A Biography of
Philip Ulmer

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Philip Ulmer, a wealthy planter in southeastern Georgia, was born in 1703, probably in western Chatham County, Georgia. During his life, he fathered eleven children by two wives and died a wealthy man in 1856, at the age of seventy-three. Since both Philip's father and grandfather also had the name of Philip Ulmer, this report will refer to the grandfather as Philip I, the father as Philip II, and the son, the focus of this report, as Philip III.

The name Ulmer is of German origin and means "for the Old Norse Ulfmaerr," and "owl-famed." 1 In old southern Germany the name was Ula and Uivila. 2 Ulmer and Ulfmar are the Doomsday-Book forms from William the Conqueror's census taken in the late eleventh century. 3 During the early periods surnames also derived their origins from some township. 4 It is believed that the surname Ulmer or Ulmar is a locality name deriving its origin from the township of Ulm, Germany. 5

Philip Ulmer I, grandfather of Philip III, was born in Germany in the late 1600's or the early 1700's and became a wealthy and influential politician. 6 He had the title of Baron Heinrich, but he got involved in a rebellion against the government in the middle 1700's and all his land was confiscated. 7 Philip came to the United States in 1751 with his wife Ann Guerry Ulmer 8 and their three sons; Philip II, age twelve, Adam, age ten, and Peter, age eight. 9 They settled in Beaufort, South Carolina 10 where Philip I and his wife both died of smallpox 11 the year it was bad on the South Carolina coast. 12

Philip II married Ann Howard of South Carolina in 1773 13 and sometime prior to 1783 they moved to southeastern Georgia. 14 They had four children; William, born in 1775, Eliza (or Betsy), born in 1777, Charles, born in 1779, and Philip III, born in 1783. 15 In 1783 there was a Philip "Ulmar" who

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signed a document along with 150 other Georgians stating his Oath of Allegiance to Georgia and the Revolution.16 This oath was probably required of Philip since Philip II had gotten assistance from the King of England in moving to America.17 Since Philip II was the only person in South Carolina or Georgia with a name even close to Philip Ulmar the two people were probably the same.18

The first record of Philip II purchasing land was on January 25, 1785 when he bought 325 acres on the Black Creek in Chatham County from John Ihly of South Carolina.19 On April 4, 1785 Philip sold 150 acres of that land to Thomas Wylley for 150 pounds sterling.20 For the price of 1500 pounds spice, and 425 acres in Chatham County, Philip bought nineteen slaves from William Page of South Carolina, on January 1, 1790.21

On October 27, 1791 Philip II was required to pay 468 pounds for a loan he had cosigned with a man who had died.22 Philip borrowed 739 pounds from a South Carolina merchant on June 16, 1792, using 475 acres and nineteen slaves as collateral.23 At Cherokee Hill on August 8, 1796, Philip was almost beaten to death with swords, staves, knives, and whips by Philip Ihly and Joseph Sopson.24 Philip sued for $500.00, but only received $50.00.25 Philip sold 350 acres of land in Granville County, South Carolina to his son Charly(Charles) on November 17, 1800 for a token sum of ten shillings because of his love for his son.26

On June 3, 1806 Philip Ulmer II died at his Laurel Hill Plantation in western Chatham County.27 He left his wife, Ann, $1,000.00, the family house and most of his land, and $100.00 annually for the rest of her life.28 He left land to his sons Charles and Philip, and he left a small sum of money to his children William and Eliza and a larger sum to his grandchildren.29
On February 18, 1807, Ann gave her claim to the land of Philip Ulmer II to her sons Charles and Philip in return for $100.00 annually from each, two slaves for her use until she died, and the family house. At 12:00 noon on December 11, 1815, Ann died. The church records for Salem Baptist Church, where she was a member, stated she had been sick for twenty years prior to her death.

