

In the name of God Amen I John Gates of Caroline County be-
ing weak and low in health but of sound and disposing
mind and memory do make and publish this my Last Will
and Testament to settle my temporal concerns and prevent
disputes in my family after my decease

Imprimis I bequeath to my beloved Wife during her life
the tract of Land where on I now live reside on the South
side of South river I also leave to my said Wife her choice
of a negro woman for a cook and a negro man named Jacobus
my grey and black horse called Stinger and if he die she
shall be furnished with a new one of equal Value to hold the
slaves and chattels above mentioned untill the first day
of December One thousand eight hundred and twenty one
next which day I desire that my four youngest children
namely Martha Marshall, Thomas Coleman, George and
Ann William Caroline shall live with her and be educated
and for the education of my children above named for their
support and the support of my wife untill the said first
day of December 1821 I do charge the profits of my whole
estate including that left to my wife as above mentioned
and should such profits exceed those purposes which I
intend will be the case) I

and should a ~~man~~ ^{man} I
think with tolerable management will be the case) I
desire that the estate may be annually divided between
my children Michael Warfield, Reuben Coleman, Mary
and John Marshall or the survivors of them and
the issue of such as may be dead and so much as they may
receive on this score shall be accounted for and deducted
from their respective portions in the division of my estate
hereafter mentioned. The foregoing provision for my
wife I intend shall be in lieu of all dower and interest
that she might have, ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} and in my estate and should
she marry it is my will and desire that the afore-
said provision shall cease and in such case I bequeath to her
during her life the said tract of land whereon I now
live together with one third part of my slaves and
personal estate. I also direct upon the happening of
that event, or sooner if they see cause that my executors
shall make other provision than that here mentioned
for the support and the education of my four
young children.

Item I give to my Daughter Millicent Yates a negro girl named
Phebe or if said girl is not or cannot be sent to her I direct
that my executors shall purchase one in her place between
the age of twelve and eighteen years and send to my said
Daughter as soon as convenient after my death which ne-
gro girl shall be Valued and the Value at the time
when sent ~~shall be~~ shall be deducted from my Daughter's
Dividend when my estate shall be divided.

Item I give to my son George a negro boy named Charles
Gumbo which boy shall be supported out of my estate
until the first day of December 1821 and his Value
at that day shall be deducted from my said sons pro-
portion of my estate.

Item I give to my Daughter Ann William Caroline a negro
girl called Betsey which girl with her increase I di-
rect shall be supported out of my estate until the
said first day of December 1821 and the Value thereof
at that day shall be deducted from my said Daugh-
ter's portion of my estate.

It is my will that if any of my unmarred children

Item It is my will that if any of my unmarried children should before a division of my estate get married they shall be furnished by my executors with a good bed furniture &c such as my married children have been furnished with in like manner I direct that such of my children as may not have married previously to the Division of my estate shall then receive each the value of such bed furniture &c so that the provisions for all in this respect shall be the same.

Item It is my will and desire www.virginiapioneers.net that my whole estate be kept together until the first day of December or one thousand eight hundred and twenty one except that herein ^{before} particularly disposed of and such perishable part as my executors shall think proper to sell at which day or as soon after as convenient I direct that all my lands except the tract bequeathed to my wife and because of her death in the meantime then that I am also shall be sold

by my executors and the proceeds of such sale together
with all my slaves and chattels shall be equally
divided amongst ^{all} my children namely Michael
Warfield, Reuben Coleman, Millicent, Mary, John Mar-
shall, Martha Marshall, Thomas Coleman, George
and Ann William Caroline or such of them as may be
then living and the lawful issue of such of them
as may be dead such issue taking the part of the
parent.

Item after the death of my wife I direct that the land be
to her during her life together with such part of my
personal estate as she may hold shall be sold ^{by} my
executors and the proceeds equally divided amongst
all my children as in the last preceding clause

Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Michael War-
field Gates my friend Littleton Goodwin executors
of this my Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 10th day of September
1829

of this my Will. I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 16th day of ~~the month~~
1892.

Signed Sealed and published
by the testator as and for
his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us who
subscribed the same as
Witnesses in his presence
and by his request.

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William Jones
Wm Taliaferro
John Tennent

John Gates ~~testator~~

N.B. The words Kemben Sealeman Yates and Will-
iam Overton Barrett crossed before signed.

At a Court holden for Caroline County on the 14th
day of December 1892 This Will was proved by the testator