 1/4 part to cousin Mrs. Charity Ann Corley.

I appoint E.C. Granniss, T.A. Harris and William P. Goodall as my Executors. My wife to be Guardian of my children.

Witnesses:

N.H. Beal

S. Bates

John W. Burke

Signed:

Robert P. McEvoy

Last Will and Testament of EDWARD EBENEZER BREWER

Bibb Co. Ga. 17 Feb 1864 5 Sep 1864

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Being about to return to the Army and being of sound mind and health, I think it a duty I owe my family to make disposition of my worldly effects. I hereby appoint my wife Caroline Elizabeth Brewer my sole Executrix.

I direct that after the will has passed probate and been admitted to record, and my estate has been appraised and returned to Court of Ordinary, she shall not be required to make any further returns. I give all my estate in trust to Executrix for her support and education of my children during her widowhood. Should my widow marry again, I direct my estate be divided into 4 equal parts, and 1 share placed in hands of some suitable trustee for her. As children reach age 21, or marry, they to receive their shares.

Witnesses:

T.A. Harris

R.A. Benson

Thomas A. Brewer

Signed:

Edward Ebenezer Brewer

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Last Will and Testament of **JOHN B. McMICHAEL**

Bib Co. Ga. 18 Oct 1864 7 Nov 1864

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Intending this will to be a final disposition of my estate, revoking all others.
After debts have been paid, I give to Thomas and Madora Thrash, children of Julia Thrash, my property of every description.

I appoint my friend Julia Thrash my Executrix.

Witnesses:

R.L. Joice

B.F. Griggs

C.W. Wells

Signed:

J.B. McMichael

Last Will and Testament of **ADELAIDE R. WATTS**

Bibb Co. Ga. 3 Oct 1861 26 Nov 1864

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I Adelaide R. Watts being in usual health of body and soundness of mind, publish this my last will and testament.

I give my daughter Henrietta A. Passmore one and a half story house and part of lot whereon house stands. The entire lot known in the plan of the City of Macon as Lot # 1, Square # 57. If daughter Henrietta dies without heirs, it goes to Alexander A. Watts, my son. I also give to said son a one story house and other part of said lot.

I wish for negro Matilda, if living, to be sold and proceeds equally divided between Alexander and Henrietta Passmore.

I wish my furniture and other property to be sold with proceeds divided between Alexander and Henrietta Passmore.

I give my daughter Eleonora H. Hodgus the sum of \$10.00 and no more.

I appoint Alexander A. Watts my Executor and Trustee of my daughter Henrietta A. Passmore.

I wish it explicitly understood that Abner Passmore has no interest in my will whatsoever.

Witnesses:

H.C. Coffey

F.W. Wippler

E.C. Grannis

Signed:

Adelaide R. Watts

Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT C. FEAGIN**

Chatham Co. Ga. 3 Jan 1863 Bibb Co. Ga. 5 Dec 1864

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I give and bequeath to my sister Martha A. Thorp, my gold watch.
I give all the rest of estate real and personal to be equally divided between my mother Missouri Feagin, George M.T. Feagin, Henry S. Feagin and William Thorp.
My brother Thomas R. Feagin being dead, I desire no portion of estate to go to his wife Sallie L. Feagin or her heirs.

I appoint George M.T. Feagin, William Thorp and Henry S. Feagin my Executors.

Witnesses:

Signed:

F. Toomer

Robert C. Feagin

John King

John R. Cook

J.N. Carr

Last Will and Testament of WILLIAM B. BUSBEE
Bibb Co. Ga. 14 Dec 1862 10 Jan 1865 (Recorded)
Pages 290-292

I William R. Busbee being a member of the Confederate Army, but of sound disposing mind make this my last will and testament.

I desire that all my property consisting of land, Negroes, horses, cattle, hogs and every article of value be kept by my Executor for the use of my wife Georgia Ann and children Josephine and baby, who is without name, during her widowhood or until youngest child becomes of lawful age.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Georgia Ann and trusty friend Middleton McDonald Executors, in case of either dying, I name Richard Barfield.

Witnesses:

Signed:

J.E. Rylander

W.R. Busbee

John R. Hill

D.H. Pope

Bibb Co. Ga. 26 Sep 1864

There is a certain matter of controversy now pending in Court of Ordinary between Georgia Ann Busbee and Richard Barfield, propounder of last will and testament of W.R. Busbee, and whereas John R. Hill of Albany, Dougherty Co. is a material witness, being sworn states the will was executed at a camp in Macon, Ga. immediately before he left with the 10th Georgia battalion for Virginia.

Signed:

Jno R. Hill

Last Will and Testament of JAMES H. STUBBS
Bib Co Ga. 7 Dec 1864 7 Feb 1865
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Being of feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, deem it proper to make a disposition of my property.

I give to John Wesley Stubbs, son of John W. Stubbs, my gold watch and chain after arrives at age 20, it is to be kept in possession of my wife Ellen M. Stubbs until then.

Should she depart this life before then, watch and chain to be held by my Executor.

To my mother Martha R. Stubbs, my 2 milk cows now on my plantation.

To my wife Ellen M. Stubbs, my $\frac{1}{4}$ in plantation I now live on. She's to receive the residue of my property, both real and personal, for her natural life. After her death, the remainder to my brother John W. Stubbs.

I give unto my brother Joseph R. Stubbs a note of \$1,000.00 I hold against him.

I hereby appoint my brother John W. Stubbs Executor of this will and testament.

Witnesses:

Thomas Stubbs

Miles G. Stevens

E.C. grannies

Signed:

James H. Stubbs

Last Will and Testament of CHARLES COLLINS

Bibb Co. Ga. 19 Aug 1859 6 Feb 1865

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Being now in health and of sound mind and memory, I, Charles Collins make my last will and testament.

After my debts are discharged, the residue of my estate both real and personal I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:

To wife Sophia F. Collins my dwelling house and lot where we now reside in city of Macon, my furniture, carriage and carriage horses together with the following negroes:

Ben, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Hannah, Black Martha and her child, Eugene, Lucy and

Wright. I give also my Garden Place outside the city limits of Macon on the Western

Reserve. I give my bank stock now standing in her name on the books of the

Manufactures Bank Macon, say, \$10,000.00 in value for her natural life. At her death, all will go to sons Appleton P. Collins and Oscar C. Collins.

Having heretofore given son Thomas W. Collins, now deceased, what is a full portion of my estate, say \$12,000.00, his children not entitled to further interest in my property.

Nevertheless, to each of his children, I give \$100.00 per annum until they arrive at 18 yrs. of age. The residue of estate I bequeath unto my 2 sons Appleton P. Collins and Oscar C. Collins.

I appoint sons Appleton and Oscar my Executors.

Witnesses:

G.W. Hardie

John Rutherford

Charles R. Armstrong

Signed:

Charles Collins

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BIBB COUNTY WILLS
BOOK B 1851-1871
Transcribed By Joyce Green

Last Will and Testament of **ALEXANDER MITCHELL**
Darien, Ga. 28 Feb 1856 Bibb Co. Ga. 11 Nov 1864
Pages 297-300

I Alexander Mitchell being of advanced years deem it right to make disposition of my Property.

I bequeath to my beloved wife Mazy Jane for her natural life, ten lots in the City of Darien viz: numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 bounded North by Madison St., West by Market St., South by a lane and West by lot 2. Lots 1 and 2 embrace our residence which belongs to her. I give wife Mazy Jane the interest and income to accrue annually upon \$20,000.00. It is her option to take this interest or receive \$1,500.00 per annum.

After 20 yrs. Of marriage, God in his wise providence, has seen fit to withhold any children. After my wife's death, I bequeath estate to my brother Robert Mitchell, my sister Janet wife of Robert Smith-Scotland, Marjory wife of James Peterkin-Canada and their children, including my grandniece Mazy Ann McMillian of Canada.

Should I survive my wife, property conveyed to her will go to Mrs. Sarah Ann Collins and her children (being the sister and nephew of my said wife Mazy). Slaves, I may die possessed of, were inherited by my wife from her father and grandfather.

I hereby appoint my wife Mazy Jane my Executrix and nephews George and Robert Smith my Executors.

Witnesses:

Alexander Blue
N.P. Gignilliat
Philander P. Pease
C.P. Pease

Signed:

Alex Mitchell

Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Alexander Mitchell
Bibb Co. Ga. 12 May 1863 11 Nov 1864

I Alexander Mitchell did on 28 Feb 1856 publish my last will and testament. Whereas I am desirous of changing a bequeath, I add this Codicil.

After the decease of my wife Mazie Jane, the bequeath made to my heirs thereto named, shall revert to them after her decease and not before. In addition to the negroes given to Mrs. Sarah Collins, I add my other negroes that may belong to the Trust Estate of my wife at the time of her death.

Witnesses:

Henry L. Jewett
David E. Blount
W.D. Williams

Signed:

Alexander Mitchell



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Last Will and Testament of **WILLIAM T. MASSEY**

Bibb Co. Ga. 28 May 1863 6 Mar 1865

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I William T. Massey being of sound disposing mind and memory make this my last will and testament.

I will and bequeath to my dear wife Nancy D. Massey during her natural life or widowhood, for her benefit and my 4 children, all my property of every kind.

I desire my 2 youngest children Orren E. Massey and Nancy N. Massey to be kept at school until their educations are completed.

I desire all my children shall have a support from my estate so long as they live with their mother, and if they leave her, she may lend them any reasonable portion of property that she may think proper.

Should my wife marry, I wish a sufficient sum of money set apart out of my property for education of 2 youngest children. Should they not finish, my property to be equally divided between my wife and 4 children.

Should my wife outlive my children and they leave no heirs, estate to go to the children of my 2 brothers Orren W. and Edward J. Massey.

I appoint my wife Nancy D. Massey Executrix and my 3 sons Sandford D., William C. and Orren E. Massey my Executors.

Witnesses:

Wm. T. Lightfoot

D.M. Flanders

E.J. Massey

Signed:

W.T. Massey

Last Will and Testament of **ALBERT M. BLACKSHEAR**

Bibb Co. Ga. 2 Feb 1865 6 Mar 1865

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I Albert M. Blackshear of City of Macon, being of sound mind and memory, make this my last will and testament.

After lawful debts are paid, the residue of my estate of every description I give to my dear wife Marion J. Blackshear and my only child, son Charles C. Blackshear to be used by my Executor Thomas Harroll as he thinks best for their interest, with these exceptions. My negro Catharine to remain with my mother as long as she keeps house, or desires to give her up to my family. My wife to take the children or let them remain with their mother.

In the event my wife and child dies, all property to be sold and proceeds equally divided between my mother, brothers and sisters. My piano I give to my sister Seila. The remainder of the household effects of every description will remain in my wife's family.