The first child of Philip II and Ann Howard Ulmer, William, was born in 1775. In 1804 William was married and the next year he and his wife had a son, John Philip Ulmer. In 1806, when Philip II died, William received $50.00 from the estate and John Philip received $300.00. William died two years later, on September 22, 1808, and in his will he stated he wanted his son John Philip to be raised by his (William's) brother Philip Ulmer III "without hinderance or molestation by anyone." William also left his son all of his estate, except for $5.00 he left his wife. In late 1820 John Philip Ulmer, nephew of Philip Ulmer III was married to Sarah Brantley.

Eliza (or Betsy) Ulmer, the second child of Philip II and Ann Howard Ulmer, was born in 1777. In 1791, she and John Fitzpatrick (or Fitzgerald) were married. They lived at Cherokee Hill and had at least three children. She and her husband received $10.00 from the estate of Philip II in 1806 and each of their three children received $300.00 apiece.

Charles, the third child of Philip II and Ann Howard Ulmer, was born in 1779. In 1798, he married Ann Mary Wisenbaker and they had at least four children. When Charles' father, Philip II died in 1906, Charles was left 250 acres of land, which included the land Charles lived on, which must have been owned by Philip II. Charles also inherited several slaves and his three children each
received a slave. In late 1808, Charles' wife and two of their children died. The next year Charles married a widow named Kesiah Wilkins. They had at least two children before Kesiah died in 1823. In 1816 Charles got two Headright or Bounty Grants that amounted to exactly 1000 acres. Charles and Mary Fox, a widow, were married by Reverend Allen Sweat, of Salem Baptist Church, where Charles was a member, on November 7, 1824.

In 1825 Charles bought for $1000.00 Laurel Hill Plantation, which was also known as Coldbrooke Plantation, from Effingham County Academy. The body of land, amounting to 986 acres, was situated in Effingham and Chatham Counties. It consisted of seven different tracts and was thirteen miles from Savannah and one mile from the main Augusta Road. Charles made this his summer home. Charles and his third wife, Mary, had at least two children. One of Mary's daughters by her previous marriage, married one of Charles' sons by his previous marriage. In the 1830 Chatham County Census, Charles had five children living with him and his wife and ten slaves. In late 1840 or early 1841 Charles died and left $5.00 to each of his children and the balance of the estate to his wife, Mary.

Philip Ulmer III, the fourth child of Philip II and Ann Howard Ulmer was born in 1783. He married a woman named Jane prior to 1808. She was nine years younger, probably around fifteen years old, when they got married. They had at least seven children – William, Eliza Ann, Charles, Joseph, John, Thomas, and George before Jane died on October 14, 1826. In the 1820 Census Philip had seven children and twenty-eight slaves.

Philip bought and sold many tracts of land throughout his life. On January 5, 1816 he bought 124 acres of land in Effingham County from his brother, Charles, for $450.00.
In 1817 Philip received 200 acres in Effingham County from a Headright or Bounty Grant. Philip bought two slaves in 1823 and two more the next year for a combined price of $1260.00. In 1825 Philip borrowed $1400.00 from Samuel Wilkins of Liberty County. As collateral for the transaction, Philip put up three tracts of land amounting to 480 acres.

Philip was sued on January 11, 1825 by Dr. Read and Dr. Fraser for a $45.00 bill. The doctors had gone out to Philip's farm, fifteen miles from Savannah, to examine Philip who had trouble with one or both of his testicles. Philip lost the case and had to pay the $45.00 plus $13.12 for court expenses.

In 1827, the year after his first wife's death, Philip married Elizabeth Mulryne, a native of New York. She was seventeen years old, while Philip was forty-four. In addition to several children from his first marriage still living with him, he and Elizabeth had four more children. These children were James Oscar, Benjamin Franklin, Mary Virginia, and Noah Myers. In the 1830 Census, Philip had seven children living with him and his wife.

On April 8, 1829 Philip bought 1160 acres in Chatham and Effingham Counties from his brother Charles for $2200.00. This land was originally nine separate tracts and was probably part of Laurel Hill Plantation, where Philip II had lived. On this land, Philip either built a house or converted the house that was already on the land for use as a summer home. This summer home became known as Coldbrooke Plantation.

