

Monroe Co. Al. Will Book A
Deed Book A

State of Alabama

Monroe County In the name of God Amen. I William Cater of the County and State aforesaid being mindful of my mortality do, this day the fourteenth of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following To wit,-

Item 1st I desire to be privately and decently buried, without any funeral pomp, dispensing with all unnecessary expense -

2^{ndly} I desire that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as possible after my decease -

3^{rdly} I desire that all my negroes shall be kept together on my plantation and employed in the cultivation of the same until my youngest son Wiley C Cater arrives at mature age, under the control of my Executor and the proceeds of their Labour annually, together with the moneys due my Estate to be appropriated to the payment of my debts- -

4^{thly} I desire that my two daughters Eliza Mcpherson and Sarah Ann Sampey who now reside with me should remain on my plantation until the time of the full age of my youngest son Wiley C Cater or until they marry and their negroes to be continued with mine under the management of my Executor and to receive an equal dividend in proportion to the number of hands. -

5^{thly} I desire that when my youngest son comes of age that all my real estate be equally divided between him and his elder brother William G Cater and the division to be agreed upon between themselves. -

6^{thly} I give and bequeath unto my son William G Cater my negro man Bob -

7^{thly} I give and bequeath unto my son Wiley C Cater my negro man Peter. -

8^{thly} I give and bequeath unto my daughter Leah Adams the sum of five Dollars to be paid to her by my Executor as soon as my just debts are paid. -

9^{thly} I also give & bequeath unto my two Daughters Epsa & Catherine Whatley the sum of five dollars each to be paid by my Executor as soon as my just debts are satisfied -

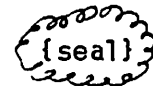
10^{thly} It is my will and desire that the remaining negroes be sold together with my stock of every discription, household furniture &c and if the money due my Estate together with that arising from the sale of the above mentioned property and out of the overplus if there be any I wish my sons Wiley C Cater and William G Cater to have Five hundred Dollars each and the surplus to be equally divided among my other children to wit - My son Edwin Cater my daughter Eliza Mcpherson my son James W. Cater my daughter Susannah Roberts & my daughter Sarah Ann Sampey in having formerly provided for all my children (except my two sons William G & Wiley C Cater) by giving them off portions of my Estate at the time of their several marriages I could not now give them more without rendering the division of my property inequitable -

11thly I do hereby appoint my beloved son Edwin Cater sole Executor

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of this my last will and testament until my youngest son Wiley C Cater arrives at the age of twenty one years who I then wish to become a co-executor of this my last will and testament & I do hereby revoke all former wills. & I do hereby empower my said executors to sell and dispose of my property in pursuance of the provision of the same, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. -

Wm Cater



Signed, Sealed, published and delivered by the said testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. -

Witnesses

Thomas S. Roach
William Wiggins
Thomas Wiggins

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State of Alabama

Monroe County } Personally came before me John J Roach
Judge of the County Court of Monroe County Thomas S Roach, William Wiggins and Tho^s Wiggins, witnesses to the within last will and testament of William Cater dec^d, who being duly sworn depose and say they saw the testator sign, seal and publish the same, that he declared it to be his last will and testament that they signed it in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other and that at the time of making the same he was of sound and disposing mind,

Sworn to & subscribed.
this 21st Decr 1835.

Tho^s S Roach
William Wiggins
Thomas Wiggins

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From Wills, Deed Book A, Monroe Co. AL Courthouse

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2ndly I desire that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as possible after my decease -

3rdly I desire that all my negroes shall be kept together on my plantation and employed in the cultivation of the same until my youngest son William C. Carter arrives at mature age, under the control of my Executor and the proceeds of their labour annually, together with the surplus due my Estate to be appropriated to the payment of my debts -

4thly I desire that my two daughters Eliza McPherson and Sarah Ann Sampson who now reside with me should remain on my plantation until the time of the full age of my youngest son William C. Carter or until they marry and their negroes to be continued with mine under the management of my Executor and to receive an equal dividend in proportion to the number of hands -

5thly I desire that when my youngest son comes of age that all my real estate be equally divided between him and his elder brother William C. Carter and his division to be agreed upon between themselves -

6thly I give and bequeath unto my son William C. Carter my negro man Bob -

7thly I give and bequeath unto my son William C. Carter my negro man Pat -

8thly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ann the sum of five dollars to be paid to her by my Executor as soon as my just debts are paid -

9thly I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Eliza & Catharine each the sum of five dollars each to be paid by my Executor as soon as my just debts are satisfied -

10thly It is my will and desire that the remaining negroes be sold together with my stock of every description, household furniture &c and if the money due my Estate together with that arising from the sale of the above mentioned property and out of the surplus if there be any I wish my son William C. Carter and William S. Carter to have One hundred dollars each and the balance to be equally divided among my other children to wit - my son Edwin Carter, my daughter Eliza McPherson, my son James W. Carter, my daughter Elizabeth Abbott & my daughter Sarah Ann Sampson - having formerly provided for all my children except

of this my last will and testament until my youngest son William
& later arrived at the age of twenty one years who of them wish to be-
come a co-executor of this my last will and testament & I do hereby
revoke all former wills, & I do hereby empower my said executor to
sell and dispose of my property in pursuance of the provisions of the
same, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal the day and year first above written. —

Wm Carter (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator as and for
his last will and testament in our presence who at his request in his
presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto: —

Witnessed

Thomas S. Beach

William Wiggins

Thomas Wiggins

State of Alabama

Monroe County Personally came before me John S. Beach
Judge of the County Court of Monroe County, Thomas S. Beach, William
Wiggins and Thomas Wiggins, witnesses to the within last will and
testament of William Carter dec'd who being duly sworn depose and
say they saw the testator sign, seal and publish the same, that he
declared it to be his last will and testament that they signed it in
his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other and
that at the time of making the same he was of sound and disposing mind.
Sworn to & subscribed,

this 21st Decr 1885.

John S. Beach

William Wiggins

Thomas Wiggins