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Witnesses:
Albert G. Butts
G.W. Hardie
M.R. Rogers

Signed:
Albert M. Blackshear

Last Will and Testament of **MRS. MARY ASBY**
Bibb Co. Ga. 28 Feb 1856 2 Oct 1865
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I, Mary Asby being of sound and disposing mind and memory make this to be my last will and testament.

After just debts are paid, I give to my beloved nephew-in-law James T. Asby \$50.00, to be paid by my Executor when he attains the age of one and twenty.

To beloved nephew James H. Laney, residue of property of every kind.

I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Dutson Erwin as my Executor.

Witnesses:
L.P. McManus
S.G. Strozier
Peter M. Curry

Signed:
Mary (her mark) Asby

Last Will and Testament of **THOMAS A. HARRIS**
Bibb Co. Ga. 22 Jun 1865 8 Nov 1865
Pages 304-305

I, Thomas A. Harris being weak in body but of sound mind make this my last will and testament.

It is my will my body be decently buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Macon.

I give my beloved wife Martha L. Harris my dwelling house in the City of Macon and all the land attached, situated on block 72 and fronting on Popular St. containing 3/8 acre together with all household and kitchen furniture. I give also the cows on the lot and my Rockaway Carriage.

My will and intent is that my wife have full power to sell all or any part of property she thinks in best interest of the family, she is at liberty to give daughter Mrs. Mary L. Conner articles of furniture as she may deem proper.

If my wife should die whilst a widow, without a will, or marries again; all of said property shall go to my children.

My Warehouse property in City of Macon to be rented annually by my executors to the best advantage. Executors shall keep Warehouse in good repair and cost paid out of rent, balance of rent to be applied to support of wife and the education of minor and unmarried

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children, and to daughter Mrs. Conner. When children marry or arrive of age, Warehouse to be sold and proceeds divided between my wife and children.

My will is that my 2 lots, one in Brooks Co. and the other in Coffee Co. be sold and proceeds divided between wife and children.

Balance of Estate including my Brunswick Railroad Stock to be divided between wife, daughter Mrs. Conner and minor children to wit: George T., Lula, Elijah B., Martha I., Anna L., and James A. Harris.

I appoint friends James S. Graybill, George S. Obear, Henry L. Jewett and W.P. Goodall my Executors.

Witnesses:

E.A. Nisbet

John G. Park

Samuel Boykin

Signed:

T.A. Harris

Last Will and Testament of JAMES MEARA

Bibb Co. Ga. 25 Jul 1864 12 Oct 1865

Pages 306-308

I James Meara being of sound mind make this my last will and testament.

I give to present wife Hattie E. Meara, formerly Bone, and my 3 children Annette, James and John Meara all property owned by me, except 2 negro slaves. Lucretia I give to my present wife, and her daughter Mary to my daughter Annette. My dwelling house and lot situated on Walnut St., fronting Dr. Lightfoot's house in Macon, belongs to my 3 children by a former conveyance from me. The child's part bequeathed to my present wife is in Lieu of Dower.

I appoint my long time friends and legal advisors Robert S. Lanier and Clifford Anderson my executors.

Witnesses:

C.H. Rogers

W.P. Goodall

H.C. Cunningham

Signed:

James Meara

Codicil to Last Will and Testament of James Meara

Bibb Co. Ga. 23 Dec 1864

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I James Meara do hereby make the following amendments by way of Codicil to the above will to wit:

I hereby appoint Samuel Frank Warren, who is well acquainted with my business, one of my Executors.

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I also will the child lately born to me and present wife Hattie E. Meara, Charles Hall Meare, to share in my property at my death.

Witnesses:

William Belden
William S. Maughan
J.H. Gatewood
James O Connell

Signed:

James Meara

Last Will and Testament of NEEDHAM MIMS

Bibb Co. Ga. 16 Feb 1865 5 Dec 1865

Pages 309-310

I Needham Mims while in ordinary health and in full possession of all my mental faculties, make this my last will and testament.

I wish my Executors to pay all debts, and for this purpose, the cotton I have on hand sold for such funds as my creditors will take.

My daughter, Ann Lockett having had as I consider a full Share of my estate, and perhaps more than I shall be able to give my other children, she to have nothing except as residuary Legatee.

I give to son Thomas N. Mims the following land to wit: the North half of lot 211, lot 212, 50 acres from the SW corner of lot 213, South half of lot 231, and 50 acres from SW and SE corners of lot 245 and 246 all lying in the 13th Dist. original Monroe, now Bibb Co. I give also negroes Phillis, Tim, Taylor, Temperance, Frank, Abner, Celia, Scott, Peter, Philip, Bill, Coleman a blacksmith, Siller, Burrell, Hannah and Dick an old man and Anna. He is to have all the corn fodder, household and kitchen furniture, mules, horses and plantation gear with exception of my buggy. Should son Thomas N. die without children, property to be divided among children of William D. and Mrs. Ann Lockett should she have any.

To grandson Charles W. Mims the following lands to wit: the South of lot 198 known as my branch field and containing 110 acres, South half of lot 211 both in 13th Dist. original Monroe, now Bibb Co. containing 210 acres together. I give the following slaves: Luke and wife Harriet, Dinah, Jack, Matt, Lewis and Solomon. Also, I give 1 good mule or horse and 1 bedstead with bed clothing.

To granddaughter Ann Temperance Mims the following negroes to wit: Matilda and her 4 children Mary, Vic, Dolphin and Eliza, Sarah, Alfred, and Bristol. She is also to have bed known as her Uncle Charles bed with bed clothing.

To granddaughter Mary Lowe Mims negroes Big Jack, Betty, Dave, Cauful, Bob and Jerry. I give also 1 bed and bed clothing.

I appoint William D. Mims Guardian of property given to his children.

I name friends Benjamin May and Dr. Daniel B. Searcy my Executors.

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Witnesses:

John J. Gresham
Joel T. Callaway
J.L. Saulsbury

Signed:

Needham Mims

Last Will and Testament of BENJAMIN H. RUTHERFORD

Bibb Co. Ga. 12 Jun 1865 6 Dec 1865

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I Benjamin H. Rutherford being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, make this my last will and testament.

I desire my body be buried either by the side of my last wife in Houston Co. or in Macons Rose Hill Cemetery.

My worldly estate I dispose of as follows:

The present changes of the statue of slavery in this and other states make it unnecessary for me to make any disposition of those heretofore regarded as slaves formerly owned by me.

To daughter Martha E. Lamar, 2 lots of land adjoining on the East my settlement of lands in Houston Co. being lots 156 and 157 containing 202½ acres each.

To son Thomas B. Rutherford 2 lots of the same settlement known as lot 132 upon which my dwelling house is situated, and lot 125 adjoining the former on the West, each containing 202½ acres.

To son John H. Rutherford, the 3 remaining lots of said settlement known as lots 133, 134 and 124 containing 202½ acres each, my dwelling house and other houses whereon I now reside in City of Macon and known as lot 5 in South Western range of 2 acre lots in Macon.

The balance of my Estate consisting of lot 1 in square 89 City of Macon, upon which is situated my stable and in front of my dwelling, my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, mules, farming implements on my plantation in Houston Co. and household furniture in Macon, sold and distributed to my children.

Having every confidence in son John H. Rutherford as an honest, just and discreet man and that he will carry out every provision of this will, I appoint him my sole Executor.

Witnesses:

P.E. Bowdre
John T. Napier
William F. Holt

Signed:

Benjn. H. Rutherford

Last Will and Testament of CANDACE SACRE

Bibb Co. Ga. 24 Jun 1857 5 Mar 1866

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I Candance Sacre being of advanced age and knowing I must soon depart this life, deem it proper to make disposition of my property

I hope for eternal salvation through atonements of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed for 24 years.

I give to son Francis M. Sacre, 19,406 sq. ft. of land on Clinton Rd. Macon, Bibb Co. designated as lot 1 and 2 in the plat of my land.

I give to daughter Mary A. Womack 12,937 1/3 sq. ft. of land on Clinton Rd. designated as lot 3 and part of lot 4.

To daughter Frances P. Wade, 12,937 1/3 sq. ft. of land on Clinton Rd. designated as lot 5 and part of lot 4 in the plat of my land.

To daughter Martha Rittenbury, 12,937 1/3 sq. ft. of land on Clinton Rd. designated as lot 6 and part of lot 4 in plat of my land.

Witnesses:

Jared R. Clarke

Crud T. Bankston

John H.M. Paulk

Moses Thomas

Signed:

Candance (her mark) Sacre

(No Executor named)

Last Will and Testament of GEORGE W. FORT

Bibb Co. Ga. 14 Apr 1866 7 May 1866

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Being of sound mind and memory, I George Fort do make my last will and testament.

I give all my property to my beloved mother Mrs. Martha L. Fort for her life and all income from property to be used by her as she sees fit and proper.

On death of my mother, I desire and direct my estate be equally divided between my sister Martha F., sister Catharine H., brother Tomlinson, brother John P., sister Sally F., sister Francis G., or their heirs with exception of property left me by my sister Julia E. Huguenin, deceased. This property I desire to revert back to estate of Edward D.

Huguenin, deceased, and be equally divided among my sister Julia's children viz: Martha F., Edward D., Leila V., and Julia D.

It is my further will that brothers Tomlinson and John P. be Trustees to manage sisters property. I desire my uncle Joseph P. Fannin be paid a yearly sum of \$100.00 from income of estate for his natural life.

My Diamond Breastpin to my brother Tomlinson, my Gold Watch to brother John P. and Silver Goblet to my sister Frances G.

I hereby appoint brothers Tomlinson and John P. Fort my Executors.

Witnesses:

L.N. Whittle

S.M. Whittle

Z.M. Whittle

Signed:

George W. Fort

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First Codicil to will of George W. Fort
Bibb Co. Ga. 14 Apr 1866 7 May 1866
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I George W. Fort having written my last will and testament and wanting to change said will in relations to property left me by my sister Julia E. Huguenin, deceased, add this codicil. It is my desire that sister Catharine to have, during her life as long as she remains unmarried, the property consisting of a house and lot in City of Macon as a home for Julia's children or my mothers children. In the event of death or marriage of sister Kate, property reverts back to sister Julia's children.

I appoint brothers Tomlinson and John P. Fort Executors for this Codicil.

Witnesses:

L.N. Whittle
S.M. Whittle
Z.M. Whittle

Signed:

George W. Fort

Second Codicil to will of George W. Fort
Bibb Co. Ga. 14 Apr 1866 7 May 1866
Pages 317-318

It is my further desire that \$1,000.00 in my Central Railroad Stock be given to my youngest sister Frances G. Fort. The sum to be \$1,000.00 more than the rest of my brothers and sisters in the share of Central Railroad Stock.

I appoint brothers Tomlinson, and John P. Fort Executors to this Codicil.

Witnesses:

L.N. Whittle
S.M. Whittle

Signed:

Geo. W. Fort

Third Codicil to will of George W. Fort
Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Apr 1866 7 May 1866
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Whereas I George W. Fort, wish to annex another codicil to my last will and testament.

