

## Muscogee Co., Georgia Will Book A (1838-1862)

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## Wills

### **Martha E. Hudson**

P. 1 - 3 May 1834/2 Mar 1835

Husband Jonathan A. Hudson. Sister: Sarah Ann Lewis the wife of Ulysses Lewis. Uncle Anderson Abercrombie. Exrs: Thomas S. Martin and Alfred Iverson. Wit: Celia Morris and Lucy Wimbush. (Martha's maiden name was Abercrombie. Sarah Ann Abercrombie married Ulysses Lewis, First Indentant [Mayor] of Columbus, 7 October 1824 in Hancock Co., GA. Martha Elizabeth and Sarah Ann were the daughters of John Booth Abercrombie who died before 1817 in Hancock Co., GA)

### **Jesse Scarborough**

P. 2 – 14 Sep 1838/Jan 1839

Wife Mary. Step-son Hansford Patterson. Extr: wife Mary Scarborough. Wit: Charles Beck, Ivy Scarborough and John G. Willingham.

### **Henry Pitts**

P. 3 – 14 Aug 1835/2 Nov 1835

Henry Pitts headed to Rutherford Co., TN. Legatees: Wife (not named); Daughters Elizabeth Patillo wife of James Patillo; Frances, Lucy, Hannah L. and Martha C. Exrs: E. W. Spivey, John Swearingen, James Jones and wife (not named). Wit: Edward Featherston, Philip J. Burrus, Lucy Featherston. (MR in Muscogee shows Martha C. Pitts m. Robert F. Jameson 5 Oct 1843.)

### ***Benjamin Bussey***

P. 5 – 19 Jul 1833/5 Sep 1838

Wife: Lucy. Sons: Benjamin P., John B., Hezekiah H., Nathan J., and William. Daus: Anny, Elizabeth, and Mary Ann. Exrs: Benjamin P. Bussey, Samuel C. Parks, Thomas Wooldridge. Wits: Baldwin Raiford, James Harris, and H. C. Sapp.

### ***Elizabeth Davis***

P. 7 – 16 Sep 1828/30 Jul 1839

Daughter Jackaline Ratcliff. Trustees: Philip Alston and Sowell Woolfolk. Wit: Ira Scott and Robert West.

### ***Francis Moore***

P. 8 - \_\_\_\_\_ Probated Sep 1838

Wife Elizabeth and son Thomas A. Moore. Exrx: Wife Elizabeth. Wit: John Vinson, Owen Thoms, Ann Henson and Leodore Henson.

### ***William Redd***

P. 9-10 – 22 Mar 1838 Probate Date \_\_\_\_\_

William Redd “of Russell Co., AL”. Wife Elizabeth. Sons: John, James and William. Daughters: Frances Park w/o Ezekiel Park, Eliza, Mary, Cornelia and Martha. Exrs: Wife, sons and son-in-law Hampton L. Smith. Wit: M. W. Perry, M. Robertson and Hiram Read.

### ***Ann M. Bostwick***

P. 11 – 10 Dec 1836/Mar 1840

Daughters: Caroline Howard, mary Ann E. Olin and Arabella E. Hepburn. Grandsons: Joseph L. Hepburn, Burton Hepburn, Stephen Olin and John H. Howard. Exrs: Grandsons. Wit: Joseph B. Green, Edward Barnard, and David Hudson, JP.

### ***Samuel Brady***

P. 12 – 23 Jul 1838/May 1840

Wife Sarah. Nephew Thomas Bozeman. Niece Jinsy Brady. Ex: Thomas Brady. Wit: Grigsby E. Thomas, N. M. Lewis and R. J. Meads.

### ***William Scurlock***

P. 13 – Nuncupative Will. 15 Aug 1840

Wife Rhoda . Proved by John Scurlock and Gracy Scurlock.

### ***Samuel K. Hodges***

P. 14-15 – 6 Sep 1840/18 Dec 1840

Wife Elizabeth Henrietta Hodges. Sons: Samuel K. Hodges Jr., and others not named. Daughters: Martha Ann and others not named. Ex: Wife, Samuel K. Hodges, Jr., Seaborn Jones, Charles Stewart and James M. Chambers. Wit: Edward Cary, Matt R. Evans, James Boykin.

***Ann M. Bostwick***

P. 16 – This is a duplicate of the will from page 11.

***Ann Brown***

P. 16 – 30 Jun 1840/Jan 1841

Grandson Seaborn Farmer. Ex: James P. Norman. Wit: H. M. Robertson and Jacintha E. Marks.

