

Item. I give to my wife Nancy full power to remove my dwelling house Gin and Gin House, Negro Cabbins and all out Houses and fixtures from my old residence to the Mountain Grove Quarter, as I have contemplated myself to do for the better preservation of the Health of the family.

Item. It is my will and desire that the whole of my Estate be kept together until my debts are paid and should there be any surplus left from the sale of the Cotton &c after payment of my debts, I give the same to my wife, Nancy Lanier. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Nancy Lanier, Stephen S Ewing, Henry Jordan and James W. Allen, Executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore by me made.

InWitness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first written.

Wm Lanier (SEAL)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
In Presence of

Wm Brandon
WmH. Jones
Robt S. Brandon.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

ORPHANS COURT OF MADISON COUNTY this 11th day of January 1841.

The Last Will and Testament of William Lanier late of said County deceased having this day beenproved by the oath of Robert S Brandon one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, is Ordered to be recorded
(See Minute Book No. 8 page 191)

Pursuant to said order said Last Will and Testament was duly recorded on the 22nd day of April, 1841.

Test. Rich B. Purdom Clk CC.

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The land holdings of William Lanier are reflected in his recorded purchases of government lands in the county. [He may have also purchased parcels of land from private individuals. The deed records have not yet been fully checked to determine the total holdings of Rev. Lanier.] On **August 30 of 1809** William Lanier purchased government land of 160 acres in the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 South and Range 1 West. This is the quarter section of land where the Jordan - Lanier Cemetery is located, and it shows that the Lanier family was in the county and buying land by that date. On the same date, William Lanier purchased from the Federal Government the 156 acres that comprised the NW/4 of S34-T4S-R1W. His