I desire all property left me by my late sister Mrs. Edward D. Huguinin to go to my mother Mrs. Martha L. Fort. She can dispose of as she may see fit.

All parts in my will that conflict with this statement are hereby annulled.

My two brothers Tomlinson and John P. are appointed my Executors to this Codicil.

Witnesses:

Maria McDonald
B.R. Doyle
J.D. Fannin

Signed:

Geo. W. Fort

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Last Will and Testament of DOMINIE CRATIC

Bibb Co. Ga. 16 May 1862 11 Jun 1866

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I Dominie Cratic being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but having entered the military service, publish this my last will and testament, hereby disposing of my property. I desire that my property of every kind shall be equally divided among my brothers viz: Thomas, John, Richard and Michael Cratic all of the County of Mayo Ireland. I nominate friend Timothy Mullaney of Macon, Ga. My Executor.

Witnesses:

L.N. Whittle
William Wash
P. McIntyre

Signed:

Dominie (his mark) Cratic

Last Will and Testament of MARTHA H. BOWMAN

Bib Co. Ga. 31 Aug 1860 20 Jun 1866

Pages 320-323

I Martha H. Bowman being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength to do so, make this my last will and testament.

I give to my nephew John L. Gilbert all my lands being the place I now live on, containing 575 acres, for his own proper use. I give the farming utensils belonging to said farm, wagon, cart, 2 mules, 2 cows and calves, all the stock of hogs, 2 beds and furniture-one large and one small.

I give negroes Frank and wife Flora, Seaborn and Katy, to said nephew in trust for niece Martha Ann Gilbert, negroes Carey and wife Eliza, George, Eugenius, David and Anderson. I give also 1 feather bed and furniture to nephew John L. Gilbert in trust for niece Sarah T. Gilbert, negro women Chancy and Betty, 1 cow and calf and a bureau. To nephew, John L. Gilbert in trust for niece Frances Perretia Gilbert, negroes Susan and Penelope, one cow and calf and a sideboard.

To nephew Robert R. Gilbert, negro Ezekiel, one mule, one cow and calf. Also to Robert R. in trust for niece Leanna Gilbert, negro Lucy and her 2 children Flora and Anderson.

To nephew Robert R. Gilbert in trust for niece Felona Gilbert, negro Martha.

To nephew Robert R. in trust for niece Lona Gilbert, negro Harriett, 1 cow and calf, 1 feather bed and furniture.

To nephew Benjamin Gilbert, negro Jerry and 1 mule.

To nephew Otho Gilbert, negro Anthony and 1 mule.

To nephew Randolph W. Gilbert, negro Little Carey, 1 horse and \$150.00.

Should nieces Martha Ann Gilbert, Sarah T. Gilbert, Francer Perretia Gilbert, Leanna Gilbert, Felona Gilbert and Lona Gilbert die without issues, all negroes bequeathed to

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them shall revert back to my estate. Negroes will be divided between children of my deceased brother Randolph W. Gilbert.

I hereby direct my Executor to keep my estate together until they make \$650.00, \$500.00 of which I give my niece Virginia Elizabeth Moore, wife of John Moore for her sole and separate use. I leave Negro man Fordey in trust to the care of my nephew John L. Gilbert to see him taken care of and protected while he lives, and after his death, to be decently buried.

Remainder of estate not heretofore bequeathed, I give to children of Randolph W. Gilbert, deceased.

I appoint nephew John L. Gilbert my Executor.

Witnesses:

Arthur Foster

James J. Lary

D.B. Searcy

Signed:

Martha H. Bowman

Last Will and Testament of HARRIET C. CALLAHAN

Bibb Co. Ga. 9 Sep 1864 22 Jun 1864

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It is my earnest desire that the property in or near the Corporation of Greenville by myself consisting of 10 acres be appropriated exclusively for benefit of my children: Napoleon M. Callahan, Josephine Callahan, Frances Ann (space), Virginia C. Callahan, Oscar Callahan. This property is according to the statute of the State of Alabama, mine, free and exclusive of any claim that may be brought against it by my husband John B. Callahan.

Witnesses:

F.A. Anderson

Sarah C. Hawkins

J.B. Callahan

Signed:

Harriet C. Callahan

Last Will and Testament of AMBROSE CHAPMAN

Bibb Co. Ga. 21 Apr 1866 6 Aug 1866

Pages 325-326

I Ambrose Chapman being of sound mind but feeble in body, deem it proper to make my last will and testament.

I desire my body buried in a Christian like manner with a tombstone at the head of my grave.

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I give to my wife Martha Ann Chapman, \$500.00 in common currency of this country, one gold watch, one wardrobe, clothing, trunks, 2 bedsteads, 2 beds, furniture and one sofa. She shall not claim any right of Dower in my real estate, or otherwise the \$500.00 to be paid when convenient.

I give to Mrs. Elizabeth Davis the sum of \$5.00, to Mrs. Maria Childer \$5.00, to William W. Chapman \$5.00, to Ambrose Chapman \$5.00, to Stephen D. Chapman \$5.00, to Benjamin F. Chapman \$5.00 and to Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Chapman \$5.00.

I give to my daughter Tallulah Bostick Chapman the following property to wit: my house and lot where I now reside in the City of Macon, Ga., all other houses and lots adjoining my residence, 5 silver goblets, large silver pitcher, 1 set coasters, table and teaspoons, silver knives, forks, 1 silver basket, piano and stool, one center table, 1 large dining table, one bureau, 1 sofa, household and kitchen furniture and all my notes, accounts and cash on hand at my death and everything else not bequeathed.

In case daughter Tallulah Bostick Chapman should depart life before age 18, I desire her estate shall revert to my older children or their issues.

I hereby appoint B.F. Chapman and William P. Goodall as my Executors.

Witnesses:

Abner H. Hammock

William Fyfe

Frederick T. Abel

Signed:

Ambrose Chapman

Last Will and Testament of SKELTON NAPIER

Bibb Co. Ga. 17 Apr 1852 3 Sep 1866

Pages 327-330

I Skelton Napier being in the enjoyment of my usual health and of sound mind deem it proper to make deposition of my property.

I give my wife Jane E. Napier my residence in Vineville with all buildings and grounds, household and kitchen furniture, carriage and horses for her own proper use forever in lieu of Dower.

I direct residue of my real estate, with exception the Spivey Plantation, rented and occupied by son William in Dooley Co. to be sold including all personal property, not including my negroes.

I further direct my slaves be divided among my wife and children. They to be divided in appraised lots, not separating families, my wife to have privilege of selecting lot she prefers, children to draw for their lots.

Having advanced to son John T. Napier \$12,200.00, amount to be deducted from his share of estate. In consideration that in the intermarriage of son William with Virginia Rowell, her father the late Richard Rowell in disposition of his estate, bequeathed to

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daughter Virginia for her sole use. I direct the share of my estate to son William is hereby in trust to sons John S. and Thomas N. free from any claim of his wife Virginia.

I further expressly will the plantation occupied in Dooley Co., known as Spivey Place, be transferred to Trustees as part of his share valued at \$10,000.00.

I hereby appoint wife Jane E. Napier Executrix and sons William P., John T. and Thomas N. Napier my Executors.

Witnesses:

J.C. Plant

J.S. Hutton

Lloyd G. Bowers

Signed:

Skelton Napier

Codicil to will of Skelton Napier

Bibb Co. Ga. 10 Mar 1856 3 Sep 1866

Whereas I Skelton Napier published my will 7 Apr 1852, and since that date daughter Tabitha E. having intermarried with Heirane (?) Adolphus Troutman, I have advanced to sons John T., and Thomas A. Napier as trustees for daughter Tabitha E. and children by deed of trust dated 19 Feb 1856 for 19 negroes valued at \$10,800.00.

I make this codicil to said will making her share equal to that of my other children.

Witnesses:

J.C. Plant

J.S. Hutton

Lloyd J. Bowers

Signed:

Skelton Napier

Last Will and Testament of **DICEY MATHEWS**

Bibb Co. Ga. 1 Aug 1866 5 Nov 1866

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Whereas my son Samuel has been a kind and filial son and he promises to maintain and sustain me during my natural life, I therefore make this my last will and testament.

I give son Samuel Mathews the land upon which I now live to wit: 40 acres of lot number 199 in the 4th Dist. of original Houston, now Bibb Co. Ga. This being the North 40 acres of said lot and known as the Isaac Mathews Place, together with all my stock of hogs to have and to hold forever.

Witnesses:

Henry Coit Day

Washington Poe

A.O. Bacon

Signed:

Dicey (her mark) Mathews

CRAWFORD COUNTY, GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT MINUTES 1830-1844

Abstracted by William "Bill" Rogers Henry

Edited by Helen S. Hudson

Continued from August Term, 1839:

The following named persons were drawn to serve as Grand Jurors at the February Term... 1840.

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| 1. GEORGE MOORE | 13. JAMES E. PRICE | 25. EWELL WEBB |
| 2. WILLIAM JOHNSON | 14. WILLIAM SIMMONS, Sr. | 26. EDWARD CARSWELL |
| 3. ANDREW J. PRESTON | 15. JOHN MATTHEWS | 27. PERRY C. CARR |
| 4. ELISHA P. TURNER | 16. MATTHEW H. MYRICK | 28. SAMUEL B. BARRETT |
| 5. JOHN WILLIAMS | 17. ZACHARIAH TABOR | 29. WILLIAM T. HARRIS |
| 6. JOHN JONES | 18. ALEXANDER M.K. SWIFT | 30. CHARLES H. WALKER |
| 7. ABRAHAM DAVIS | 19. BENJAMIN BEELAND | 31. RICHARD MORRIS |
| 8. ADEN HAMILTON | 20. SALOMON SPURLOCK | 32. RICHARD HARVEY |
| 9. HENRY VINCENT | 21. CASEY B. DICKSON | 33. GASPER HORTMAN |
| 10. FREDRICK HARTLEY | 22. JAMES TAYLOR | 34. RICHARD M. BEAVERS |
| 11. GREGORY J. TURNER | 23. LEROY W. HICKS | 35. NATHANIEL HOLLOMAN |
| 12. MOSES SIMMONS | 24. WILLIAM WILMOTH | 36. ELKANAH SAWYER |

The following named persons were drawn to serve as Petit Jurors at the February Term 1840...