***Samuel Cooper***

P. 18-19 – 4 Mar 1841/Nov 1841

Sons: James, John and Samuel, Jr. Daughters: Nancy, Mary, Rebecca Brown (dec'd), Susan Rees and Epsy Harrison (dec'd). Granddaughter William Susan. Son-in-law Jesse Zachary. Ex: James Cooper. Wit: James T. Stockton, Thomas Livingston and Jonathan English, JP.

***John S. Edwards***

P. 20-21 – 15 May 1841/Jul 1841

Wife Sarah. Sons: Washington Nelson, Marion Columbus, James Monroe, Rolly Spinks, Isaac Madison and John William Edwards. Daughters: Sarah Jane, Nancy Rebecca, Amanda Malvina and Paulina Susan Elender, now wife of Marion Baysmore. Exrs: wife and sons. Wit: James M. Rockmore, William M. Cooper and Nathan Renfroe.

***James C. Watson***

P. 22 – 12 Apr 1843/15 May 1843

Sons: Thomas and John. Daughter: Mary Walker. Exrs: Robert Watson, Benjamin Watson, John H. Watson, John Watson and Thomas W. Watson. Wit: Samuel Merrill, Charles S. Lucas and Thomas Woodward.

***Thomas Fleming***

P. 23 – 21 Mar 1843/15 May 1843

Wife Rachel Elizabeth. Daughters: Ellen and Mariah Jane. Ex: James Sullivan. Wit: John J. Boswell, John Fagan and Wiley Williams.

***Eaton Bass***

P. 24 – 10 May 1842/1 May 1843

Wife: Nancy. Sons: Robert L., John H., Nathan C., Charles Eaton and Porus Alexander Bass. Daus: Martha Green, Rebecca E., Sarah Jane. Grandson: Preston Basford. Exrs: Wife, Nancy Bass and Robert L. Bass. Wits: Joseph Sturgis, Lewis C. Allen, Thomas S. Sturgis. (Eaton Bass married Nancy Clay 15 January 1817 in Morgan Co., GA.)

***Daniel M. Jones***

P. 26-27 – 28 Oct 1839/4 Sep 1843

Wife and children, not named. Ex: Wife. Wit: James Lilly, Sydney Cox and Thomas Jones.

***John Patterson***

P. 28-29 – 16 May 1842/1 Sep 1843

Wife Harriet. Sons: Robert Norman, Daniel Martin and John Wright Patterson. Daughters: Ruth Whitaker Peel, Cornelia A. E., Adenath Adeline, Eleanor Sophronia Catherine Eugenia. Exrs: Wife and Richard L. Marks. Wit: Harriet McNair, John Evans and John L. Boyd, JP.

### **Francis Marks**

P. 30 – 7 May 1843/Jan 1844

Wife Adeline C. Sons: James, Leon and Richard Norman. Daughter Leah. Brother L. S. F. Marks in Louisiana. Ex: Richard T. Marks and James S. Norman. Wit: Leah J. Norman and M. Robertson.

### **Pierce A. Philips**

P. 31 - 1/18/1844:3/6/1844

Guardian John L. Lewis. Uncles: Dr. Jacob A. Lewis, William L. Wynn. Aunts: Margaret Philips, Martha C. Lewis. Sis: Leonora Phebe Lyon. Cousins: William Smith Lewis and John L. Lewis son of Pierce L. Lewis. Grandfather and Grandmother Lewis. Friend: Robert A. Smith. Mentions land drawn in Cherokee Land Lottery by orphans of Isaac Philips. Exrs: William L. Wynn, Noland R. Lewis. Wits: Josephus Echols, Ansel Watkins and Seaborn Jones. (Pierce is the son of Major James Phillips and Margaret Mariah Lewis and grandson of Pearce A. Lewis.)

### **Baldwin Raiford**

P. 34 – 29 Apr 1844/2 Sep 1844

Wife Pheby. Children, only Elijah Grout named. Ex: wife. Wit: L. F. Wooldridge, William W. Bussey and James L. Dowell.

### **James C. Cook**

P. 36-37 – 12 Dec 1842/6 Nov 1844

Wife Ann C. Son James C. Cook, Jr. Daughters: Elvira Sorsby and Caroline Lewis. Son-in law Battle A. Sorsby. Exrs: James C. Cook, Jr. and William H. Mitchell. Wit: Thomas Berry, James M. Chambers, William A. Read and Wiley E. Jones.

