

J. Peter Bryce, of the county of Tuscaloosa and State of Ala-
-bama, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and
publish the following as my last will and testament—

Item First— After the payment of my funeral expences and any
just debts that may be due by me at the time of my death. I
will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Ellen C. Bryce, all my
property, real, personal and mixed, and choses in action; neverthe-
-less with the limitations, and upon the conditions hereinafter speci-
-fied. She shall hold and possess said property during her natural
life to her sole and separate use, free from the power or control of any
future husband, and without liability to the payment of his debts;
and shall have power to dispose of or sell the same, so as to change
the investments from one kind of property to another; and may use the
principal should it become necessary, in her opinion, to support her or to
promote her personal comfort—

Item Second— I also empower and authorize my said wife to dis-
-pose of any of said property by last will and testament on the following
terms: to wit: ~~she may bequeath~~ one half thereof to such members of
my family as she may consider most necessitous or deserving; and the
other half to any person or purpose she may see proper—

Item Third— If my said wife should die without making any will and
testament, disposing of my property as aforesaid, then I desire and will that
so much thereof as she may die possessed of shall go to my heirs at law,
as if I had died intestate—