On July 4, 1837 Philip went to Savannah for the celebration and on his return trip home lost $150.00 and
some business papers. A week later, in the Savannah newspaper, he advertised a $20.00 reward for their return. A slave of Philip's, named Lloyd, ran away in the late part of 1839 and Philip ran an ad in the paper offering a $100.00 reward.

On January 1, 1840, Philip bought Mulberry Grove Plantation from Henry McAlpin for $15,000.00. The plantation, which had once belonged to General Nathaniel Greene and was where Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, contained 800 acres. His purchase included thirty-one acres of Drakes Plantation that bordered Mulberry Grove. The purchase of these pieces of land extended Philip's property to the Savannah River.

In the 1840 Effingham County Census, Philip had seven of his children living with him and Elizabeth. Philip sold 325 acres bordering his land, on January 16, 1840 to Henry F. Backley for $400.00. On February 20, 1841, Philip put two tracts of land containing 2500 acres up for sale. The land was situated upon the Black Creek, thirteen miles from Savannah and one mile west of the Augusta Road. Both pieces of land contained sections that were cleared for cotton and rice.

On February 1, 1848, Philip sold forty-five and three quarters acres to Benjamin Langley. Philip bought 260 acres on Black Creek from George P. Harrison for $500.00 on November 15, 1850. Philip sold 260 acres in western Chatham County to C.H. McLeod on September 25, 1855 for $700.00.

In the 1840's and 1850's Mulberry Grove prospered under Philip's ownership. In the 1850 Chatham County Census Philip was listed as having $18,000.00 in real
Along with his and Elizabeth's four children, his forty year old son, Charles (from his first marriage), also lived with them. On February 21, 1853 Philip made his last land deal. It involved his purchase of eighty-two acres in Effingham County from S.E. Miller for $175.00.

Three years later, on February 15, 1856, Philip died at one of his plantations. He was buried at Coldbrooke Plantation by an undertaker named H.S. Borgardus. The appraisal of Philip's estate listed forty-nine slaves, valued at almost $25000.00. Mulberry Grove was listed as having a value of $13750.00 and his crops were appraised at several thousand dollars. Philip also owned railroad stock and livestock of different types. The estate was divided up among Philip's children and his wife Elizabeth. Each person's inheritance is discussed later in the paper in each person's short biography.

On July 8, 1856 an ad in a Savannah paper announced the sale of Mulberry Grove by H.K. Harrison, executor of Philip's will. On December 2, 1856, Zachariah M. Winkler bought the plantation for $14600.00.

Elizabeth, Philip's wife, was left seventy acres on the west side of Augusta Road, which had been part of Mulberry Grove. They had a home on this land. She was also left a horse and buggy, all Philip's livestock, all his furniture, two slaves (Lloyd and Fanny), and one-tenth of the remaining estate after certain inheritances by Philip's children. In the 1860 Chatham County Census, Elizabeth, then fifty had $3000.00 in real estate and $5000.00 in personal estate.
William P. Ulmer, the first child of Philip III and Jane Ulmer, was born in 1808. In 1840 he was living in Chatham County, Georgia. In 1850 William Ulmer, then forty-three, was living in Effingham County with Samuel White and family from South Carolina. When Philip died in 1856, before the estate had been divided, William, on August 11, 1856, sold part of his share of the estate for $450.00 to David R. Dillon, a Savannah attorney. William's remaining share of the estate amounted to four slaves worth over $2350.00. On September 13, 1857 William died, and was buried at Coldbrooke Plantation. His tombstone is still in the family graveyard at the plantation.

Eliza Ann Ulmer, the second child of Philip III and Jane, was born on September 9, 1809 and died on April 4, 1818. Her tombstone, which still stands at Coldbrooke Plantation, reads that she was nine years old, but she actually was only eight, if the dates listed on her tombstone are correct.

In 1810 Philip III and Mary Ulmer had their third child, a son they named Charles. On November 26, 1851 Charles and Susan Darby (or Dailey) were married by Reverend F.S. Sweat. When his father died in 1856, Charles received five slaves worth over $2350.00 as his share of the estate. In the 1860 Effingham County Census, Charles was listed as a forty-nine year old farmer with $1800.00 worth of real estate and $3000.00 worth of personal estate.