### **Richard T. Sankey**

P. 38-39 – 26 Mar 1844/6 Nov 1844

Wife Frances L. Children not named. Nephew John T. Sankey. Exrs: Wife and James H. Jones of Upatoi. Wit: John R. Lawso, John E. Bacon and William Bilbro Macon.

### **Tandy Freeman**

P. 42 – Nuncupative - 22 Oct 1844/6 Nov 1844

Wife: Ann Eliza. Son: Tandy Rice. Dau: Sarah Elizabeth. Bro-in-law: James L. Sweet. Exrs: Wife - Ann Eliza Freeman and James L. Sweet. Wits: James M. Chambers, Ricy Gunn, Thomas Roland. (Tandy Rice Freeman was born ca 1800 in SC. He married Ann Eliza Sweet (born ca 1812 in Marion Co., SC. She married secondly Archibald Bonnell.)

### **George Duffiel Royston**

P. 130 – 2 Mar 1852/17 May 1852

When will written he was ill and at the home of John Ingram in Early Co., GA. Wife: Mildred Ann. Daus: Sarah Elizabeth and Mary Strother. Mentions his step-sons. Former wife: Susan J. Royston (lands he holds in her right from the Estate of Dr. Calloway). Father-in-law: Noland R. Lewis. Exrs: Noland R. Lewis, George M. Dudley of Americus, Ga. Wits: Samuel Gaines, Luke Bliss, C. C. Grune. (Mildred Ann was the daughter of Noland Richard Lewis and Sally Gibson and granddaughter Jacob Lewis and Sally Nolan.)

### **Pearce Lewis**

P. 132 – 21 Apr 1852/17 May 1852

Mentions children, but not named. Father Pearce A. Lewis. Uncle Noland R. Lewis. Cousins: Jacob G. Lewis, Owen L. Lewis. Exrs: Father, uncle, cousins. Wits: William F. Flant, Battle A. Sorsby, Seaborn Jones. (This will also filed in Russell Co., GA. Children: Felix G., John L., Martha C., Jacob A., Margaret Mariah, Sarah A., Ann Eliza, and Pearce Lovick Lewis.)

### **John M(anley) Flournoy**

P. 266 – 19 Jul 1858/9 Jan 1860

Son: Charles Gordon Flournoy. Other children (not named). Bro: Robert. Bro-in-law: Joel E. Hurt. Mentions Dr. Charles T. Abercrombie. Extr: Wife Mary. Wits: C. W. Chapman, Beverly A. Thornton, Wiley Williams. (John is son of Josiah Flournoy and Martha Dixon Manley. He married Mary Ann Gordon 26 October 1843. His sister Frances Flournoy married Joel Early Hurt 28 January 1841 in Putnam Co., GA. His children were: Charles Gordon, John Francis, Mary, and Virginia Abercrombie Flournoy. )

### **Samuel J. Hatcher**

P. 291– 2 Apr 1861/ 6 May 1861

Wife: Elizabeth. Daus: Susan A., Peytona E. Other ch. Extr: Wife. Wits: Gustavus DeLauney, Bennett H. Crawford, Pleasant J. Philips. (Samuel from Chesterfield Co., VA. and married Elizabeth McGee. They had 5 children: Marshall J., Benjamin Thomas, Susan A., Samuel Bass and Peytona Elizabeth Hatcher.)

### **Van Leonard**

P. 299– 7 Aug 1856/ Codicil dated 7/5/1860 /Proved 20 Aug 1861

Wife: Frances R. Sons: James, Van A. Daus: Mary S. Jones, wife of John A.; Henrietta S. Whitaker, wife of Samuel E.; Elizabeth C. wife of Dr. Richard L. Butt; Ann Foster Leonard (married Louis F. Garrard 20 May 1868 in Muscogee Co.). Grandson: Seaborn Leonard Jones. Codicil: Richard L. Butt has left the State. Exrs: Wife, sons, and sons-in-law. Wits: B. F. Coleman, Wiley Williams, T. G. Holt. Wits to Codicil: Thomas Ragland, James Venoy, Wiley Williams. (Col. Vandevan Leonard was from Petersburg, VA, son of and married 1) Elizabeth Ballard Gilbert 25 April 1811 Greene Co., GA; 2) Jeanette Harvie 27 March 1817 and 3) Frances Ramsey Darnell 13 May 1836 in Baldwin Co., GA. He was the father of 14 children.)