

In the Name of God Amen This is the last Will
and Testament of one William Gibbons of the parish
of Christ Church in the Province of Georgia Planter made
the Sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand
Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine being of sound mind and
disposing understanding First I will that all my just Dotts
Funeral charges and the charge of proving this my will
be duly and honestly paid And Whereas a tract of two
hundred and fifty Acres of Land was heretofore granted to me
in trust for my Son William Gibbons which said Tract
of Land I have since disposed of to James Habersham Esq:
for a valuable consideration by me received and have
covenanted & Engaged that my said Son William on his
attaining the Age of twenty one years shall ratify and Con-
firm the said Land to the said James Habersham or
his Assigns now my will and Direction is that my said
Son William being of Age & thereto requested by the said
James Habersham or his Assigns do and shall without
Dote or reward by good and sufficient Cognizances in
the Law to be prepared and provided at the Cost and Char-
ges of the said James Habersham or the person or persons
claiming the said Land / Convey and Confirm the
aforesaid tract of Land with the Hereditaments & appur-
tenances whatsoever unto the said James Habersham or
such other person or persons as aforesaid his, her or their
heirs and Assigns in absolute Fee simple and on my
said Son William's complying with and duly per-
forming my will and direction herein and not other-
wise I give and devise unto him my said Son William
all that Tract of Land Containing five hundred acres be-
the same more or less lying in the said Parish of Christ
Church purchased by me of Joseph Parker and also a
Piece of Land being the south end of a tract of Three hundred
and sixty five Acres adjoining Newington Village in
the said parish which said Piece adjoins the west line of
the aforesaid Tract of five hundred Acres and the east-

Line of Land belonging to the Estate of Bartholomew
Zoubrbuhler deceased & contains One hundred acres
or thereabouts To hold the said Tract and piece of Land
with the Buildings Improvements and Hereditaments
whatsoever unto my said son William his heirs and
assigns forever I also give and devise unto my son
Barack Gibbons one Tract of Land containing ninety
acres on which my Dwelling House and other Build-
ings now stand and a piece of Land containing two
hundred and sixty five acres or thereabouts being the
remainder of the aforesaid Tract of Three hundred and
sixty five Acres adjoining Newington Village also one
other Tract of seventy three Acres adjoining the said
Village and two other adjoining Tracts containing
Together Three hundred Acres purchased of James
Baillon To hold and Enjoy the several Tracts and pieces
of Land with the Buildings Improvements & Heredita-
ments whatsoever unto the said Barack Gibbons my son
his heirs and assigns forever I then give and devise
unto my sons James Martin Gibbons and Joseph
Gibbons all these two Tracts of Land lying and being on
Great Satilla River in this province adjoining Land said
to be granted in South Carolina to Benjamin Singleton
& containing together Eight hundred and seventy five
acres To hold the said two Tracts and parcels of Land with
all & singular the Improvements Appurtenances and
hereditaments whatsoever unto my said son James Mar-
tin Gibbons and Joseph Gibbons their heirs and assigns
respectively forever as Tenants in Common I then
give and devise unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth
all that Town Lot in Savannah known and dis-
tinguished in the plan of the said Town by the name
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Everything anson then with all
the Houses Buildings Improvements and
thereon being To hold the same unto

Sarah for the Term of her life and after her decease I give
and devise the same unto my said Son Joseph Gibbons his heirs
and forever. Item I give and devise unto my said son James
Martin Gibbons all that my Water lot under the Bluff
or Bank of Savannah lying to the West of Butler Street
and adjoining East on Land laid out to the late Governor Ellis
To hold the said last mentioned lot with the Appurtenances
and Hereditaments unto my said son James Martin
Gibbons his heirs and assigns forever. William Gibbons
Witness