Joseph Thomas Ulmer, was the fourth child of Philip III and Jane Ulmer. He was born in 1814 and on August 22, 1844, he was married to Jane Amanda Prescott. When Philip died in 1856, before the estate had been divided, Joseph, then living in Coffee
County, Georgia, sold part of his share to David R. Dillon, a Savannah attorney, for $300.00.\textsuperscript{130} Joseph's remaining share amounted to three slaves worth over $2350.00.\textsuperscript{131} Joseph and Amanda had at least four children.\textsuperscript{132} One of these was George Marion Ulmer, who married Cornelia Burch Nease on July 19, 1893.\textsuperscript{133} One of their children was George Alwyn Ulmer who married Elma E. Abbott on September 6, 1921.\textsuperscript{134} George A. Ulmer, who now lives and works in Springfield, Georgia, is the son of George Alwyn and therefore the great-great-grandson of Philip Ulmer III.\textsuperscript{135} George A. Ulmer was very gracious in sharing his personal records of the Ulmers for this report. His great-grandfather, Joseph Thomas Ulmer, died on July 14, 1891.\textsuperscript{136}

In 1816 John P. Ulmer, the fifth child of Philip III and Jane Ulmer was born.\textsuperscript{137} John, a Chatham County farmer with twenty-nine slaves,\textsuperscript{138} married Mary Catherine Wisenbaker on August 25, 1842.\textsuperscript{139} They had at least six children\textsuperscript{140} with one of them, Alexander Campbell Ulmer, becoming the first mayor of Tybee Island, Georgia.\textsuperscript{141} Alexander owned several hundred acres on Tybee and Hutchinson Islands\textsuperscript{142} and drowned while trying to rescue some of his cattle on Hutchinson Island during a bad tornado in 1893.\textsuperscript{143} John P. Ulmer died on August 28, 1856.\textsuperscript{144}

The sixth child of Philip III and Jane Ulmer was Thomas.\textsuperscript{145} He was born in 1819\textsuperscript{146} and on September 29, 1836, he and Sately (or Setilla, or Letitia, or Setita) Ann Parrish were married by Reverend Lewis Myers.\textsuperscript{147} On June 14, 1844 Thomas' son was baptized at St. John's Parish\textsuperscript{148} and on September 11, 1848, Thomas and two other children
were baptized at the same parish. Thomas was a farmer and after his death in September of 1848, he was buried at St. John's Parish. In 1856, John and Laura Ulmer, children of Thomas and grandchildren of Philip III received $1500.00 each from the estate of Philip III.

George W. Ulmer, the seventh child of Philip III and Jane Ulmer, was born in 1821. On October 28, 1849 he and Anne (or Annie A.) Walls were married by Thomas Eden, a Justice of the Peace. In 1856, George received four slaves worth over $2750.00 as his share of his father's estate. In the 1860 Chatham County Census, George was listed as a thirty-five year old farmer with a wife and four children. George must have died prior to 1881 since his wife, Annie A., was listed in the 1881 Savannah City Directory as the widow of G.W. Ulmer.

James Oscar Ulmer was the first child of Philip III and Elizabeth Mulryne Ulmer. He was born in 1832 and in the early part of 1847, he was sick and required at least six visits or prescriptions from the doctor worth $25.00. On October 6, 1853, he married Jane Dugger. When Philip III died, James received six slaves worth a little over $3200.00 as his share of Philip III's estate. After his father's death in 1856, the only mention of James is in the 1866 Savannah City Directory, where a J.O. Ulmer is listed as living at 739 Bay Street.

The second child of Philip III and Elizabeth Mulryne Ulmer was Benjamin Franklin Ulmer. He was born in 1832 and when Philip III died in 1856, Benjamin received five slaves worth almost $3100.00
as his share of his father's estate. On February 21, 1861, Benjamin and Catherine Ann (Annie) Stevenson, daughter of Captain John Stevenson of Savannah, were married by Reverend John H. Caldwell. In 1862, two of the slaves Benjamin had received from his father's estate ran away and Benjamin offered $10.00 reward for one and $20.00 reward for the other in the Daily Morning News. Benjamin and Annie had at least five children, with four of these dying in childhood.

