their names. Harriot Turner Benoist is a religious in the Catholic Order of the Sacred Heart in Boston.

"Adele Kingsbury Watermann has three children, as follows: George Y. Worthington, Jr., Julia Turner Worthington and Mimi Worthington, none of whom are married.

"Thomas Turner Cooke has two children, I believe, but I don’t know their names.

"Elizabeth Shryock has two children, but I do not know their names.

"Catherine Percy Brown, the sister of my grandfather, married James (?) Ingersoll of Philadelphia. She had one daughter that I know of, Mrs. Arthur Amory of Boston and may have had other children but this I do not know. I knew my cousin, Mrs. Arthur Amory when I was at school in Boston some forty five years ago, but have now completely lost touch with that branch of the family."

James Percy Brown (3), was a resident of Bolivar County, Mississippi and died about 1838, his sister, Susan Catherine Brown was the wife of Charles Ingersoll. See Conveyance Records, Book K, Page 571 and Book L, Page 544, Wilkinson County, Woodville, Mississippi.

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COLONEL WILLIAM A. PERCY

Any reference to settlers and citizens of Washington County would be incomplete without that of the late Col. Wm A. Percy, a resident of the thriving city of Greenville, and for years prior to his death, in January, 1888, the most prominent figure in the Yazoo and Mississippi Delta. He was an Alabamian by birth, though his father was a native of Natchez, Mississippi. Colonel Percy was a graduate of Princeton, and of the law department of the University of Virginia. He entered the Confederate Service as Captain of the first company which left the county, subsequently served on the staff of Gen. John S. Bowen, during the siege of Vicksburg, and was later chief of artillery. At the close of the war he resumed the practice of law and soon took rank with the ablest members of the bar, the firm of which he was
senior member receiving probably a larger income than any other in the State. Exacting as were the demands of his profession he devoted much of his time to the discharge of public duties, and the calls of his fellow-citizens always met a prompt response. While generally circumscribed by his section, public and private duties were arduous but his superior administrative ability was equal to any emergency. Here was the very heart of what is known as the race question, involving at the time of a great crisis the peace of the State. Here was decided the stability of the levee system upon which so largely depended the revenues and property of Mississippi. Of these questions Colonel Percy was the recognized leader and guide of his people. The political redemption, the material development and the ultimate prosperity of the Delta was the central idea of his life. He was a pioneer and chief promoter of the railroads which at last entered and threaded Mississippi's fertile low country, and so wonderfully multiplied its comforts and wealth. Leading his people in that profound movement which resulted in the overthrow of base and alien rule in 1875, Colonel Percy was chosen to the Legislature and became one of the noted and influential members of that body. He was a member of the famous Impeachment Committee. Of the next House of Representatives he was Speaker; this was his only public office, though in the especial service of the levee interest he attended sessions of Congress, and Conventions, State, Commercial and National. He was delegate from the State at Large to the National Convention of 1880.

The foregoing is a brief sketch of the "Grey Eagle of the Delta", as his admiring friends loved to call him. He possessed that highest of nature's gifts, personal magnetism, that drew to him people of all classes, creeds and conditions. At the time of the Colonel's untimely death he had taken such place in the minds of Mississippians that it was only a question of years when he would have been placed in high official station. How great would have been his success upon a broader field there are no means of judging, for he was equal to every occasion presented and every obstacle encountered.

"HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI" by Robert Lowry and William H. McCordle. Published at Jackson, Mississippi by R. H. Henry & Co. —1891—
John Ellis Esq.  
Proven 10th December 1808
Last Will etc.

In the presence of the most high God I John Ellis of the County of Adams in the Mississippi Territory, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in the following words, first, I hereby will and direct, that all my Just debts shall be paid by my Executrix or Executors, herein after named out of my Estate; and all contracts, or obligations, which I am legally bound to perform, shall be fulfilled and performed, by my said Executrix or Executors in the same manner, that I, if living ought to or could do, and especially an article of agreement entered into by myself and the other heirs of my respected and beloved Father Richard Ellis deceased respecting the settlement of his Estate—secondly it is my will and I do hereby devise and direct that all the rest and residue of my Estate both real and personal shall descend to and be inherited by, my dear and well beloved Wife Sarah Ellis, and my beloved children Thomas Ellis, and Mary Ellis, and be divided among and distributed to them respectively, agreeably and according to the directions of the Present existing intestate law, or Laws of this Territory, in the same manner and to have the same legal effect, as if I had died intestate. Thirdly it is my will, and I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my said wife Sarah Ellis whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and whole and Sole Guardianess of my said Children, during her widowhood; but if my said wife should think proper to Marry again, after my decease, her Executorship of this my will, Shall, cease, and become void and her guardian-ship of my said Children, shall in such case also cease and become void, and then and in such case, it is my will and I do hereby Ordain constitute and appoint my beloved brother Abraham Ellis, and my respected friend and relative Thomas Percy, and the survi-vor of them, Executors and Executor of this my last will and testament, and Guardians of my said children, and their property. Lastly I do hereby revoke, and make null and void all and every will and wills by me heretofore made, and do publish pronounce and declare this only to be my last will and testament. In testi-mony whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed
my seal, this seventh day of November in the Year of the Christian Era 1808, and in the thirty third year of the Sovereignty and independence of the United States. — —

John Ellis (Seal)

Published, pronounced and declared by the said John Ellis, to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of;
the words "to" in the 7th line of the second clause, and the word "wife" in the 5th line of the 3rd Clause were, interlined before signing sealing & publishing. — —

Sam Brown
Ann Percy
Thomas Rodney

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF ADAMS

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS G. PERCY.