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| 1. MICHAEL HARTLEY | 17. STEPHEN FULLER | 33. WILLIAM D. PARHAM |
| 2. WILLIAM W. MATTHEWS | 18. WILEY FUTRELL | 34. BENJAMIN H. CARR |
| 3. ENOCH B. WALLACE | 19. RIGDEN CARROLL | 35. THOMAS HILL |
| 4. FRANCIS R. TURNER | 20. BENJAMIN NICHOLS | 36. GEORGE WORSHAM |
| 5. JOHN S. BROOKS, Jr. | 21. ZACHARIAH YOUNG | 37. JOHN BRYANT, Jr. |
| 6. WILLIAM JACKSON | 22. HINES WILLFORD | 38. ISAAC JOHNSON |
| 7. JOSEPH WALKER | 23. EBENIZER JOINER | 39. SAMUEL L. TABB |
| 8. ADAM CLAY | 24. JEREMIAH HICKEY | 40. ISAAC WILLIS |
| 9. (BLANK) | 25. WILLIAM HANCOCK, Jr. | 41. WILLIAM THOMAS |
| 10. EPHRAIM DICKEN | 26. JOSEPH PARKER | 42. RICHARD BLALOCK |
| 11. WILLIAM ROBERTS | 27. INDELL MURPHEY | 43. JESSEE LONG |
| 12. THOS. HASWELL | 28. (BLANK) | 44. THOMAS EMERSON |
| 13. ROBT. BOND | 29. JAMES R. JOINER | 45. GEO. W. MARTIN |
| 14. JAMES MURPHEY | 30. JOHN WHITESIDE | 46. JOHN HOLLOMAN |
| 15. WILEY RICHERRSON | 31. FREDERICK PITTS | 47. WILLIAM BUNDRICK |
| 16. DAVID BROWN | 32. JOHN RENFRO | 48. THOMAS STOKES |

GOODWIN CARRINGTON & Co vs WILLIAM H. LOWE, Adm. of WILLIAM H. SIMMONS, Dec.

Assumpsit

We the jury find for the plaintiff, \$1,389.20 to be paid out of the Defendants hands and the further sum of \$609.51 to be of assets which shall hereafter come to the defendant... JAMES LONG, NIMROD LEWIS, HENRY HORTMAN, JEREMIAH HANCOCK, EDWARD SHURLEY, JESSEE MATTHEWS, JAMES HOBBS, DANIEL HAMILTON, ISAAC MILES, WILLIAM ROWELL, JOHN MARTIN & JESSEE PITMAN, Foreman.

Saturday morning, 8 o'clock, August 24, 1839

Present his honor, ANGUS M.D. KING PHILIP J. ECHOLS, Clk.

DAVID TERRELL vs WILLIAM M. BROWN
defendant.

Bill for discovery and verdict for

The plaintiff being dissatisfied with the verdict ... pays up all cost and demands an appeal and brings JOSEPH J. BRADFORD and tenders him as his security...

Test: DAVID TERRELL, by PHILIP J. ECHOLS SEAL

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Witnesses:
Washington Poe
J.E. Sharpe
Ebenezer C. Grier

Signed:
James Wakeman

Last Will and Testament of **HENRY JOHNSON**
Bibb Co. Ga. 20 Dec 1860 7 Oct 1861
Pages 201-202

Know all men by these presents that I, Henry Johnson being of advanced age make this my last will and testament.

To my beloved wife Anna Johnson all the track of land being in the 4th Dist. formerly Houston, now Bibb Co. adjoining the lands of Woolfolk, William Rainey, Mrs. Asby, Charles Strozier and William Wiggins, containing 150 acres. I give also 2 mules, 1 wagon, 2 oxen, 14 sheep, 1 cow, 8 hogs, household and kitchen furniture consisting of 6 beds, furniture, clothing, table, loom, 2 pots and 2 ovens. (The plot and grant to above named land being lost or mislaid).

At the death of my wife, property to be sold in terms of law and proceeds equally divided between my children.

I name my wife Anna Johnson Executrix.

Witnesses:
James H.P. Laney
Charles (his mark) Strozier
Sterling Tucker

Signed:
Henry (his mark) Johnson

Last Will and Testament of **JAMES REA**
Saratoga Springs, Sarasota Co. N.Y. 18 Sep 1860
Macon, Bibb Co. Ga. 2 Sep 1861
Pages 203-205

I, James Rae do publish my last will and testament.

I do give unto my sister Elizabeth Rae of Sarasota Springs, N.Y. the sum of \$12,000.00. To my niece Helen Rae, daughter of my deceased brother Robert Rae, late of the city of New York, the sum of \$10,000.00.

The rest of my estate, both real and personal unto my three nephews as follows: 1/3 to Thomas Rae, son of Robert Rae deceased, 1/3 part to Henry K. Rae son of Hamilton Rae deceased, late of Liverpool England and the other 1/3 part to James R. Rae also son of Hamilton Rae.

I hereby appoint my friend L.N. Whittle of Macon and John H. White my friend in Sarasota Springs, N.Y. as my Executors.

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Witnesses:

Runion Martin
Amos S. Maxwell
John C. Hulbut

Signed:

James Rae

Codicil to will of JAMES RAE

City of Macon, Bibb Co. Ga. 18 Jul 1861

I, James Rae being of sound mind make this Codicil to my will executed at Sarasota Springs, N.Y. 18 Sep 1860.

I wish my Executor to act as Trustee for sister Elizabeth and niece Ann Helen Rae. The amount given, I request my sister in disposing of her part of my estate, to leave some to Mrs. Maxwell with whom she has so long lived, and who has been so kind and attentive to my sister.

Should I die in Macon, I wish my body interned here, if near my said sister, to be interned where she is buried.

I desire a Signet Ring be purchased for each of my Executors as a memento of my regards.

My 2 servants Phillis and Henry to select their Masters and the 2 be kept together.

Witnesses:

James Mercer Green
George M. Logan
James Mera

Signed:

James Rae

Last Will and Testament of BURWELL PARKER

Confederate States of America, Bibb Co. Ga.

4 Mar 1862 28 Mar 1862

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I will and desire after my death, my body shall be decently and plainly buried.

I will and desire that all my estate, both real and personal, be kept together for the use of my family during my wife's lifetime. If she should die before the present war should close, the same kept together until the said war shall close, then to be sold and divided equally between my children.

I will and desire that wife Nancy Parker and friend John Dyer shall act as Executors to carry this last will and testament into effect without making returns or be amenable to any court.

Witnesses:

A. Bedingfield
C.W. Pope
R.B. Washington

Signed:

Burnell Parker

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Last Will and Testament of ASA E. ERNEST
Bibb Co. Ga. 10 May 1859 5 May 1862
Pages 207-208

I, Asa E. Ernest being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory make this my last will and testament.

To my wife Juliann Ernest I give the sum of \$6,000.00 in property as she may select, or in money, at her option for and during her life. At her death, estate to be equally divided among my 6 children. The above to my wife in lieu of all claims of Dower.

I have advanced my children Martha Sherwood and William C. each \$250.00, Mary E. and Amellia each \$170.00 and I desire \$80.00 shall be paid to Mary E. and Amelia each, \$250.00 each to Asa M. and George W. such will make all 6 equal in this respect.

All the balance of property I wish divided between said 6 children.

I appoint my 3 sons William C., Asa M. and George W. my Executors and Trustees for my 3 daughters and their property. I do not wish them the trouble or expense of making any returns to the court.

Witnesses:

Peter Soloman
James A. Knight
L.N. Whittle
N.H. Hodgkins

Signed:

Asa E. Ernest

Last Will and Testament of JOHN H. DAMOUR
Bibb Co. Ga. 15 Jul 1853 17 May 1862
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I, John H. Damour, merchant of city of Macon, being sound of mind make this my last will and testament.

I give to my beloved wife Ann Damour all my property, all my goods, wares and merchandise, my money, notes and effects.

I hereby appoint my wife Sole Executrix, and empower her to sell and dispose of all my stock in trade in both my stores as soon as she can to advantage, and retire from business. In the event my wife should die before my children become of age, I desire the Court of Ordinary to appoint some fit and proper person as Guardian for such child or children.

I leave it to my wife to give our children such property at such time she thinks best, believing she will raise and educate our children to the best advantage and provide for them to their best interest.

Witnesses:

Gabriel Harrison
Jackson De Loach
George Smith

Signed:

J.H. Damour

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Last Will and Testament of STEPHEN L. THOMAS

Bibb Co. Ga. 11 Oct 1861 7 Jul 1862

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I, Stephen L. Thomas being of sound disposing mind and memory, make this my last will and testament.

I give to my father Wrigdon Thomas and my mother Catharine Thomas, for and during their natural life, one lot of land in Bibb Co., original Houston, being lot 88 in 4th Dist. After their death, to go to my two sisters, Elizabeth M. Thomas and Susan B. Thomas for their sole use and benefit.

I hereby appoint my father Wrigdon Thomas Executor.

Witnesses:

W.T. Massey

A.A. Menard

N.P. Parker

Signed:

Stephen (his mark) L. Thomas

Last Will and Testament of THOMAS YEARTY

Bibb Co. Ga. 17 Aug 1862 1 Sep 1862

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Being of sound disposing mind and memory I, Thomas Yearty make this my last will and testament.

It is my will that my estate be kept together during the lifetime or widowhood of my wife Martha A. Yearty for mutual support of her, my son Francis Yearty and my daughter Eliza Wimberly. Also, for my daughters Martha Wimberly and Hannah Durden until their husbands George Wimberly and Henry Durden, now in the service of their country, return. They then to have a home on my land if they desire it.

It is my will that my daughter in law Rhoda Yearty to live with my wife and fair with the rest of my children.

At the death of my wife, my estate to be equally divided between my children viz.

Francis Yearty, Martha Wimberly, Hannah Durden, Eliza Wimberly, Jane J. Wimberly and my daughter in law Rhoda Yearty also my two grandchildren Martha Ellen and John Flowers.

I hereby nominate my wife Martha A. Yearty Executrix and my son in law Henry Durden my Executor.

Witnesses:

G.M. Massey

E.M. Newman

George Streyer

Signed:

Thomas Yearty

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Last Will and Testament of **GEORGE S. FRIESON**
Bibb Co. Ga. 27 Jun 1862 8 Sep 1862
Pages 212-213

I, George S. Frieson of sound mind but weak in body make this my last will and testament.

My will is that the debt of \$1,000.00 which I owe William Waters with interest be first paid and then the balance of some \$900.00 which I owe to Mathew Luffbuny(?) I give to my beloved wife Sarah Elizabeth the whole of my estate which remains after payment of debts. Should she die without making a will, my estate will go to my children. The only exception is that I give my daughter Florida B. Frieson \$500.00 in lieu of the girl Catherine given to her by her uncle.

I appoint my wife Sarah, Executrix.

Witnesses:

E.A. Nisbet
John S. Hoge
E.J. Landrum

Signed:

George S. Frieson

Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT COLEMAN**
Monroe Co. Ga. 24 Oct 1840 Monroe Co. Ga 4 Aug 1862
Pages 214-215

I, Robert Coleman of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament.

I direct all my property of every kind whatsoever except the specific legacies hereafter mentioned, be sold by my executors either at public or private sale. Net proceeds together with cash on hand and money due me on notes and accounts be equally divided between my wife Mary B. Coleman and my children Adaline N. Coleman, Caroline T. Pope, John G. Coleman, William R. Coleman, Mary Judith Coleman, Samuel T. Coleman, Robert Coleman and Florida Coleman.