Benjamin Franklin Ulmer had medical training and practiced medicine before becoming a druggist on Broughton Street in Savannah during the middle 1860's. From 1878 until his death, he was listed in the Savannah City Directory as the proprietor of Ulmer's Liver Corrector on Broughton Street. An advertisement for his Liver Corrector in the inside back cover of the 1882 Savannah City Directory included endorsements by several users in addition to the announcement that the Liver Corrector had won two awards. On January 18, 1891 Benjamin died at his home and the next day he was buried in Lot 1533 at Laurel Grove Cemetery. Four months later his wife, Annie, died.

Mary Virginia, the third child of Philip III and Elizabeth Mulryne Ulmer, was born in 1837. Not much is known about her early life, but there was a V. Ulmer, a thirteen year old female, living with the G.R. Wright Family in the 1850 Effingham County Census. When her father, Philip III, died in 1856, she received five slaves worth a little over $3200.00 as her share of the estate. On May 15, 1857, Mary Virginia married Charles Deveryer (or Desveyers) and the next year she died and was buried at Coldbrooke Plantation.
Noah Myer (or Meyes) Ulmer, the fourth child of Philip III and Elizabethe Mulryne Ulmer, was born on December 24, 1841 at Mulberry Grove Plantation. When his father died in 1856, Noah received four slaves worth a little over $3000.00 as his share of the estate. According to Noah's obituary in the Daily Morning News, "he served with conspicuous valor and bravery in Hampton's Legion during the Civil War." After the war, Noah was active in business in Savannah and Bryan County. On November 24, 1870, Noah married a widow named Jane Gilliland.

From the early 1870's until the middle 1880's Noah held various jobs such as a clerk, a merchant, and a grocer while he and his wife lived on Zuhly Street in Savannah. In 1885, Noah went into business with a Mr. Copeland to form Ulmer and Copeland, Grocers on Liberty Street in Savannah. In the early months of 1901, Noah became ill and while on a recuperation trip to White Springs, Florida he suffered a stroke which paralyzed him. He died on May 20, 1901 and was buried the next day in Lot H-132 at Bonaventure Cemetery. At the time of his death, Noah still lived on Zuhly Street and was still a partner in Ulmer and Copeland, Grocers.

