

Henry Jordan's last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen I Henry Jordan of the County of Madison and State of Alabama being weak in body but sound in mind, do make and appoint this my last Will and Testament - I bequeath my soul to God who redeemed it, and my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried agreeably to the ordinance of the Christian Church - It is my Will and desire that all my last debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named, it being my wish that the whole of my Estate remain together as it now is until my death debts are paid by my Executors and for them to make such disposition as they may think proper at which time I bequeath to my beloved wife Maria de Jordan the plantation on which I now live containing one hundred and sixty acres of land, and so much of my other lands as will give her all my out house, so barn & including the well, and with the time to run as the same now stands also the following negro slave to wit, Maria, Henry, Charles, Rachel, Mary, and her child, with their increase, and all my house hold and kitchen furniture and what stock and farming utensils, she may need, at the discretion of my Executors - and the balance of my Estate to be equally divided among my children as they may become of age to wit William Th. Jordan, James B. Jordan, Henry G. Jordan, Andrew P. Jordan, Glasgow W. Jordan, John M. Jordan, and the child my wife is now pregnant with I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Brothers John P. Jordan and Jason L. Jordan my Executors not to be bound by any law but by conscience and the law of God - It is my will and desire that my Executors act as Guardians for my children, and to give them a liberal education - This my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affix my seal this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty six signed in the presence of

Wm Blake
Ja. W. Allen
Louis W. Byrom
The State of Alabama

Henry Jordan (Seal)

Orphan's Court of Madison County this the 4th day of March 1837
The execution of the last Will and Testament of Henry Jordan, late of said County, seems having this day been duly proven by the oaths of William Blake, James W. Allen, and Louis W. Byrom, the subscribing witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded (see minute Book N. 7 Page 28) Pursuant to said order said last Will & Testament was duly recorded on the 24th day of November 1837
Jas. Archd. & Thomas, Clerk. 66

Madison County AL Orphan's Court Book 7, page 28: Last Will & Testament of HENRY JORDAN proved by oaths of Wm. Blake, James W. Allen, & Louis W. Byrom.