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a State of Sound mind & memory, do  
make and ordain this my last will  
& Testament

To The children of my deceased <sup>sister</sup> Margare-  
t McKinstrey I give and bequeath the sum  
of four hundred dollars to be divided  
equally among them.

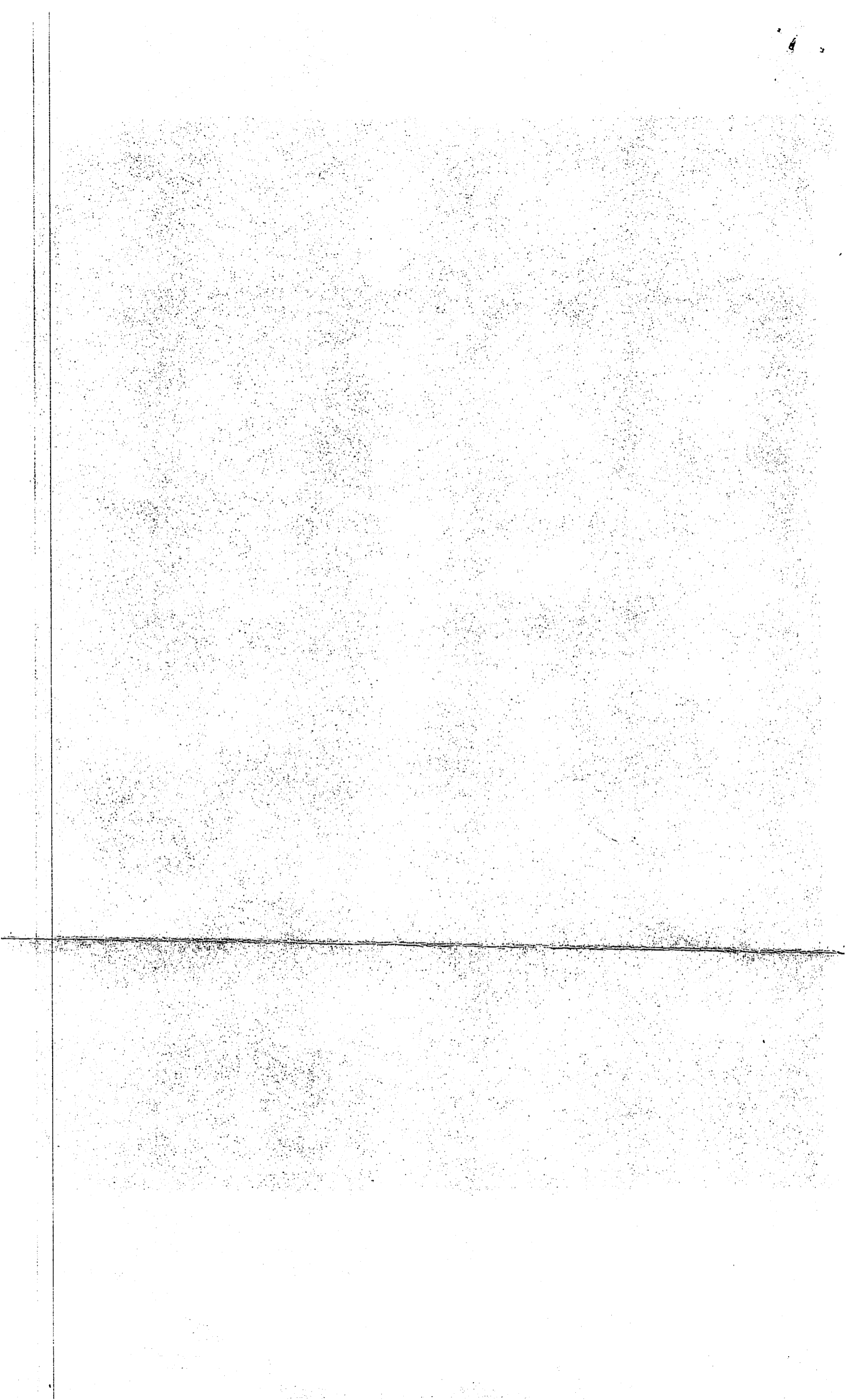
To the children of my deceased sister Jane  
McKinstrey I give and bequeath a like sum  
of four hundred dollars to be divided equally  
among them.

