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Estate of William  
H. Wright, Hico  
Beat Fayette AL.

WILLIAM H. WRIGHT Estate,

The State of Alabama  
Fayette County } Probate Court the 10 day 1875.  
To the Judge of said Court  
The Petition of Gabe Savage respectfully represents  
that William H. Wright, who was an inhabitant  
of this County at the time of his death, departed this  
life at his residence in this County on the third day  
of my last leaving a Last Will and Testament  
which signed and published by him, and attested  
by other Savages and James H. Hagan, in which  
said petition is blended, as the Executor thereof,  
Petitioner humbly prays said said Will, and proffers  
the same for Probate and record in this Court, your  
petitioner further represents that said deceased was  
never married, that he was an illegitimate child  
and has left no brother or sister or their descendants  
as his mother was unmarried and left no other children  
Petitioner asks that such Orders and decrees and process  
may be made and had in the Premises, and  
such notice given as the Court requires in Order that  
a Last Will and Testament of said Will may be made  
and had according to Law, and as in and by the same  
will more fully appear, Thence to come into order before  
me this 10 day May 1875.  
B. H. Williams Judge of Probate, J. G. and Savage

Order setting  
day for Probate  
of Will

State of Alabama } Special Term of  
Fayette County } Probate Court 10 day 1875.  
This day came Gabe Savage and Felix his petitioners in  
writing and under their respective procuring and filing  
in this Court an instrument of writing purporting to  
be the Last Will and Testament of William H. Wright  
deceased, and praying for such Orders and decrees  
as may be proper and requisite for the due Probate and  
record of said Will in this Court, which said last in-  
strument appears to be attested by John Savage and  
James H. Hagan, of this County, and under one of  
decrees to have signed the same, no subscribing witnesses  
thereunto, and it appearing to the Court from said  
Petition and Inquiry that deceased left no legal heir  
mentioned therein and another Brother and sister now  
residents of any of them.  
It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of May next be and the same is hereby ap-  
pointed a day to hear and pass upon said peti-  
tion and the same which may be submitted  
in support of the same and of the Establishment  
of said Will, further Ordered that Petitioners  
do procure proof for the said John Savage and James  
H. Hagan, to be and appear in and before the

William Lo Wards

Count on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1895 - to testify and give evidence of and whenever they all and any facts touching the question of the Validity of said instrument as desired. It is further Ordered by the Court that said Petition be recorded, Witness Myself B. H. Williams

James G Packard

Under of  
Dated of  
Will

State of Arkansas  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I have of course  
 my little family.  
 I devote part of said family,  
 I devote them to  
 the 17 May 1881

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This day having been regularly appointed for hearing the application of <sup>Charles</sup> Savage, which was brought before on this Court, for the Probate of an Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William H. Wright deceased, I had James Saxe appear as Counsel for the Petitioner and there being no legal Objections at Law and Consequently no notice required the Court need proceed to examine the subscribing witnesses to Saxe Instrument they having been subpoenaed and being now present in Court, and it appearing to the Court from the Testimony of Saxe Witnesses to and of other Savages and James Saxe that they properly duly signed the Saxe Instrument of writing purporting to be the will of the Saxe William H. Wright, It is ordered, which writing is now shown to them on the day the Saxe became seated in the Presence of & at the Request of Saxe Testator as subscribing witnesses to the same, the Saxe Testator then declaring that Instrument was his last will, & Testament, and Saxe witnesses further Testifying that Saxe Testator was at the time of making Saxe Will of the full age of twenty one years and of sound mind and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory, and in the opinion of Saxe Witnesses fully Capable of making his will, and the Court, being more satisfied that Saxe application should be granted.

It is therefore Ordered and decreed by the Court that Saxe Will of William H. Wright be received be received and the same is hereby declared to be duly proven as the last will and Testament of Saxe deceased and as such admitted to Probate and Orders to be recorded together with the foregoing, and all other proper papers relating to this proceeding. It is further Ordered that Saxe Application pay the Cost of this proceeding.

Wm. H. Wright

*W. C. Cressling*

Wm. J. W. W. W.

James W. Hobbs

William H. Wright's Estate

Subpoena  
for Witnesses

State of Alabama  
Haddette County  
10<sup>th</sup> of May 1875. To any sheriff of the State of  
Alabama, you are hereby commanded to summon  
John Savage and James H. Brannon, to be and appear  
in our said District Court, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May  
next, by 12 O'clock (M) of said day thereunto then  
to testify and the Court to appoint in a certain case  
then pending wherein East Savage has filed in  
said Court a purporting to be the last will and tes-  
tament of William H. Wright late of said County de-  
ceased which said Savage & Brannon are reported to  
be subscribing witnesses to said Will, herein fail  
not and shame you then and there this subpoena  
or Citation with good and proper return thereon.