To William M. Pope in trust for Eliza Holzendorf, negro Lucy and her 2 children now in her possession and \$500.00 in cash.

To son William R. Coleman, my gold watch chain and key exclusive of his distributive share.

To grandson Robert Coleman Pope, negro Nancy now in possession of his father William M. Pope.

To son John G. Coleman negro Fred Valued at \$700.00 in part of his distributive share.

To daughter Adaline N. Coleman negro Sophy valued at \$700.00 in part of her distributive share.

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To daughter Caroline Pope, wife of William M. Pope the following negroes viz. Sac valued at \$700.00, Mariah at \$600.00, Margaret and Green at \$800.00. Also, lands in counties of Butts and Jasper including the ferry there on Ocmulgee River valued at \$3,000.00 which I have conveyed to her husband by deed, all of which is in part of her distributive share.

I hereby appoint John G. Coleman, Alfred Clopton and Richard H. Randolph Guardian for my youngest children Mary Judith, Samuel Taylor, Robert and Florida Coleman.

I appoint Scott Cray, William M. Pope and John G. Coleman my Executors.

Witnesses:

Elbridge G. Cabaniss

James W. Knott

L. Bankston

Signed:

Robert Coleman

Last Will and Testament of JOHN B. LAMAR

Bibb Co. Ga. 14 May 1857 1 Dec 1862

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I, John B. Lamar being in the enjoyment of good health and of sound mind, deem it prudent to dispose of my property by will in case that any contingency shall occur. I will and direct my Executors shall sell and dispose of all my property. Proceeds to be invested in Government stocks of the United States or the State of Georgia. The annual income or interest of all which, when so invested, I give to my sister Mrs. Mary Ann Cobb for her natural life. At her death, the whole of said stocks to be equally divided between her children viz. John Addison Cobb, Lamar Cobb, Howell Cobb, Jr., Mary Ann Cobb, Sarah Mildred Cobb, Andrew Jackson Cobb and among the children of my late brother Andrew J. Lamar, formerly of Walton Co., viz. Mary Ann Lamar, Andrew Jackson Lamar and Hon. James Jackson my brother in law.

I appoint my esteemed friends and relatives Hon. Howell Cobb and Hon. James Jackson my Executors.

Witnesses:

E. Kirtland

F. Bates

J. C. Plant

Edward P. Carter

Signed:

John B. Lamar

Last Will and Testament of TURNER BROWN

Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Nov 1862 2 Dec 1862

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I, Turner Brown being in feeble health of body but of sound mind and memory declare this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Brown the South half of my land running East and West containing 202 1/2 acres whereon I now reside, including the houses and other appurtenances thereto annexed. Said lands and negroes after her death to be equally divided among the children. I give also Negro Betsy, and her child Laura and negro George. I give wife Martha my black horse Brandy, 250 bushels of corn, the fodder now in the stable loft, all the pork hogs, stack hogs, cattle, household and kitchen furniture, poultry, tools and the North half of land containing 101 1/4 acres together with remaining negroes to wit: Jude a negro girl, Henry, Pompy, Lee and Liza.

I appoint John Hartwell as my Executor.

Witnesses:

Stephen Woodward
Josiah (his mark) Ford
John H. Woodward

Signed:

Turner Brown

Last Will and Testament of ELIZA L. STUBBS

Bibb Co. Ga. 9 Feb 1863 6 Apr 1863

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Trusting in God in whose presence I expect soon to appear, do make this my last will and testament.

I give to my mother Rebecca B. Stubbs all debts and property of which I am possessed, except such as I inherited from my father Thomas P. Stubbs. To my mother, an interest in property inherited from my father equal to that of my brothers, that is one-fourth of said property.

I give to my uncle James A. Stubbs all my interest in a certain debt which is charged to be due the estate of my late father Thomas P. Stubbs by him, and for which debt my uncle is sued by the administrator of my late father, this clause in my will not to take effect unless such debt is found to be due and judgment be had against him in the court in which suit is brought.

I appoint my mother, Rebecca B. Stubbs Executrix.

Witnesses:

John T. Boifeville
Jonathan Collins
Elihu C. Sherwood
Thomas C. Nisbet

Signed:

E.L. Stubbs

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Last Will and Testament of **ELAM ALEXANDER**

Bibb Co. Ga. 11 Apr 1862 6 Apr 1863

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I, Elam Alexander being of sound mind and memory do make my last will and testament. I desire my body be decently interred in Rose Hill Cemetery in a lot selected by my Executors.

I give and bequeath to some fit and proper person selected by my Executor, in Trust for Mrs. Martha Ann Davenport, daughter of my deceased wife, 100 shares of stock in the Central Railroad and Banking Co. of Ga. and \$10,000.00 in Bonds of Southwestern Railroad Co. I also give Mrs. Martha Ann Davenport the new parlor furniture and the mattress and bedstead that has always been in my wife's bedroom.

The balance of furniture to be equally divided among my female slaves: Marla, Rose, Georgia, Josephine and Milly. My personal clothing to be divided among my male slaves.

I will and desire that all my slaves remain the property of my estate for the term of 15 years and their labor create a fund for the education of certain children hereafter named. My house and lot on which I now reside to remain part of estate. The lot to be divided in half by a fence from Second St. to the alley, suitable buildings erected on North half for the health and comfort of the negroes. The other half, with dwelling house, is to be rented to such persons as will allow negroes use of the well and back gate. My negroes are to be placed under the charge of Daniel F. Clarke of Macon. I wish them kindly treated and their wants well supplied in sickness and health. Maria being old and infirmed, I desire no wages in money be acquired of her. She is to take care of her youngest children.

The net proceeds from hire of Negroes to be used in the following manner viz. \$100.00 annually to Daniel F. Clarke for education of his son Elam Alexander Clarke, \$100.00 annually to Samuel M. Subers for education of his son Alexander Subers, \$200.00 annually as a salary to Daniel F. Clarke for attending to negroes and \$20.00 each year as a present to each negro. At the expiration of the 15 years, negroes to be sold, allowing them to select their masters. It is my wish they be given \$100.00 each when sold.

To my brother Oswin Alexander of Tennessee, the lot of land he resides on and 10 shares of stock in Central Railroad and Banking Company.

To niece Amanda N. Moore, daughter of my sister Sally McKenzie now residing in Waxahachie, Ellis Co. Texas, 10 shares of stock in Central Railroad and Banking Company. To her daughter Kate Moore, 10 shares of stock in Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.

To nephew Franklin Morrison in Cartersville Ga., 10 shares of stock in Central Railroad and Banking Co.

To Elam Alexander Clark, son of Daniel F. Clarke, 20 shares in Central Railroad and Banking Co. transferred to his father as Trustee.

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I will the residue of estate be placed at interest and annually appropriated to furthering the cause of Independence of the Confederate States of America.

After the war is closed and the Independence of the Confederate States has been acknowledged by the United States of the North, residue of my estate is to be paid to the Governor of Georgia, and bonds issued therefore under the act of the Council, the interest from bonds to be used for establishment of a free school in Macon.

I hereby appoint John J. Gresham, John S. Jones, Henry L. Jewett and Daniel F. Clarke My Executors.

Witnesses:

J.H.R. Washington

R.B. Clayton

J.E. Jones

Signed:

Elam Alexander

Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Elam Alexander
Bibb Co. Ga. 29 Mar 1863

I, Elam Alexander make this Codicil to my last will and Testament dated 11 Apr 1862. I own in Empire State Iron and Coal Mining Co. 250 shares of stock. I give to Dr. William M. Fitch of Charleston, 1/3 being 83 1/3 shares in trust for the support and maintenance of Julia Alexander.

I give to David F. Clark 1/3 shares of stock and the last third to Samuel M. Subers.

Witnesses:

D.W. Hammond

Edmund Fitzgerald

W.P. Goodall

Signed:

Elam (his mark) Alexander

Last Will and Testament of **EDWARD D. HUGUENIN**
Bibb Co. Ga. 7 Apr 1859 6 Apr 1863
Pages 227-239

Being of sound, disposing mind and memory deem it right to dispose of my property by this my last will and testament.

As my daughter Rosa E. Deloney, wife of William G. Deloney, Is amply provided for and has sufficient estate in her own right, it is my will she and her children be excluded from will.

To wife Julia E. Huguenin, I give my mansion and lot in the city of Macon, all furniture, plate, carriage, horses and all other property attached to said establishment. In addition to property given, all house servants and \$60,000.00 in cash. It is my desire that of the sum given wife, at her death, 1/2 to be disposed of as she thinks proper. I suggest and request

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her to give \$15,000.00 to our son Edward D. and the remainder, say \$7,500.00 to each of our daughters Martha F. and Eliza V. The half being \$30,000.00, at her death, I give to my friends John J. Gresham, William W. Ross, Preston E. Bowdre, L.N. Whittle and J.C. Plant: the same to be invested by them and income or interest to establish in city of Macon, a Female Orphan Asylum for support and education of indigent girls.

To daughter Martha F. my plantation known as the New Place, containing lot numbers 146, 115, 114, 147, 148, 196, 190, 195, 191, 154 and so much of 153 as is cut off by the road, and one half of lot 149, as divided by road, also fraction lot 3 on the river.

To son Edward D., I give my plantation known as The Home Place, containing lots 70, 105, 113, and adjoining halves of lots 69, 106, and 112 to be equally divided by a North and South line and so much of 149 as is contained between the line and road on South side. Also lot 153 except 20-30 acres cut off by road and 192, 194, 152, 193 and fraction lots 12, 11, 10, 9, 8 and a part of lot 7 above the Ferry Rd.

To daughter Eliza V., my plantation known as The Lower Place containing other halves of lots 69, 106, and 112 not given to my son, and so much of lot 149 as is cut off by said North and South line dividing said 3 lots lying South of road. Also lots 150, 111, 107, 68, 110, 151, 66, 109 and fraction lots 4, 5, 6 and 7. All 3 plantations are situated in the 15th Dist. Of Sumter Co. It is my desire my plantations and negroes be kept together until oldest child arrives at age or marries. Until the division of property, my wife to draw from income of plantations each year as needed to maintain and educate our children in such style with their station in life.

Property coming to me under my fathers will at the death of my mother, I desire sold by Executor and divided among said children.

Should my children die living no descendants, their Mother surviving them, at her death property will go to children of my sister Mrs. Henerietta M. Thomas.

I appoint my wife Julia E. Huguenin and friends Charlton F. Smith of Baker Co. and John J. Gresham of Bibb Co. my Executors.

Witnesses:

Leroy Napier

N.C. Munro

Peter Solomon

L.N. Whittle

Signed:

E.D. Huguenin

First Codicil to Will of Edward D. Huguenin

Bibb Co. Ga. 6 Jul 1860 6 Apr 1863

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I, Edward D. Huguenin having acquired other lands desire a different division of property to my children. I therefore add the following as a Codicil to my will made 7 Apr 1859.