To my niece Harriet E. Kennedy I give a  
bed which was designed for her by her grand  
mother.

To my niece Mary E. Smart I give a bed.

To my niece Elizabeth M. Pearson I give a bed.

The balance of my estate real & personal I  
give & bequeath to the children of my brothers  
& sisters. The children of each brother & sister  
taking the share of their parent, or which would  
belong to their parent were I to give to each  
brother & sister directly an equal share, to them  
& their children forever. Provided that an  
amount equal to the sum of the two notes  
each for five hundred dollars drawn by my  
nephew James S. T. Alston now deceased, and  
payable to me or bearer with interest from the  
date thereof which was June 1845.  
shall be deducted from the distributive share  
of the representatives of my brother David  
Alston deceased; and also deducting from



To the Children of my deceased sister Mary  
McKinstry I give & bequeath the sum  
of four hundred dollars to be divided  
equally among them.

To the Children of my deceased sister Jane  
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of four hundred dollars to be divided equally  
among them.

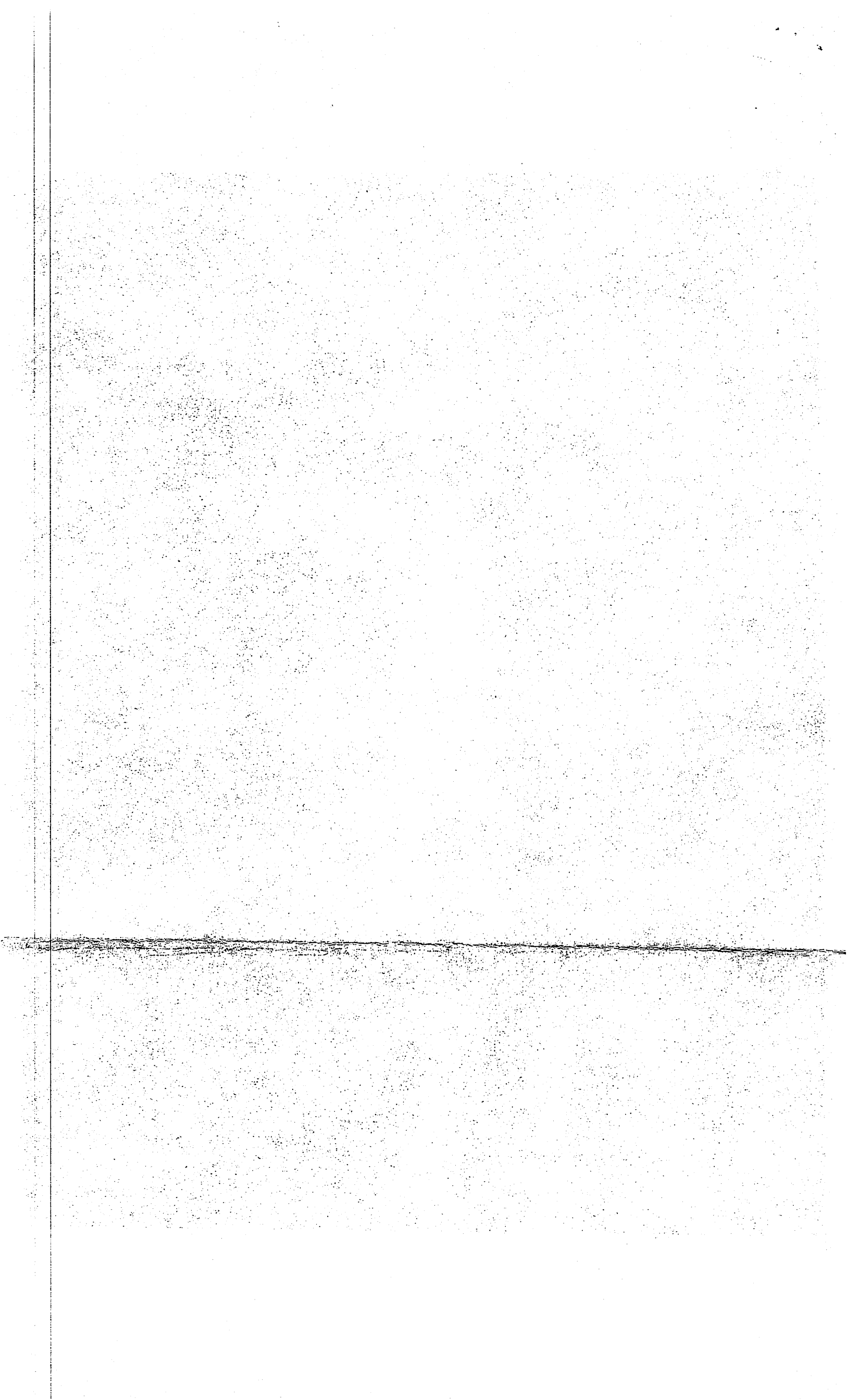
To my niece Harriet E. Kennedy I give a  
bed which was designed for her by her grand  
mother.