In the Name of God Amen:

I, Thomas G. Percy, being of sound mind & in good bodily health do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking annulling any & every former will by me made. 1st, I appoint my friend & relation Nath A. Ware & my dearly beloved wife Maria Percy to be Executor & Executrix of this my last will. 2nd, I appoint my wife, Maria, sole Guardian of my infant children so long as she may remain a widow but in the event of her again entering into marriage, then my friend, Ware, to be sole guardian of my children. I recommend it to my wife to take the advice of my friend, Ware, with the regard to the management and education of my children. 3rd, I hereby authorize & empower my Executors to sell & convey all the property (or any part there-of) I may die possessed of in Washington County Mississippi on such terms of credit as to them may appear best, to reinvest the proceeds & again to change said investment should they deem it expedient. 4th, I enjoin it on my Executors to pay all my just debts & deem it proper to particularize a debt to my friend Ware of something over five thousand dollars for which he has my three several notes of hand. 6th, I give and bequeath to my wife, Maria, all my household furniture & books, my carriage horses
and carriage, also a negro woman named Winney & a mulatto house girl named Harriet together with such portion of my other estate as she would be entitled to under the laws of Alabama were I to die intestate, including a just equivalent for her right to dower in my plantation in Mississippi should the same be sold, the residue of my estate I give & bequeath in equal portions to my children born in lawful wedlock. I recommend to my executors to keep my property together & that my family be maintained & educated from the common fund in the same manner they would be were I still living. I recommend them (my Executors) to provide a common home for my wife & children and to retain for their use such of my servants as they may deem necessary & to divide off & give to each of my children on attain the age of twenty-one years such child's separate portion & I hereby empower them to carry such recommendations into effect, but leave them at liberty to distribute my estate at any time after my decease should they think it best to do so. 7th, Being deeply impressed with the abiding advantage of a good education, I enjoin it on my Executors to make the education of my children their first object & empower them for the accomplishment of this most necessary object to employ such part of their inheritance as may be necessary. I wish each of my heirs to receive a liberal education & some calling or profession that may enable him to maintain himself independent of his inheritance. May God in his infinite mercy bless my dear children & keep them virtuous so they may be happy. To my faithful wife I leave my blessing, may the decline of her life be smooth & may she meet in her children with lasting duty and affection. Amen.

In witness whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix my seal this 1 day of November, 1832.

Thomas G. Percy  (Seal)

Signed & sealed in our presence and we signed our name hereto as witnesses in the presence of each other, and of the testator.

J. S. Cruse
B. S. Pope
John Boardman

Recorded in Probate 10, Page 147, Probate Office, Madison County, Alabama.
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAM BROWN, DECEASED

In the name of God Amen: I, Samuel Brown being of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain, appoint and confirm this my last Will & Testament (hereby expressly disclaiming all others). That is to say I enjoin upon my Executors, hereinafter named to defray all funeral expenses including a decent monument to my late beloved wife, Catherine Brown & faithfully to discharge all my just debts. Item, I give & bequeath to my son, James Brown, one undivided moiety of all my estate both real & personal to be set off to him as soon as he reaches the age of twenty-one years, or sooner if in the opinion of my Executors his habits & discretion qualify him to manage it. And I give the other undivided moiety of my estate to my friends & relations, Thomas G. Percy, James B. Craighead & my son James & to the survivor or survivors of them, in trust, for the sole benefit of my beloved daughter, Susan C. Brown, & require them to expend to her & to her husband, should she marry, all the proceeds of said moiety annually, or oftener, if her necessities require it, in such manner that she may enjoy it. And in case my son, James, should die, under the age of twenty-one years, then I give the moiety of my estate to which by this will he would become entitled, to my said friends in trust for my said daughter, in manner above specified. And should my said daughter die, without issue, then & in that event, I give & bequeath the whole of my estate to my son, James, & to his heirs forever. And it is my will that on the death of my said daughter the property put in trust for her benefit, shall be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body & this trust to cease. And I do hereby appoint my friends above named & the survivor of them to be my executors to carry into effect all the purposes of this my will. And I give & bequeath to said Thomas G. Percy & James B. Craighead the sum of one hundred dollars each to purchase some memorial of me which they may choose. To my aged sisters, Elizabeth Craighead & Mary Humphreys, I will that my Executors pay the sum of one hundred dollars each annually as long as they live.

SAM BROWN (SS)
Signed, sealed, delivered, published & declared in the presence
of the following witnesses this 29th day of January, 1828.
   E. Littell
   D. H. Mackey
   Nath A. Ware.

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