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In lieu of lands given to daughter Martha F., I give the following lots, 146, 147, 148, North West half of 149 as divided by road, 154, 156, 190, 191, 195, 196 and fraction 3 on the river, and 115.

In lieu of lands given son, Edward D., I give the following Viz. lots 114, 113, 105, 106, 70, 69, fraction lots 12, 11, 10, 9, 8 and part of 7 above the road, lots 194, 193, 152, 153 except strip West of road and lot 192 except strip West of road.

In lieu of lands given daughter Eliza V., I give the following Viz. lots 150, 151, 111, 110, 107, 108, 109, 66, 68 and fractions of 4, 5, 6, 7 below the road, South East half of 149 as divided by road and lot 112 to be bought. All of lands are in the 15th Dist. Original Lee Co., now Sumter Co.

Witnesses:
Henry Jewett
L.N. Whittle
J. De Loach

Signed:
Edward D. Huguenin

Second Codicil to Will Of Edward D. Huguenin
Bibb Co. Ga. 23 Dec 1861
Pages 234-235

I, Edward D. Huguenin having heretofore made the above will with Codicil thereto, do again publish the same as my will with Codicil except the changes by this my second Codicil.

Whereas I have had born to me since the date of will and Codicil, a daughter Julia E. Huguenin.

For the purpose of providing for her, I direct that in lieu of a plantation, I give and bequeath to her all the property I may receive from either my father or mother, or from their estates and from estate of Dr. Tomlinson Fort.

Witnesses:
Henry Jewett
L.W. Whittle
J. De Loach

Signed:
E.D. Huguenin

Third Codicil to will of Edward D. Huguenin
Bibb Co. Ga. 3 Nov 1862
Pages 235-237

I, Edward D. Huguenin having heretofore published the foregoing will dated 7 Apr 1859 with 2 Codicils dated 6 Jul 1860 and 23 Dec 1861, in consequence of the birth of another child, and also due to the changed and unsettled conditions of the country and uncertain values and tenure of property, do hereto issue this Codicil.

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The bequeath to wife of house in Macon be executed as set forth in will.
To daughter Rosa E. Deloney, wife of William G. Deloney, I give a Legacy in cash of \$5,000.00.

I appoint Dr. George Fort of Baldwin Co. an additional Executor.

Witnesses:

N.C. Munro

Ed S. Strohecker

L.N. Whittle

Signed:

E.D. Hugurnin

Fourth Codicil to will of Edward D. Huguenin

Bibb Co. Ga. 14 Jan 1863

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I, Edward D. Huguenin do make this additional Codicil to my will and Codicils thereto:
I give the sum of \$30,000.00 to be paid in Confederate notes or currency, for purpose of founding in City of Macon an Asylum for maintenance and education of Orphan Girls of said city and of such other orphan girls as my wife may appoint.

I appoint friends J.C. Plant, Benjamin F. Ross, Henry Jewett and L.N. Whittle and their Successors Trustees of said fund.

Witnesses:

Martha S. Fort

L.N. Whittle

Gabriel Harrison

Signed:

E.D. (his mark) Huguenin

Last Will and Testament of **NANCY KENEDY**

Bibb Co. Ga. 30 Jan 1863 20 Apr 1863

Pages 240-241

I, Nancy Kenedy being of sound and disposing mind and memory, am desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength to make my last will and testament.

I desire my body buried in the graveyard at Shiloe Church in Bibb Co. Ga.

I desire all my estate to be equally divided between my dear children as early as convenient. One share each to Elizabeth G. Burket, daughter Jane Bradley, daughter Mary Ann Stallings, and grandson William Felix Huckaby. I appoint Arthur D. Harman Receiver of grandsons share, to keep at interest until he arrives at age 21.

I appoint Robert Burket my Executor.

Witnesses:

Thos. J. Barlett

J.D. Brit

C.A. Tharp

Signed:

Nancy (her mark) Kenedy

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Last Will and Testament of Edward D. Huguenin Recorded again.
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Last Will and Testament of **CECIL M. BALLARD**
Fairfax Co. Va. 4 Jan 1862 Bibb Co. Ga. 6 Aug 1863
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Be it remembered that I Cecil M. Ballard, First Lieutenant of Co. C 8th Reg. Ga. Volunteers of the County of Bibb and State of Georgia, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament. After debts are paid, I bequeath all my property to my mother Mrs. Susan Jewett and my half brother Owen Malone Jewett to be equally divided between them both. I hereby appoint my mother Mrs. Susan Jewett Executrix.

Witnesses:	Signed:
Henery J. Menard	C.M. Ballard
Thos. G. Hodgkins	
John R. Hill	

Last will and testament of Elam Alexander recorded again.
Bibb Co. Ga. 11 Apr 1862 6 Apr 1863
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Last will and Testament of **JAMES BAILEY**
Bib Co. Ga. 5 Oct 1863 12 Nov 1863
Pages 260-261

I, James Bailey being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Bailey all my estate both real and personal. After her death, my estate to the children of my sister Mary Bailey, now deceased, in fee simple.

Witnesses:	Signed:
Edward Powers	James Bailey
John Fern	
Rev. William John Hamilton	

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Transcribed By Joyce Green

Last Will and Testament of **EZEKIEL WIMBERLY**
Dougherty Co. Ga. 10 Aug 1861 10 Oct 1866
Pages 332-333

I Ezekiel Wimberly of Baker Co. publish my last will and testament to make a final disposition of my property.

I give the whole of estate to my 2 children, William Henry and Helen. I desire the division of estate to be postponed until the elder arrives of age or marries. Should both children die before attaining age 21, marries, or leaves no issue, the remaining estate to be divided between my nephews Ira E. Fort of Baker Co. and children of my sister Mrs. C. H. Plane, wife of William F. Plane of Baker Co. Ga.

I appoint William F. Plane, W.D. Williams and William M. Slaughter my Executors.

Witnesses:

E.G. McLendon
Thomas C. Spieer
James Brown

Signed:

E. Wimberly

Codicil to will of Ezekial Wimberly
Bibb Co. Ga. 25 Aug 1863 10 Oct 1866
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I Ezekial Wimberly while in the proper exercise of all my mental faculties, do make this Codicil to my will.

I appoint my sister Mrs. C. Helen Plane the sole Executrix to my last will and testament.

Witnesses:

John J. Gresham
S.E. Jones
James I. Snider

Signed:

E. Wimberly

Last Will and Testament of **CYNTHIA C. WIMBISH**
Bibb Co. Ga. 12 Jan 1863 24 Sep 1866
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I Cynthia C. Wimbish being of sound mind and memory do make my last will and testament.

After debts are paid, I give the whole of my estate to my son William E.S. Taylor who is now sick at Richmond. Should he die of his present sickness, then my will is that my estate be divided between my brother Hilliard Stevens and the 3 youngest children of

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brother West Stevens, who shall share equally the ½ share, except the youngest child of West Stevens shall receive \$400.00 more than the others.

Witnesses:

N.H. Beall

R.B. Clayton

E.A. Nesbit

Signed:

C.C. Wimbish

Last Will and Testament of E.C. WILLIAMSON

Bibb Co. Ga. 15 Apr 1865 7 Jan 1867

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Being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength to do so, I, E.C. Williamson make this my last will and testament.

I give to my wife Sarah A. Williamson ½ of my real and personal estate absolutely and in fee simple.

To wife, I give remaining ½ share for her natural life, and at her death, to my 2 youngest daughters Anna Maud and Lucy Williamson.

I further will my estate to be kept together until the death of my wife, and she shall be owner in her own rights of rents and profits of the ½ share bequeathed for life without accountability.

It is my desire my 2 daughters Anna M. and Lucy Williamson shall be maintained, supported and educated from profits of entire estate.

I appoint my worthy friend and relative Robert A. Hardwick of Stewart Co. Ga. my Executor and beloved wife Sara A. Williamson my Executrix.

Witnesses:

H.J. Lamar

W.G. Robson

S. Cason

Signed:

E.C. Williamson

Last Will and Testament of ELISHA DAVIS

Bibb Co. Ga. 18 Jul 1853 7 Jan 1867

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Being of sound mind and in the enjoyment of health, I Elisha Davis make this my last will and Testament, being the first and last ever made by me.

To wife Mazy J. Davis, I give all my property for her natural life or widowhood.

I want my Plantation kept up and my negroes treated with humanity. If from increases of negroes it should not be profitable to work them on plantation, some to be hired out, or more land purchased to make their work profitable. Should any negro become hard to govern, I give my wife power to sell them and purchase others more easily manageable.

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I want my sons to receive a good English or business education. If they wish to graduate and study one of the learned professions, either Law or Medicine, I want them to have the opportunity and means of doing so by income from the plantation, dividends from bank and railroad stock and interest from money invested.

I want my daughters well educated and accomplished if the estate will warrant the expense.

As the children become of age or marry, I desire they be given their share of estate. Portions to daughters for their sole and separate use during life, and at death to their children. Should there be no children, to husband for his lifetime. At his death, share returns to my estate to be divided between the remainder of my children.

I hereby appoint wife Mazy J. Davis my Executrix.

Witnesses:

David J. Davis
James M. Davis
John Davis
John D. Tharp
N.P. Parker

Signed:

Elisha Davis

Last Will and Testament of J.H.R. WASHINGTON
Bibb Co. Ga. 2 Aug 1866 15 Dec 1866
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I James H.R. Washington of the City of Macon, do hereby make this my last will and testament.

To my wife Mary Ann M. Washington for her natural life or widowhood, all my estate of every kind whatsoever, to have and hold for her use and the use and support of my children. She is to have full power to sell all or any portion of my estate, to invest and reinvest the proceeds at her discretion.

In the event of marriage of wife Mary Ann M., I direct my estate be appraised and she shall be entitled to a child's part supposing that they will all so conduct themselves as to draw equal shares. The residue of estate shall be held out and managed by my wife without control or hindrance of any person, for the sole benefit of our children. In the event of my wife's death without a will, I desire my estate divided among our children. I hereby appoint son James Henry Washington and friend William P. Goodall Esq. or either of them, my Executors of this my last will.

I give my wife the privilege of advancing to any child such sum of money from time to time as she may judge proper for their necessities or use. Portions not to amount to more than an equal share of estate.

I desire my youngest children Robert Porter and Hugh Vernon shall be raised and educated with care.

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I appoint son James Henry if alive, and if dead, friend William P. Goodall trustee and Guardian for either of my children who may be minors at the death of their mother. If my only daughter Ellen Clayton Bellaney should ever marry, I direct portion of estate that may descend to her, to be owned by her for her own use and enjoyment. I bequeath to my wife and children, a husband and fathers blessing with the solemn request that they all strive to live useful and exemplary lives and they never forget that he who has more interested in them than all the world, besides though dead, speaks to them from the grave: and I pray we all meet together in a better world.