In trying to interpret all the information that is presented in this report, one might come to several conclusions. It is fairly obvious that Philip was a large land owner in Chatham and Effingham Counties. He was heavily involved in planting and was probably successful when you look at all the slaves and farm equipment that is listed in his personal estate appraisal in the appendix of this paper. There is nothing to be found that would suggest that Philip was anything but a respected, hard-working, honest planter. If children are any indication of what their parents were like then all of Philip's children, who were each successful, reflect positively on what Philip's character might have been like.
I Philip Ulmer of the County of Chatham and State aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind do make publish and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking any other will at any time heretofore made by me. First - I direct that all my just debts be paid and when that is accomplished I devise and bequeath my property as hereinafter contained - First - I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza Ulmer, all that tract or parcel of land containing seventy acres (70) more or less on which I reside as a summer residence, being a part of the Mulberry Grove tract, situated on the western side of the Augusta Road, together with all the improvements and appurtenances, also one horse and buggy, and all my stock of cattle, hogs and poultry, all my beds and mattresses and all my household and kitchen furniture - I also give and bequeath to my said wife my two negro slaves Dago and his wife Penny To Have and to Hold the said property to her and to her heirs forever - Second - I give and bequeath unto my son James Oscar Ulmer my negro slave named January aged about nineteen years - Third I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Ulmer my negro slave named Eliza aged about eighteen years, together with her issue and increase - Fourth - I give and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named, and their legal representatives and successors in this trust my negro slave named Sarah aged about eighteen years and her child and her future issue and increase, in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Mary Virginia for and during her natural life, and at her death to convey the same to such child or children as she may leave - Fifth - I give and bequeath unto my son Noah Meyers Ulmer, my negro slave named George aged about ten or twelve years - Sixth - I appoint my wife Eliza Ulmer guardian of the persons and property of my said minor children until they respectively arrive at age. I also direct that if any of the said negro slaves, hereinafore specifically bequeathed shall die prior to the division of my estate as hereinafter provided for, another from my general estate of equal value shall be substituted therefor. Seventh I direct my Executors hereinafter named to sell to the best advantage for the purpose of distribution all my landed estate not hereby devised, and to divide the same equally between my heirs, to wit the following persons, my wife Eliza Ulmer my children William Ulmer Charles Ulmer, Joseph Ulmer, John Ulmer, George Ulmer
James Oscar Ulmer, Benjamin Ulmer Mary Virginia Ulmer, and
Noah Meyers Ulmer, making in all ten equal shares, Eighth -
all my negro slaves not hereinafter specifically bequeathed,
and all the rest and residue of my Estate not specifically
bequeathed, I give devise and bequeath to my wife Eliza
Ulmer, and my childred aforesaid, William, Charles, Joseph,
John, George James Oscar Benjamin Mary Virginia and Noah
Meyers Ulmer, equally to be divided between them share and
share alike by my Executors Ninth, as I have not bequeathed
to my two grandchildren John & Laura Ulmer, the children of
my deceased son Thomas Ulmer, any share of my personal or
real Estate, I give and bequeath to them the said John &
Laura, the sum of three thousand dollars to be equally divi-
ded between them, that is to say fifteen hundred Dollars to
each of them - and I direct my Executors to reserve this sum
from the fund raised by the sale of my real Estate, before
making any distribution thereof as hereinbefore directed,
this bequest being in substitution of their share of my real
and personal property, Tenth I hereby appoint my wife Eliza
Ulmer Executrix and my friend Harris K. Harrison, Executor
of this my last will and Testament - In Witness whereof, I
have hereunto set my hand and seal and affixed my signature
to each of the foregoing pages, this being the fourth, at
Savannah this fourth day January in the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Signed sealed published
and declared by the
said Philip Ulmer, as his
last will and Testament,
before us, who in his
presence and in the pre-
sence of each other have
hereunto set our hands as
witnesses

Wm Law
A. McCulloch
Jno. M.B. Lovell

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Philip Ulmer Sr (L.S.)

Philip Ulmer Sr (L.S.)

Court of Ordinary
Present John Bilbo Esqr

ordinary for the County of Chatham, Personally
John M. Lovell a subscribing witness to the annexed instru-
ment of writing, purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of Philip Ulmer Sr, late of Chatham County deceased -
who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Philip Ulmer, and deponent further saith that the said Philip Ulmer at the time of executing the said instrument of writing, was to the best of deponents knowledge and belief, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he John M.B. Lovell/the deponent/ and William Law, and A. McCullah in the presence of each other and of the said Philip Ulmer Sr, and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same

Jno. M.B. Lovell

Sworn to before me this third day of March 1856

John Bilbo OGC

You Harris K. Harrison & Eliza Ulmer, do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true Last will of the within named Phillip Ulmer Sr deceased, so far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the Legacies in the said will, as far as his goods and chattles will thereunto extend, and the Law charge and that you will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattles, So help you God

H K Harrison

Eliza Ulmer

Signed to before )
me this third day )
of March 1856-John Bilbo )
OGC )
Inventory and appraisement of the goods and Chattels & credits of Philip Ulmer deceased.