Given under my hand and office this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1875. J. B. H. Williams Judge of District

We acknowledge legal service of this notice this  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day 1875. J. John Savage  
James H. Brannon

I know all men by their presence that I William  
H. Wright of the County of Haddette and State of Alabama  
Considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound  
mind and memory do make, declare and publish this  
my last will and testament first I do give and bequeath  
unto Michael Wright thirty acres off of the North side  
of tract 64 of sect 8 and Twp 26 N. 12 W. 12 of the North side  
of N. W. 4 of sec 8 T. 17 N. 12 upon Condition that the said  
Michael Wright makes Care of and waits upon and during  
the remainder of my life so far as nursing and I should  
the said Michael Wright paid Harder, the Alms  
man's ready to be disposed of in Common with the  
remainder of my Real & Personal Property.

Second I do give all my property both real and personal  
whatsoever all my hand by give all my debts and interest  
al and also after hand by give all my debts and interest  
the residue & equally between said John and Michael

I and Elizabeth and Alley Wright  
I do nominate and appoint, by a like Savage  
to be the executor of this my last will and testament  
In Testimony whereof I have this my last will  
and Testament duly written my name and af-  
firmed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
seventy five.

William H. Wright Jd. (Sd)  
Signed sealed delivered and published by the said William H.  
Wright as and for his last will and testament in presence  
of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence  
of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto  
at the County of Haddette Alabama this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1875

# William H. Wrights Estate

Petition for  
Probate of  
Will.

State of Alabama  
At a Petition Hearing of the Probate Court of said  
County, your Petitioner George Savage respectfully represents  
unto your Honor, that he is the person who is named  
in the will of William H. Wright deceased to execute  
the purposes and trust and purposes thereof and that  
said Will has been duly proved and admitted to probate  
in this County, your Petitioner begs to refer to the pe-  
tition which was filed in this Court for the Probate  
of said Will to show there is no legal heir at  
law of said Estate and that, the Heirs are the  
only interested parties in said Estate as he understands  
your petition from the States that he is of the age  
of twenty one years and upwards and an inhabitant  
of this County and is now willing to take responsibility  
for the Trust Confided by said deceased through  
said Will, and is prepared to give the necessary Power  
and security as may be required by Court in the prem-  
ises, he further states that to the best of his knowledge  
and belief the value of said Estate both real and  
personal he supposes to be about the sum of Twelve  
thousand Dollars therefore therefore asks that such  
Orders be made and proceedings may be made and had  
in the Premises as the Court directs in order to qualify him  
for said Trust and as in duty bounds and ever pray  
he, shews to and shews entered before me this 14th day of  
May 1845.

Wm. H. Williams Judge of Probate } George Savage

Under grant of  
Letters Testamentary  
-mentary on  
Will.

State of Alabama  
At a Petition Hearing of the Probate Court of  
County of Montgomery }

William H. Wrights  
deceased Estate of.

It being known to the Court that the last will and  
testament of said deceased has been duly admitted  
to Probate and read in this Court that there is no  
lawful heir to said Estate, that George Savage is  
named in the will by said deceased as the executor  
for the same, in said Will as the sole executor thereof  
and that said Savage having filed in this Court  
this day his petition for Letters Testamentary shewing  
therein that the entire Estate of said deceased is  
of about the value of Twelve hundred dollars  
and not property more, and the said George  
Savage having taken into Bond in the  
sum of Twelve hundred dollars credit  
the foregoing Conditions therein with other Savages  
and taking of Bond for his security therein  
which Bond hath been duly taken and ap-  
proved by the Judges of this Court, It is ordered  
and granted and decreed by the Court that Letters

Providence for  
Gottlieb and  
Will

The State of Alabama }  
County of Calhoun } To the Probate Court of said  
County, your Petitioner Geo. Adams respectfully repre-  
sents unto your Honor, that he is the person who is named  
in the Will of William H. Wright, deceased to execute  
the Probation, and Trust Money. And that said Will  
has been duly proved and admitted to record in this  
Court. Your Petitioner begs to refer to the Petition  
which was filed in this Court for the Probate of said  
Will to show that there is no legal heirs at Law  
of said Estate, and that the Heirs are the only  
interested parties in said Estate as he understands  
your petition further states that he is of the age  
of twenty one years and upwards and an Inhabitant  
of this County, and is now willing to take upon him-  
self the Trust Confided by said Decedent through  
said Will and is prepared to give the necessary  
Bonds and security as may be required in the pre-  
mise his further State shall be the best of his knowl-  
edge and belief the Value of said Estate to the real  
& Personal Heirs is supposed to be about the sum of  
Twenty hundred Dollars Petitioner further asks that  
such Orders, decrees, and proceedings may be made  
and had in the premises as the Court shall direct in  
Order to qualify him for said Trust and as in duty  
bound with your pray &c Shown to and such order  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day 1875,  
J. H. Williams