To my niece Mary E. Stuart I give a bed.

To my niece Elizabeth M. Pearson I give a bed.  
The balance of my estate real & personal, I  
give & bequeath to the Children of my Brothers  
& Sisters the Children of such Brother & Sister  
taking the share of their parent, or which would  
belong to their parent were I to give to each  
brother & sister directly an equal share, to them  
& their children forever. Provided that an  
amount equal to the sum of the two notes  
each for five hundred dollars drawn by my  
nephew James S. J. Alston now deceased, and  
payable to me or bearer with interest from the  
date thereof which was June 1845 -  
shall be deducted from the distributive share  
of the representatives of my brother David  
Alston deceased; And also deducting from



the same share an amount equal to the sum  
which shall be <sup>paid</sup> ~~due~~ at the time of my death  
on a note drawn by my nephew John A.  
Alston payable to the Legatees of my brother  
Samuel Alston deceased on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1834.  
for three hundred dollars - which I now hold -  
And provided also that the balance of the said  
share which will belong to the representatives  
of my brother David shall be & is hereby  
given to John A. Alston as trustee, in trust  
for the use & benefit of his children which  
sum may be born to be equally divided  
among them  
And provided also that the distributive share  
which would thus be allotted to my niece  
Marian Brown is hereby given in trust to  
my brother Thomas A. Alston as trustee,  
for the use & benefit of her my said niece  
Nancy, and the heirs of her body forever  
And provided also that the distributive  
share which would be thus given to my  
niece Polly Hendrix is hereby given to her  
brother Thomas Alston as trustee, in  
like manner in trust for the use & benefit  
of her my said niece Polly Hendrix and  
the heirs of her body forever -  
And provided also that the distributive  
share which would thus be allotted to  
my niece Elizabeth H. Pearson shall be  
and is hereby given to her brother Wm. J.  
Alston as trustee