Witnesses:

William K. deGraffenreid

Emory F. Best

George W. Adams

Signed:

J.H.R. Washington

Last Will and Testament of **TRAVIS HUFF**

Bibb Co. Ga. 19 Oct 1860 5 Mar 1867

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I Travis Huff, sound of mind but in advanced age and impaired bodily health, make this my last will and testament.

I desire my estate be kept together until youngest child reaches age 21. If my wife Candace Huff survives me, she together with Executor shall have control and management over same, and she to have support from proceeds. Should she marry, her management of estate will cease and at final distribution of estate, she to receive a child's share.

I desire my minor children be supported and educated out of proceeds from plantation in the same manner as my older children. After support of family, surplus of proceeds to be invested by my Executor.

When youngest child arrives at age 21, estate to be divided equally between my wife and children. If either of my children die leaving children, they to receive parents share. It is my desire, portion of my estate that falls to my daughter shall be settled upon trustees for her sole and separate use and support free from debts, liabilities and control of any husband. Should either of my daughters die without surviving children, share to be equally divided between my said wife and my other children.

I nominate A. Huff as my Executor.

Witnesses:

G.C. Conner

J.W. Blackshear

R.S. Wood

Signed:

Travis (his mark) Huff

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Last Will and Testament of **CHARLES ATWATER ELLS**

Bibb Co. Ga. 19 Aug 1866 2 Apr 1867

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I Charles A. Ells of sound mind and believing I must soon depart this life, deem it right to make a disposition of my property.

I direct my body be buried in a decent and Christian manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life.

I direct a fair valuation of my property made by 3 judicious neighbors and copy given to each Executor.

I give to my affectionate beloved wife Susan for herself and her children by me, my brick house and lot on Walnut St. in Macon in said county where I now reside. At her death, to be sold and divided between my two children, Elizabeth and Charles.

I give wife Susan all furniture in house where I now reside except my piano.

To my affectionate daughter Elizabeth W. Ella, my said piano.

To my affectionate son Charles A. Ells, Jr. my gold watch made by Joseph J. Liverpool no. 2794.

All residue of property, except house and lot on Mulberry St. to be sold and out of proceeds, I give daughter Virginia Wood \$4,000.00 to be paid in two annual installments.

Balance of proceeds to wife Susan M. Ells for herself and children Elizabeth and Charles.

To children Elizabeth M. and Charles A., my stone house and lot on Mulberry St.

fronting the Lanier house in Macon, known as Ells Saloon, being part of lot 6 in square 22 in plan in said city. To carry out my intentions, I hereby vest in my Executors full power and authority to sell or dispose of all my property without order from any court of Ordinary.

When son Henry N. Ells was 21 years of age, I took him in as partner in my businesses.

After several years of success, we dissolved and I turned over to him ½ of stock in trade, notes and accounts estimated at \$10,000.00. He feeling satisfied, requested balance of my property be given to his brother and sister. In view of his losses by the late war, I give and bequeath to him all notes and claims I hold on the firm of H.N.Ells.

I appoint wife Susan M. Ells and son Henry N. Ells my Executors.

Witnesses:

Robert S. Lanier

E. Kirtland

W.H. Cordell

Signed:

Charles A. Ells

Last Will and Testament of **JOSEPH DAY**

Bibb Co. Ga. 1 Feb 1867 6 May 1867

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I Joseph Day being of advanced age and in feeble health, but sound of mind and memory, declare this my last will and testament.

To my wife Mary Ann Day for her natural life, I give my house and lot in Vineville, all household and kitchen furniture, carriage, horse and 1/3 part in addition to balance of my property of whatever kind and wherever situated. Title to same to be held and kept by one or both of my friends: Peter Solomon or Lewis N. Whittle or such Trustee as may be appointed by Court of Chancery. Should said appointment become vacant, at death of my wife, all property given to her will descend to my children or their descendents.

All residue of my estate I give equally to my two daughters, Mary J. Day and Elizabeth J. Day for their sole and separate use free from any debts, control and liabilities of any husband. I appoint friend Dr. William A. Mathews of Fort Valley as Guardian for said 2 children and their property. At their deaths, property descends to their children, share and share alike. Should said daughter die, leaving no child, her share will go to my other daughter or her children. Should both die leaving no descendents, property will descend to my next of kin as though I had never married. In this case, I desire Elizabeth Cleveland, wife of Dr. Cleveland, her brother Benjamin C. Smith shall stand as children of my brother or sister, and between them take one part and share.

I give to my cousin Rebecca M. Day of Clay Co. \$1,000.00 to be paid two years after my death should she then be in life, if not, this legacy to lapse and be of no effect.

I direct my sister-in-law, Miss Sally Hampton, have use of my house and lot in Americus where she lives so long as she remains single and desires to occupy it. If she prefers to live elsewhere, she may rent it out and have the income therefrom provided she pay all tax and keeps house and premises in proper repair. In addition to provisions heretofore made for wife, I wish her to have a proper years support. Should she wish to change her residence and sell Vineville Property, the same may be done by Trustee for her with proceeds vested in other property as she may desire.

I appoint friends William Matthews of Fort Valley and Peter Solomon Of Macon Executors.

Witnesses:

Emma Hampton

Hiram A. Troutman

George W. Troutman

Signed:

J.L. Day

Last Will and Testament of JOHN M. ELLIS

Bibb Co. Ga. 15 Jun 1867 Died 29 Jun 1867 Probated 28 Jun 1867 Recorded 2 Jul 1867
Pages 354-355

In the name of God amen.

I John M. Ellis of Macon, Bibb Co. Ga. make this my last will and testament.

After my debts are paid, I give all my estate real and personal to my mother, Catherine Ellis of Macon, Ga., to her absolutely except as hereinafter excepted.

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I give and devise to Miss Emma Wright the house and lot on Walnut St. belonging to me known as the Carver place, now occupied by Robert Cunningham.

I give also to Miss Emma Wright $\frac{1}{2}$ of my diamonds being 2 breast pins, the other $\frac{1}{2}$ to my mother. The same to be divided as my mother and Miss Emma Wright may deem best. The property devised to Emma Wright, at her death to be equally divided between my 2 nephews Evan and John J. Edwards, now living with my mother.

My finger ring to go to my mother.

Should there by occasion at any time to sell any part of my property by my Executrix, the same may be done without order of Court of Ordinary at public or private sale.

I hereby nominate my mother Catherine Ellis my Executrix.

Witnessed:

Lewis R. Menard

Alex A. Menard

Robert S. Lanier

Signed:

John M. (his mark) Ellis

Last Will and Testament of MISS JULIA A. POWERS

Bibb Co. Ga. 16 Sept 1858 Probated 4 Oct 1858 Recorded 3 Jul 1867

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I Julia Powers, being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory, declare this my last will and testament.

After my debts are paid, I desire my property of every kind to be disposed of in the following manner:

To my nephew Gerol Griffin, son of Daniel Griffin, I bequeath a track of land lying in the southwestern part of Missouri containing 240 acres purchased by land warrants in my name.

To my brother-in-law L.N. Whittle, I give whatever unpaid notes I may hold on him at my death.

To my brother John H. Powers, I give interest that may be due on any notes I hold against him. My Executor to collect only the principal due.

All the balance of my estate, real and personal of whatever kind, I give and bequeath to Daniel Griffin in trust for the sole and separate use of my sister Sarah M. Whittle, wife of L.N. Whittle, to be owned, enjoyed and disposed of by her as she may think best, enjoining upon her that she take good care of and treat kindly my 2 servants Jerry and Claiborne and the others.

To Lydia my nurse, who waited on me so kindly, I give \$50.00.

I wish my dear brother and sisters not to suppose that I am partial in my affection bequeath to my sister to whom I have given the bulk of my property she is more necessitous than the others, and hence I have made this disposition accordingly.

For the purpose of carrying into the execution of my last will and testament, I appoint my brother-in-law, Lewis N. Whittle as Executor.

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Witnesses:
Dr. D.B. Searcy
Dr. Edmund Fitzgerald
Alexander M. Spear

Signed:
Julia A. Powers

Last Will and Testament of **MRS. MARY TOBIN**
Bibb Co. Ga. 27 Aug 1859 2 Sep 1867
Pages 359-360

I Mary Tobin of Macon Ga. Being sound of mind and memory make this my last will and testament.

After my debts are paid, I give my beloved daughter Ann Damon, with whom I have lived for many years and who has always been a loving child to me, all my property of every kind and description including all my money and notes.

It is given for her sole and separate use and free from the use and control of any husband. At her death, to such children as she may leave surviving her.

I hereby nominate, appoint and constitute my friend and son-in-law, John H. Damon, the sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses:
William B. Johnston
James H.R. Washington
Carleton B. Cole

Signed:
Mary (her mark) Tobin

Last Will and Testament of **CYRUS WINN** (colored)
Bibb Co. Ga. 2 Nov 1867 29 Dec 1867
Pages 361-362

I Cyrus Winn being of advanced age and in feeble health but of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to Rhoda Collins the following property and effects viz: 1 tray, 1 safe, 1 pr. Andirons, 1 wardrobe, 1 bedstead, 1 mattress and bed clothing, 1 trunk of clothing and contents, 1 cow (if not disposed of or killed by me before my death), one house and lot in the City of Macon being part of lot #2 in square 64. Said lot #2 of which this part is now devised by me, fronting on Cherry St. was formerly owned and occupied by William A. Ross as a family residence and afterwards conveyed by William A. Ross to Henry G. Ross trustee. Portion of lot now willed by me to said Rhoda Collins, having been transferred to me by William A. Ross previous to his trust deed to Henry G. Ross, and in my undisturbed and peaceable possession since that time.

Rhoda Collins having been kind and attentive to me during a long illness, it is my wish to remunerate her for her service and attention.

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Having no blood relatives near me within my knowledge (and even had I any) I will that my property go to and belong to her after my death in preference to any and all persons whatsoever.

Witnesses:
W.M. Riley
Sarah J. (her mark) Clayton
Charles E. Ross

Signed:
Cyrus (his mark) Winn

Last Will and Testament of MARY SHEFFIELD

Macon, Ga. 28 Oct 1867 Probated 1 Nov 1867 Recorded 7 Jan 1868
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I Mary Sheffield, now in feeble health but sound of mind, make this last will and testament.

I desire my funeral expenses necessary to a proper Christian burial be first paid. Having heretofore given my daughter Elizabeth F. Sheffield, certain bedding and household furniture as an equivalent for what her married sister had received. I now bequeath all the residue of my property real and personal or mixed, embracing chiefly the house and lot where I now live on Hazel St. in Macon to my 2 daughters: Camilla J. Beavers (widow) and Elizabeth F. Sheffield equally. I prefer house and lot to be sold and proceeds divided between them.

The said furniture to Elizabeth to remain hers and not be included in division.