My Son
Jos. Gibbons Junr.
W. M. Gibbons

I Item I give and Devise unto my son Josiah Gibbons all
those two Tracts of Land one tract containing five hundred
and thirty acres and the other Tract containing two hun
dred and twenty acres lying and being upon Newport
River in St. Andrews Parish in the said Province To hold
the same with the Improvements Appurtenances & Heredi
taments whatsoever unto my said son Josiah his heirs &
assigns forever and my will and meaning is that if any of
my said Sons depart this life under the Age of twenty one
years and without lawful Issue of his Body Then the Lands
and Hereditaments herein before devised to him or them so
dying shall go to and become the Inheritance of his sur
viving Brothers to be held and enjoyed by them their heirs
and assigns respectively as Tenants in Common. Moreover
the heir at law of my said son William (in case
of his death) shall not be intitled to inherit his part
of the said Lands and Hereditaments herein before devised to
the said William but only on the same condition and under
the same Restrictions of duly executing a conveyance as
aforesaid of the Two hundred and fifty acres of Land to
the said James Waterhouse or his assigns. Item I give
and bequeath to my said wife one negro woman named

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Minta To hold the said Negro and her issue unto
my said Wife as her own property & chattels forever. I also
give unto my said Wife the choice of one of my House
Wrenches which Wench is chosen my said Wife shall have
the use of for her life and after my said Wife decease the
said Wench and such Children as she may have during
her living with my said Wife I give and bequeath
unto my said Sons Joseph Gibbons and James then
in Gibbons to be divided between them in equal shares
and Proportions I also give and bequeath unto my
said Wife my Chaise and the choice of any two of my
Horses to and for her own use and benefit. I also
give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah to and for her own
use One Negro Girl named Silvia. Item I give and bequeath
unto my Daughter Mary to and for her own use One Negro
Girl named Tamar Item I will that my beloved Wife have
the possession of my House and Plantation where I now
dwell until my said Son Barak shall attain his Age of
Twenty one Years or be Married which shall first happen
and in case of his Death before that time then until my
next Son shall arrive at the said Age or be Married if my Wife
shall so long continue a Widow But if my said Wife shall
Marry again before my said Son shall Marry or attain the
Age of twenty one Years then I direct and order that she
shall immediately quit the possession of the said plantation
and deliver up the same to my Executors herein after named
and as touching and concerning my Negroes Money House
batts and other my personal Estate but herein before
spoken of with which it has pleased God to bless me I give
bequeath and will the same as follows (That is to say) my
desire is that the whole be kept together and employed
to the best advantage by my Executors herein after named
and all Household Expenses my Wife's Maintenance
& schooling of my Children (whose Education I request may
be at the direction of my Executors as liberal as their res-
pective Estates will admit) & clothing and other necessary
family Charges be paid out of the profits arising from the

Until my wife shall again Marry or one of my sons shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or one of my Daughters be of the same age or Married which shall first happen And then the same shall be divided into eight parts one part whereof shall be to my said beloved wife which she shall then immediately possess herself and employ for her own benefit as she shall think fit and one other part shall be to each of my Children But my intent is that none of my Children shall possess themselves of their respective shares only as he (if a son) shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or she (if a Daughter) be of the same age or Married so that when any one share of the said Personal Estate

Witness My hand
 Geo. Gibbons Junr
 H. Luby

Will Gibbons

shall be made to any of my sons or Daughters as aforesaid the other shares thereof shall be still kept together employed and improved by my said Executors until the rest of my said Children shall become severally intituled therunto Item my Will is that the profits arising annually from my Estate during the minority of my Children (Household Expences Schooling Cloathing and other necessary Family Charges being first defrayed) shall be applied and laid out by my said Executors as opportunity shall offer in the Purchase of Young Negroes to be added to & accounted part of my personal Estate and as such managed and divided agreeable to the direction of this my Will and as Touching and concerning the Lands Hereditaments herein and hereby devised to all or any of my Children I will order and direct that the same shall be liable to be planted and occupied by the Negroes belonging to my said Children during the respective Minority's of such Children These acquitted and discharged of all Rent or sum of Money whatsoever that may be demanded or claimed by them or any of them their or any of their Heirs or assigns severally for or in respect of the use and occupation thereof And last

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And lastly I appoint and constitute my said
Executrix (during Her Widowhood) and my Brothers
Joseph Gibbons and John Gibbons and my Kinsman
John Martin and my said Sons William Gibbons and
Josiah Gibbons (when they shall severally have attained
their age of twenty One Years) Executors of this my last
Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me made and
in Testimony that this is my last Will and Tes-
tament contained in three Sheets of Paper I have to
the two first Sheets set my hand & to the last Sheet three
of my hand and Seal and published the same as such the
day and year in the first Sheet first above Written —

