

Madison County, Alabama

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LANIER, DECEASED.

I, William Lanier of the County of Madison, and State of Alabama, being of sound mind and memory but weak in body. Being convinced of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death doth this 23rd day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty four make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Item - I lend to my beloved wife, Nancy Lanier during her life my Tract of Land whereon I reside consisting of Three Quarter Sections, one of which was purchased of Eldred Rawlins, and the other two quarters my place of residence for several years past.

I give to my said wife Nancy to dispose of as she may think proper, the following negroes and their future increases, Darby a man about fifty three, Flora a woman about forty three, Cyrus a man about Fifty three, Tom a man about twenty five, Richmond a boy about sixteen, Clariso a woman about twenty one, Jenny a women about forty eight, Joshson a boy about Ten and Hugh Blair a boy about nine years old. I likewise give to my said wife, Nancy, all my stock of every description consisting of horses, cattle, hors and sheep likewise, all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, also my crop of corn, fodder, oats and wheat including all such articles that may be on hand and provisions of every description at my death likewise my Plantation tools, and utensils of every kind including waggon, cart, plows, hoes, axes &c. likewise my single Gig and Harness, my clock and all the Books in my Library.

Item - I give to my son, Ass H. Lanier, Five Dollars, having heretofore given to him, land and negroes &c and negroes to his children. I likewise give to my son a certain Bond or obligation I hold of his, for two or three hundred dollars the exact amount and date not now recollected.

Item - I give to my daughter, Elizabeth H Prazer to her and her Heirs forever the East part of the Fraction of Land I bought at the Land Sales in Huntsville, which part or division has since been run out by Hunter Peel, containing about two hundred and forty three Acres, likewise the following negroes and their future increase, Sophie a woman about twenty nine years old, and her three children, Isham, Rose and Sarah.

Item - I lend to my son in law Henry Jordan, a certain piece or parcel of land containing about one hundred and thirty six acres, it being the southwest part of the above named Fraction of land during his life and at his death I give the said Land to be equally divided between my grand sons, William H. Jordan, James B. Jordan and Henry C. Jordan children of my dec'd daughter Mary Jordan.