Witnesses:
John Rutherford
R.A. Dillard
M.R. Elfe
F.C. (her mark) Liddon

Signed:
Mary Sheffield

(She names no Executor)

Last Will and Testament of PHEBE GRIER

Bib Co. Ga. 17 Sept 1867 2 Mar 1868
Pages 365-366

I Phebe Grier, wife of James V. Grier, being of sound and disposing mind and memory believing it right to make this last will and testament to dispose of all my property, and having the right under a provision of a marriage contract entered into before our marriage. Contract on record in clerks office of Bibb Co. Superior Court in Bk. I Folio 633 and 634.

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I will and bequeath to Alston Moffett in trust for my beloved daughter Ann Moffett, wife of Alston Moffett and to her children, free from debts, liabilities and control of said Alston Moffett except as trustee: The house and lot in city of Macon where I reside, being part of lot #1 square 4 more fully described in a deed from E.E. Brown to Demarius Dillard, Trustee and recorded in Clerks Office Bibb Superior Court book L Folio 217. I give also my interest in a house and lot on Cherry St. in Macon purchased from John S. Wooten, Trustee, more fully described by deed from said John L. Wooten Trustee, to Demarius Dillard Trustee to James V. Grier which deed also on record in Bibb Co. Superior Court book F. Folio 746.

I appoint son-in-law Alston Moffett my Executor.

Witnesses:

Addie W. Flanders

M. Smith

John J. Riley

Signed:

Phebe Grier

Last Will and Testament of N.C. MUNROE, SR.

Bibb Co. Ga. 13 Apr 1867 6 May 1868

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I Nathan Campbell Munroe being of infirm health, but with sound mind deem it right to make disposition of my property with this my last will and testament.

I desire my debts be paid with little delay. The only debt of any importance now unpaid, being for money held by me at the request of Thomas T. Napier at legal interest, to be invested at my discretion and which has since been (unreadable word) to be held for his grandchildren. Said money has since by the revolution and breaking up of the institution of the country, met with great losses. I desire my Executor to make an equitable settlement of said debt, the losses on which was impossible to avoid. I trust the parties will meet my representatives with a willingness to accept a fair settlement, which I, as an honest man, must earnestly desire.

I direct my books, maps and literary property be divided among my children as they may agree between them, if not, a competent disinterested person to make division.

All household furniture, pictures, engravings, and like articles to be divided in same manner.

I further direct any stocks I may have at time of my death, in incorporated companies, which may be valuable and productive may be sold for division, or divided between heirs.

I direct my Executor to collect all my other property of every kind and divided between my children according to the laws of distribution of the State of Georgia.

My property hereby bequeathed to my daughters, be held for them and their children, not subject to debts or liabilities of any husband.

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I appoint their husbands as their Trustee to manage the same and keep secure for their benefit.

I further will that advancements heretofore made to husbands of said daughters to witt: to John M. Kell \$5,000, to F.M. Sims \$5,000, to John S. Hutton \$8,500, and the proceeds, whatever it may be, of 40 bales of cotton which I shipped to Frasur Trenholin of Liverpool to be appropriated to payment of a certain debt of J.S. Hutton to James T. Wetmen. The debt I have not assumed, but have advanced to Hutton said cotton to assist him in liquidation of debt all of which advancements are to be chargeable to my daughter as so much of my estate distributed to them not to be charged with interest. Any and all advancements made to my children before this date I hereby cancel and discharge. I nominate son Nathan C. Munroe, Jr. and sons-in-law John McIntosh Kell, John S. Hutton and Fredrick W. Sims my Executors.

Witnesses:
Richard W. Cubbedge
William Hazlehurst
Thomas W. Mangham

Signed:
N.C. Munroe

Last Will and Testament of MARY L. HARTLEY
Bibb Co. Ga. Died 2 Mar 1867 Recorded 8 May 1868
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Personally appeared 4 Mar 1868, Mrs. Sarah A. Barker, Mrs. Emeline Stephens, Mrs. Cassander Forsyth and Mrs. Josephine B. King and being sworn, say during the week preceding the death of Mrs. M.L. Hartley, and repeatedly during her last sickness of which she died 2 Mar 1867 at her home, she wanted and desired Mary Groce her child, meaning niece Mary Groce daughter of Sol Groce deceased, to have all her property of every kind particularly her house and lot in Macon. She desired L.N. Whittle be sent for to write her will to this effect, but before this could be done, she was out of her head and died. Mary Barker, Mrs. King, Mrs. Jane Jobson and Miss Mary Jobson were also present when she stated her wishes.

All this in Bibb Co., at house of said Mrs. Hartley and during her last and final sickness.

Signed:
S.A. Barker
Emeline J. Stephens
J.B. King
Cassender (her mark) Forsyth

Last Will and Testament of LEROY M. WILEY
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I Leroy M. Wiley of Barbour Co., Alabama in the exercise of a privilege granted to me by the laws of my country, being at present in good health and in possession of all my mental faculties do make my last will and testament.

I desire all debts be paid as early as practicable by selling my cotton crops on hand and if not sufficient, by selling stock in Bank of Columbus and in the Eastern Bank of Alabama. To my brother Thomas H. Wiley, \$10,000.00 in Georgia or Alabama State Bonds to be bought by my Executor. After his death, this sum to go to his son Moses Wiley. If said Moses Wiley should die before his father or before age 21, the sum shall go to my 3 sisters hereinafter named.

I give to my sister Sarah Ann Hays, my plantation in Barbour Co., Alabama containing 3,000 acres on which I now live, adjoining lands of Dr. Hill and others. I bequeath also 203 negroes now on that place together with all mules, cattle, hogs and all farming utensils and tools. I give also, 100 shares of stock in Eastern Bank of Alabama.

To my sister Eliza J. Carver, I give my "Flint River Plantation" containing ca. 2200 acres adjoining Haughabook and others together with 50 negroes in families to be selected by her from those now at the place with all mules, other stock, farming tools and also negroes she now has in her possession in Milledgeville: Mary and her children Glasgan and George. I give also 50 shares of stock in Bank of Columbus, Ga.

To my niece Susan L. McCoy, the negroes now waiting on her to witt: Frank, his wife and two children, also the following negroes: Stephen, Barbara and 4 children, Bailey, Georgia, Sarah Ann and child, Ria and child, Julia and 2 children, Scott, Hannah, William, Jimmy and child, Caroline and boy, Martha, Ann, Betsey and child, Isabell and her son Jim, Horace and Zeke which are on the Houston place. I give also 250 shares of stock of the Bank of Columbus, Ga. This property bequeathed to Susan M. McCoy is for her sole and separate use. After her death, to her children with husband Robert T. McCoy as Trustee. Also, \$25,000.00 of bonds of the Great Western Railroad Company of Illinois and \$1,000.00 in cash.

I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Baxter the balance of my estate both real and personal including negroes, Texas and other lands, bonds, stocks, notes, money and effects of every description.

At present, my brother Thomas H. Wiley and son Moses are in the United States and may be declared alien enemies. In that event, property bequeathed will revert to my estate and be given to my residuary legatees.

I appoint friend John J. Gresham of Macon my Executor.

Witnesses:

John McNab

William H. Chambers

Julius Beeman

Signed:

L.M. Wiley

Last Will and Testament of **CAROLINE AUGUSTA SCOTT**

Bibb Co. Ga. 20 Jul 1868 Probated 31 Jul 1868 Recorded 6 Aug 1868

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I Caroline Augusta being in infirm health, but sound of mind publish this my last will and testament.

I desire and direct \$5,000.00 be appropriated from my estate to defray burial expenses and to erect a suitable monument over my remains.

I bequeath to W.P. Goodall \$7,000.00 in trust for the sole and separate use of my faithful friend and former servant Sarah Craft, wife of Charles Craft. She to have power to empower said W.P. Goodall by writing under her hand, to invest part or the whole \$7,000.00 in certain specified property subject to said trust to sell and reinvest in other property. She to have power by will to make disposition of the property as she may desire.

In consideration of my great love and affection for my sister Mrs. Martha Annie North, and in consideration that she has a family of children dependent upon her for support and education, I give to said sister the remainder of my estate of every description in my possession and in possession of others for me as well as my undivided interest in the estate of my late father, Issac Scott.

I appoint my friend Charles A. Nutting my sole Executor.

Witnesses:

W.A. Huff
George S. Obear
C.P. Powell
Charles E. Campbell

Signed:

Caroline Augusta Scott

Last Will and Testament of HENRY HORNE

Bibb Co. Ga. 31 May 1867 19 Jun 1867

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I, Henry Horne of Macon, Bibb Co. Ga. Being in sound mind and being aware of the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and testament.

I give and devise all my estate to John W. O'Conner and Thomas C. Dempsey to have and hold the same to themselves upon the use and trusts following: Namely in trust to pay my lawful debts, a correct account which my ledger will exhibit and my funeral expenses. In trust to pay my wife Adelaide as much of all interest, income and revenue of my said estate to support her and my 4 children, Amelia, Henry, Justius and Eddy.

In event my wife should remarry, only her Dower shall be awarded to her.

In the event one of my children becomes of age and a division becomes necessary, all the inheritance shall be equally divided between my wife and 4 children with the exception that my daughter Amelia receives \$3,000.00 more than either heir by reason of her feeble health and her disposition.

I give my trustee full power and authority to invest all proceeds from estate to best advantage possible, but positively not to sell any of my property until it becomes necessary.

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Should any of my children not having reached 21 yrs. old, upon death of their mother, I appoint Mr. Dennis Daly their Guardian.

I name John W. O'Conner and Thomas C. Dempsey my Executors.

Witnesses:

O.F. Adams

Thomas C. Hardee

G.J. Blake

Signed:

Henry Horne

Last Will and Testament of DAVIS SMITH

Monroe Co. Ga. 16 Mar 1868 30 May 1868

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I Davis Smith think it proper to make some disposition of my property, I am old and subject to die.

I wish after my death, my property both real and personal sold at the discretion of my Executor.

I direct a small monument placed over my grave and the graves of my deceased wife and my son Jordan Smith. The balance I give equally to my 3 children viz, son James Smith, daughter Elizabeth Taylor, and daughter Jane Brent.

I have already given a portion of my property to my children and I have given my present wife a lifetime estate to my Hogan (?) Plantation in Monroe Co. by marriage contract. At her death, said property to my 3 children. The place where I now live, including the Christian Place and Dixon Place my 3 children can live on jointly as long as they please. I appoint Orlanda Holland and James M. Hollis, my lawful Executors.

Witnesses:

William L. Lampkin

J.M. Pender

H.G. Bean

Signed:

Davis Smith

Court of Ordinary Monroe, Co. Ga. 14 Nov 1868

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Both Orlanda Holland and James M. Hollis, named Executors for the will of Davis Smith, decline to qualify. In their place, son James Smith and son-in-law Thomas Brent were certified to replace them.