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1 Carriage & Harness 200.00
1 Corn Shelter 5.00
300 bushels Corn & .65 cents pr bushel 195.00
2 Saws & Trows 2.00
Four Banks of seed potatoes 10.00
1 Gray Horse 23.00
1 Sorrel Horse 5.00
1 Pr Brown Mules 240.00
1 Sorrel Mule 75.00
1 Iron rust Horse 50.00
5 Hogs 25.00
2 Sows & Pigs 10.00
1 New flat 200.00
1 Pine Land Place 1,000.00
Mulberry Grove Tract 13,750.00

Negroes

Margaret age 17 850.00
Sarah " 19 850.00
Francis Edgar " 8 mo. 100.00
Nancy " 35 650.00
January " 20 900.00
George " 14 650.00
Farley " 12 550.00
Moses " 7 350.00
Dye " 4 250.00
Dianna " 40 600.00
Sandy " 16 700.00
Jonas " 8 350.00
Liddy " 6 300.00
Sander " 77 1.00
Diane " 78 1.00
Scott " 60 1.50
Judy " 55 200.00
Phoebe Sr. " 75 50.00
John Sr. " 60 50.00
Lloyd " 75 150.00
Fanny " 77 100.00
Moses " 38 1,000.00
Doll " 49 500.00

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Lemester " 25 900.00
Dick " 19 900.00
Mary " 11 500.00
Phoebe " 50 400.00
Diana " 12 750.00
Nelson age 60 200.00
Adam " 30 1,000.00
Tiner " 30 600.00
Thomas " 6 400.00
Hester " 50 450.00
John " 15 700.00
Watson " 10 500.00
Daniel " 43 800.00
Patience " 35 300.00
Junior " 40 550.00
Liza " 19 700.00
Chloe " 45 450.00
Jimmy " 23 1,000.00
Frank " 12 600.00
Judy " 15 600.00
Doll " -- 400.00
Juner " 6 250.00
Mary " 3½ 150.00
Phroeh " 49 700.00
Caesar " 22 900.00
Mary " 40 550.00

500 bushels Seed Rice @ $1.25 per bushel $ 625.00
24 Head Cattle @ $7.00 per head 168.00
8 Shares of Central Rail Road Stock 880.00
2 Stone Mills 10.00
1 Grind Stone 2.00
1 winning fan 5.00

25 head of Geese @ 75 cents a piece
20 Turkeys @ $1.00 a piece
75 fowls @ .37½ cents a piece
7 Ducks @ .50 cents a piece

We the Undersigned do certify that the above and foregoing is a just and true Inventory and appraisement of the goods, chattels and credits of the late Philip Ulmer as produced & exhibited to us by H.K. Harrison and Eliza Ulmer this the 12th day of March 1858.

Appraisers
(Geo. P. Harrison
(J.T. Cooper
(John H. Cope

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### 1856

**March 29**  
John Cunningham negro hire paid him Voucher #1  
$20.00

" "  
John Bilbo, Ordinary Voucher #2  
$5.00

" "  
" "  
$27.75

**Apr. 16**  
Paid McCleod & Bro. bill Voucher #3  
$2.54

" "  
" "  
$1.25

**H.S. Borgardus, undertakers Bill**  
35.00

" "  
Negro Ben for Baskets  
$6.00

" "  
Cooper & Gilliland bill  
$2.00

**Sept. 17**  
Norwood & Wilson  
$102.33

**Oct. 7**  
A.T. Bennett Taxes for 1856  
$69.66

**Dec. 29**  
Thompson & Withington advertising  
$18.67

**Total**  
$288.20

### 1857

**Jan. 1**  
John S. Montmollin vou. #12  
$120.00

" "  
Eliza Ulmer, Gdn. Noah M. Ulmer cash vou. #13  
$166.16

" "  
James C. Ulmer cash  
$166.16

" "  
Eliza Ulmer Gdn. for W.V. Ulmer cash vou. #15  
$166.16

" "  
Eliza Ulmer Gdn. S.F. Ulmer cash vou. #16  
$166.16

" "  
Eliza Ulmer cash vou. #17  
$166.16

" "  
Georgian & Journal bill vou. #18  
$6.00

" "  
Hilton Lamar & Co., for Charleston Courier vou. #19  
$30.21

" "  
R.D. Walker Bill vou. #20  
$75.92

" "  
Richard Dotson Bill vou. #21  
$5.00

" "  
Georgian & Journal Bill vou. #22  
$42.00

" "  
T.J. Walls Note of P. Ulmer #23  
$38.08

" "  
Wm. Cole Bill #24  
$4.00

" "  
David R. Dillen Bill #25  
$5.00

" "  
" "  
$326.54

" "  
Charles Ulmer in distribution vou. #26  
$166.16

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Geo. W. Ulmer in distribution vou. #27  
$165.32

