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### WILL BOOK A, CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Claiborne County, Mississippi, was the fourth county to be erected in the Mississippi Territory, being formed from a part of Jefferson County on January 27, 1802, under the administration of Governor William C. C. Claiborne, for whom the county was named.

The county seat since the time of the formation of the county has been Port Gibson, and the county records on file there are among the oldest and best preserved in the state.

The following manuscript records on file in the Chancery Clerk's office in the courthouse at Port Gibson are of particular interest to genealogists: Deed Book A, June 30, 1802-November 13, 1805; Letters of Administrations, Guardians and Executors, Book A, May 9, 1830-October 24, 1836; and Will Book A, November 12, 1803-November 28, 1837.

Will Book A is a manuscript volume bound in canvas and leather 23 cm. by 28 cm. by 4.2 cm. The pagination of the volume is faulty; there are 345 pages, which are numbered 1-234, 255-365. There are no missing pages.

This index of Will Book A was made from the original volume with the expert assistance of J. Mack Jones, Chancery Clerk of Claiborne County, and of Mrs. J. Mack Jones, Deputy Clerk.

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