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 not was duly recorded on the 1st day of January 1848.

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The last Will and Testament of James B. Clark late of Madison County Deceased
 In the name of God Amen: I James B. Clark of Madison County & late of Ala
 being sick and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die make this
 my last Will & Testament. 1st. I will and bequeath unto my friend John Tim

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more of the above named County & State as trustee for the benefit of my beloved sister Elizabeth
 W. Pritchard & her heirs my Negro Woman Nancy and her increase, it is my wish that
 my above named sister have and hold and hold in possession the above named Negro Nancy
 & increase as long as she lives, and at her death to be equally divided between the heirs of
 her body. Secondly & lastly, I will all the balance of my property & money I have on earth,
 after my just debts having been paid to my beloved wife Lucy Clark. And now appoint
 my friend John Timmons administrator of this my last Will and Testament, in witness
 whereof I have unto set my hand & affix my seal this 9th day of January 1844.

Test John H. Hundley
 Houston G. Lea
 Charity Lea

James B. Clark

Madison County Alabama, Archons Court January 29th 1844.
 This day the last Will and Testament of James B. Clark Deceased coming anfor, probate and
 the execution thereof being duly proved by the Oaths of John H. Hundley and Houston G. Lea
 two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, the same is accordingly recorded (see Minute Book of
 Page 398) Pursuant to said Order said Will was duly recorded on the 1st of January 1848.

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It is interesting that James Clark's will named his sister Elizabeth Pritchard (Pritchard?) and his wife Lucy as heirs, with friend John Timmons as executor, and it was witnessed by John H. Hundley (and others). Apparently, James Clark had no children to name as heirs.

The rock wall stipulated in Lucy's codicil was never emplaced, possibly due to the onset of the Civil War. However, it may have been erected and then later removed by someone -- or even by the Army, after taking the land for the arsenal in the 1940s. What was especially puzzling was the will stipulation of leaving the land and slaves to the children of John Hundley **by his wife Melinda**. Lucy was very careful to mention that it would go to (only) children by Melinda, so that indicates that there had to be a relation of some type between Lucy and Melinda -- and not to John Hundley himself. The key to