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1857
Jan. 7 Rent of Plantation
      2 Cash payment on sale of Plantation
      2 Cash sale of 8 shares R.R. stock

By Cash of Testator in hand
Sales of Perishable property

(20)
"2
"2
Cash Dividend on above shares 80.00
Cash for wood sold by Testator 98.50
$ 7487.32

Georgia
Chatham Co.
John Bilbo
O.C.C.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th day
of June A.D. 1857. & ordered to be filed.

H.K. Harrison

H.K. Harrison
We the undersigned being appointed by the Court of Ordinary for Chatham County to make an equal and just Division of the Negro Slaves belonging to the Estate of Philip Ulmer, deceased. To wit: into Ten "10" Shares - have divided said property as follows:

Lot No. 1 - To Mary Virginia Ulmer
   Adam, Tena, Thomas & John - - - - - - - - - -
   To receive -
   Value pr. Share - -
   $2225.00
   132.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 2 - To Mrs. Eliza Ulmer
   Pharoe, Mary, Margarite & old Phoole - - - - - -
   To Pay - - -
   Value per Share - -
   2400.00
   42.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 3 - To James O. Ulmer
   Young Phoole, Tempter, Diana, Judy & Nelson - - - - - -
   To Pay - - -
   Value per Share - -
   $2400.00
   42.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 4 - To John Ulmer
   Chloe, Doll, June, Mary & Jimmy - - - - - -
   To pay - - -
   $2600.00
   242.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 5 - To Benjamin Ulmer
   Hester, John, Watson & Patience - - - - - -
   To receive - - -
   Value per Share - -
   $2350.00
   7.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 6 - William Ulmer
   Diana, Sandy, Jonas, & Lydia - - - - - -
   To receive - - - - - -
   Value per Share - -
   $2175.00
   182.50
   2357.50

Lot No. 7 - Charles Ulmer
   Nancy, Farley, Moses, Die & Scott - - - - - -
   To receive - - - -
   Value per share - -
   $2225.00
   132.50
   2357.50
Lot No. 8 - To George Ulmer
Moses, Young Judy,
Frank & Sander - - -
To Pay - - -
Value per Share - - -
$2500.00
143.50
$2357.50

Lot No. 9 - To Joseph Ulmer
Doll, Dick &
Mary - - - - -
To receive - -
Value per Share - -
$2200.00
157.50
$2357.50

Lot No. 10 - To Noah Ulmer
Caesar, Juno, Daniel
& old Dianeh - - -
To pay - - -
Value per share - -
$2500.00
142.50
$2357.50

Total amount of property $23575.00
The lots were drawn for in the presence of each other and of ourselves.

John P. W. Read
S. M. Winkler
Geo. P. Harrison
The map to the right is of Mulberry Grove Plantation in 1819. The map below is of the plantations that bordered the Savannah River.
This map shows the location of Coldbrooke Plantation and Mulberry Grove Plantation.
The above picture and the picture to the right are pictures of Coldbrooke Plantation as it looks now.\textsuperscript{196}
The above picture is of a fireplace in a second floor bedroom at Coldbrooke and the bottom picture is of the attic.
The above picture is of an old rice field at Coldbrooke and the bottom picture is of an old corn field at the plantation.
This is William P. Ulmer's tombstone which is still at the plantation. 200

This is Philip's tombstone which is still at Coldbrooke. 179
This tombstone is of Eliza Ann Ulmer, Philip III's daughter, and it is still standing at Coldbrooke Plantation.²⁰¹
This is a picture of George Alwyn Ulmer who was the great-grandson of Philip III.

This is a picture of George A. Ulmer and his wife. George is Philip III's great-great-grandson.
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