4 Temporary  
at Winchester  
to be well

Judge of Probate  
 State of Alabama  
 Haystack County  
 Probate Court of said County  
 the 12<sup>th</sup> or of may 1845.  
 In the Matter of the Probate of the Last Will and  
 Testaments of William H. Wright deceased. Begins  
 me of the Williams Judge of the Probate Court of  
 said County this day personally came James A.  
 Braggam and John Sanders who on oath

William H. Wrights Estate  
No day that they are so the Subscribing Witnesses to  
the instrument of writing now shown to them &  
whose purports to be the last will and testament  
of William H. Wright deceased late an inhabitant  
of this County that said Wright did devise deceased  
signed and executed said instrument by ma-  
king his mark being too feeble to write his name  
well but hee the Devisor making his marks  
and that he supposed the same to be his last  
will, and that they affiants set their signatures  
thereto on the day the same bears date in the name  
of said Wright at his request and in his presence  
and further that they are satisfied that the deceased  
was at the time of making said will of sound  
mind and disposing memory and with the opin-  
ion of disponents fully capable of making his  
will. Affiants further state that said testator  
was above the age of twenty one years on the  
day of making said will.  
The within known to and taken before  
me and in my presence on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of May AD 1875. JAMES A. BRADY  
J. H. Williams Judge of Probate of said County

Executors  
Bond

State of Alabama Know all men by these presents  
that we Gask Sargeant James A. Brady  
Brady, and here and jointly have unto  
~~the State of Alabama~~ B. H. Williams Judge of Probate  
in and for said County And his Vice-pres in Office  
in the sum of Twenty four hundred Dollars  
for the due payment of which sum we have received  
our and each of our heirs executors administrators and  
assigns jointly severally and jointly by their presents  
shaded with our Seals And dated this the 17<sup>th</sup>

day of May 1875.

The Confirmation of the above obligation is such  
that whereas the above named Gask Sargeant  
has been duly appointed executor of the last  
will and testament of William H. Wright  
deceased. And if the said Gask Sargeant shall  
well and faithfully perform the duties which  
now are or may hereafter be required of him  
by Law as such executor, then and in that  
case the above obligation to be void other-  
wise to remain in full force and effect

Given and Approved the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1875.  
B. H. Williams Judge  
of Probate  
Gask Sargeant  
James A. Brady



Letters  
Testamentary

**William H. Wright** Esq.  
State of Alabama  
Harris County Probate Court Special  
Comd the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845.  
Gotters Testamentary and the Estate of William  
H. Wright deceased are hereby granted to each  
Survivor of said County who has duly qualified  
and given Bond as such Executor and is  
authorized to Administer said Estate,  
Witness this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845.  
B. H. Williams  
Judge of Probate

State of Alabama  
Harris County Probate Court Executor of said Estate  
and Comd the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845.  
Whereas the said William H. Wright  
deceased has been duly  
qualified in this Court and Grant Savings has been  
duly appointed by said Court as executor of said  
Wile's Estate and qualified as such and  
is appointed of the Estate of said deceased and  
by the Court and John Savage James A  
Dumares and John W. Carothers appointed by the  
Court as Appraisers of the Property of said Estate,  
said Executor will proceed with all due diligence  
to take possession of the Property and Effects of said  
Estate, and the same appointed by their appraisers  
after Surveying and presenting the same to the  
Court they will make the same under Oath and  
that said Executor make due return to this  
Court of said Inventory and appraisement  
as the Court direct within my honor this the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845. B. H. Williams  
Judge of Probate

Record of  
Order of  
Appraisement

State of Alabama  
Harris County Probate Court of said County  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845.  
To Grant Savings Executor of the Estate  
of said deceased of William H. Wright late  
of said County deceased.  
Whereas John W. Carothers and John Savage  
and Testamentary of said deceased have on this day been  
granted by this Court to you,  
It is ordered by the Court that you do make  
and an Inventory of all the Effects of said Estate  
both real and Personal and present the  
same to James A. Dumares, John Savage  
and John W. Carothers, who is appointed by  
this Court to appraise the same, and you are  
qualified them to make a fair valuation

William D. O. Wright & Estate

of the same to the best of their knowledge, which Inventory and appraisement you are hereby required to return to the Court with Commencement Speed, under your Oath that the same contains a true report of all the Effect of said Estate that have come to your knowledge as Proprietor in gum under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day May 1895.

B. B. McWilliams Judge of Probate  
A full and complete Inventory of all the goods and chattels minus rights and Credit of W. H. Wright late of the County of Haystack deceased which have come into the possession of said Savings Executor this 20<sup>th</sup> day 1895.