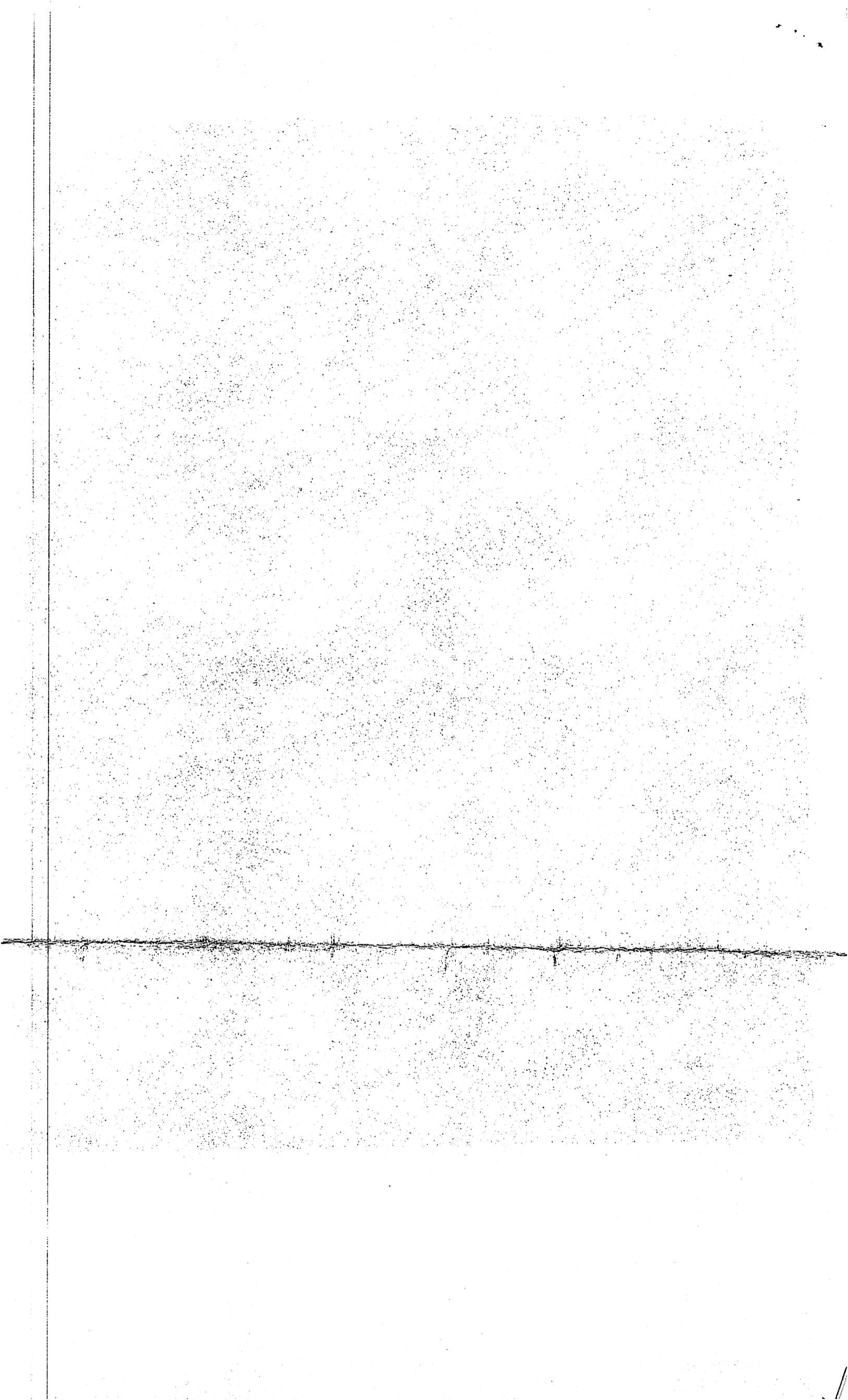
And provided also that the balance of the  
share which will belong to the representation  
of my brother David shall be & is hereby  
given to John A. Astor as trustee, in trust  
for the use & benefit of his children which  
are, or may be born to be equally divided  
among them.

And provided also that the distributive share  
which would thus be allotted to my niece  
Nancy Brown is hereby given in trust to  
her brother Thomas A. McKinstry as trustee,  
for the use & benefit of her my said niece  
Nancy, and the heirs of her body forever.

And provided also that the distributive  
share which would be thus given to my  
niece Polly Kendrick, is hereby given to her  
brother Thomas A. McKinstry as trustee, in  
like manner in trust for the use & benefit  
of her my said niece Polly Kendrick and  
the heirs of her body forever.

And provided also that the distributive  
share which would thus be allotted to  
my niece Elizabeth M. Pearson shall be  
and is hereby given to her brother Wm. J.  
Astor in like manner as trustee in trust  
for the use & benefit of her my said niece  
Elizabeth M. and the heirs of her body  
forever.





It is my will that my Estate shall be divided without its being sold as far as practicable.

I constitute & appoint Wm. J. Alston, Thos. McKinstrey & Saml. H. Owen my Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other Testamentary bequests by me hitherto made.

Witness my hand & seal, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848 - and in the Seventy first year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed, and sealed

in the presence of

Mary Alston

Thos. W. Ashford  
Robert Hawthorn  
Edward A. Gibson

The words interlined on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of 2<sup>nd</sup> page, "or would be if a bond of date" and the word "witness" in the 5<sup>th</sup> line of 1<sup>st</sup> page, were recognized by the testator at the time of this execution.

Thos. W. Ashford  
Robert Hawthorn