Willm Gibbons (Sd)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared
by the Testator to be and contain his last
Will and Testament in the presence of us
who at his request in his presence and
in the presence of each other have sub-
scribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Witnesses
Jos. Gibbons Junr.
B. Lubly

Georgia

Whereas since the making and Publishing of my last
Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the sixth day
of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hun-
dred and sixty nine, It is amongst other things therein
declared That my Son Josiah Gibbons should hold and
enjoy unto himself his heirs and assigns forever two hundred
and thirty Acres that is to say One tract containing four hundred
and Thirty Acres and the other tract containing two hundred
and twenty Acres Situate lying and being upon New
port River in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the Province
aforesaid my further Will and pleasure is and I do hereby
declare that in the last Will of which my said

is now enient with shall prove to be a son, that then the
 said two Tracts of land above mentioned shall be held and en-
 joyed by him and my said son Josiah as Tenants in Common
 and not as Jointenants. And my further Will and meaning
 is and I do hereby declare that the said Yet unborn whe-
 ther Son or Daughter shall be intitled unto and receive
 an equal and proportionable part of my personal Estate
 with my other Children as mentioned and directed in
 and by my said Will and I do hereby further declare
 and it is my will and pleasure that my dear wife
 shall have the liberty of Putting her share or part of
 negroes if she shall think proper on the Plantation
 whereon I now reside or any other I am Possesed of in
 Common with my Children so long as she remains
 Sole and Unmarried and Whereas I did in and by my
 said Will Nominate and appoint my Brothers Joseph
 Gibbons and John Gibbons Executors with my dear wife
 Sarah and my Kinsman John Martin, But since the
 making and publishing of the same my said Brothers Jo-
 seph and John Gibbons have departed this life I do there-
 fore hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint my Friends
 the Reverend John Osgood the Reverend John Inachin
 Gubly John Winn Esq. and my nephews Joseph Gibbon
 and William Gibbons additional Executors and them with
 my said Wife and Kinsman John Martin, I do appoint
 Guardians of the persons and Estates of my said Children
 and their Education do strongly recommend to them and
 when my sons William and Josiah shall have attained
 to the age of Twenty one year as mentioned in the said
 will it is my will and pleasure that they only act as
 Executors with the above if they shall think proper to
 Qualify as such and I do hereby declare that my
 said Will bearing date the day and year above men-
 tioned and this Codicil which I will shall be added
 to and I urned part thereof do contain my last will
 and Testament In witness whereof I have hereun

herewith set my Hand and Seal the eighth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and Seventy One.

Will^m Gibbons

Signed Sealed Published and declared by
the said William Gibbons as and for his
codicil to be added to and to be part of
his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence and
at his request have subscribed our
names as witnesses hereto

Will^m Young

John Davis

Will^m Probant

Georgia

Secretary's office

A true copy taken from the original in this office
examined & certified and I do further certify that Sarah
Gibbons John Martin and Joseph Gibbons three of the
Executors named in the said Will qualified as such
certified this 28th February 1771 by

Thos^o Moodie D. Surg.

Georgia

By George Jones Esquire Register of Probate
for the County of Chatham in the State of
said.

Personally appeared John Milton of the County and
State aforesaid Esquire who being duly sworn to the
Evangelists of Almighty God. Maketh oath and deposes
that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of
Joseph Goodwin Gentleman late of Savannah and
a Clerk in the then Province now State of Georgia &
that he verily believes the annexed copy of the last Will
and Testament of the late William Gibbons is true

is of the proper hand writing of the said Joseph Goldwire,
 And also, that he is well acquainted with the hand-
 writing of the late Thomas Moodie Esquire then Deputy
 Secretary of Georgia, and that he verily believes the
 certificate underneath the copy of the will of the said
 William Gibbons Decd is of the proper hand writing of
 the said Tho. Moodie

Sworn this 27th March 1783

J. Wilson

Geo. Jones.

At the same time William Gibbons Junr Esquire
 named an Executor in the aforesaid Will qualified
 as such agreeable to law.

Given under my hand ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~make~~
 seventh day of March 1783.

Geo. Jones