Inventory  
Record

- |    |   |    |                          |
|----|---|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Bureau  | 20 | Three Buckets            |
| 2  | Two Bedsteads   | 21 | 2-1/2 gallon Cans        |
| 3  | Three Tables  | 22 | 2 Churns and Jug         |
| 4  | 14 Books  | 23 | 2 Saw & Jug              |
| 5  | Dishes and Bottles  | 24 | Spoons & 13 Shells       |
| 6  | Bed Clothes   | 25 | Spraying Wheel           |
| 7  | Bed Blanketing  | 26 | one & 1/2                |
| 8  | Rayon Hoods & Shaps   | 27 | eight - Barrels          |
| 9  | Plate and Jug   | 28 | Swiss head of Hags       |
| 10 | Saddles & Plans Marks                                       | 29 | wooden Pot               |
| 11 | Plans and 2 set of gears                                    | 30 | twenty head of Sheep     |
| 12 | Canvas Shawl & 1 web cloth                                  | 31 | eight - head of Cattle   |
| 13 | 3 Axes, 2 Shovels, 1 Spade                                  | 32 | one Black mare           |
| 14 | one Sawn wedge  | 33 | one Bay Horse            |
| 15 | 8 Chairs  | 34 | ten Blue Stands          |
| 16 | 2 Kettles & 1 pot one cranzy one side stake leather & shaps | 35 | 90 lbs of Oxen           |
| 17 | Coffee Kettle & pot   | 36 | one half Pint - in wagon |
| 18 | 2 Quicthing Saws  | 37 | Cash on hand             |
| 19 | degrees, Pant, 1/2 bush, pants & sock                       | 38 | Money \$2,000            |
| 20 | 2 Laps  |    |                          |
- notes on J. C. & H. McWilliams all amounting to about three hundred and \$200.00 also one note on E. L. Perkins dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 1863, and due the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1863, payable to decrease the sum of \$40.00 State of Alabama  
Haystack County  
B. B. McWilliams Judge of the Probate Court of said County  
on this day Cash Savings Executor of the last will and Testament of William H. Wright late of said County deceased and in returning the with in Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of said Deceased States on Oath that this same contains a true list of all the Effects of said Estate that have come to his knowledge and possession  
I now to and Subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day 1895.  
B. B. McWilliams Judge of Probate



# William H. Wright's Estate

I have appraised of all the Personal Estate of William H. Wright - late of Fayette County, deceased, - and as directed to us, the undersigned appraiser by Court Saverio Esquire on this the 26 day of May 1875. One Bureau 500 2 Bards & Bedding over \$37.50 \$80.00 two Tables each 750 150 14 Books 500 6.50 Pistols & Battles 600 Box Clatter 4000 Bolt shooting 50.62 one Razor Horse & Shop 150 slater & Aug. 50 2.00 one Saddle 2 Saddle Packs 6 plunk & 2 set of Guns 10.00 Hammers & Chisel 250 three Axes 2 Chisels, Axes & Wages 8.50 Hammer, Chisels & Files 100 fine Hoes 15 2.50 8 Chisels 500 2 Chisels 250 1000 one and Copper Letter 95 7.50 2 Unmounted skins, 750 Sugar, Can des le Penn & Cracker 11.75 two Lard Cans each 100 250 two Buckets 50 2.50 2 Cups & Buckets 100 Mining Tools 125 2 Saw & Aug 100 3.25 Loom & 2 Shuttles 200 Spinning wheel 100 4.00 one Sape 800 Light Barrell 125 mine hoes 200 9.25 one wheel & Part 1300 20 hoes of sheep 2000 23.00 eight birds of Cattle 4500 one Black mare 200 25.00 five Bay Horses 6000 10 stands of Reas 250 each 25.00 85.00 one Hair of Oxen 35.00 one half Antler & in 300 5.00 one Skin of Deer skin & 800 350 Cuffs in hand 200 23.50 No weight of Robinson for Kate one Race & Race 300.00 one mate one C. A. Bushing 25.00 200 63. 40.00 235 acres of Land marked out 300.00

John Savage

James A. Mangum

John McChesney

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1875,  
 Court Saverio Esquire

Under our  
 Commencing in  
 of Substantive

State of Alabama  
 Fayette County, Probate Court of said County  
 Special Order the 22 day of May 1875.  
 This day came back Saverio Esquire for the  
 Court with and returned by William H. Wright  
 late of said County deceased, and presents his  
 statement of the effects of said Estate and also  
 the appraised value of the same, as made  
 by John Savage, James A. Mangum, and John  
 McChesney under their Oaths, do appears appear  
 to be by this Court for that purpose, and the said  
 Esquire being sworn by the Court that his sworn  
 true is in full of all the effects of said Estate  
 that have come to his knowledge & possession.  
 It is ordered by the Court that the same be  
 received filed and recorded.  
 Witness Myself William H. Wright Esquire of Probate