

State of Georgia In the County of Bartow
 I, George W. Adams of the County and
 State aforesaid being of advanced age and knowing
 that I must shortly depart the life deem it right
 and proper that I should dispose of my
 property and therefore make this my last
 and testament hereby resolving all others
 heretofore made by me

I desire and direct that my body be buried
 in a decent and Christian like manner suitable
 to my condition in life My Grave to be covered in a good
 and substantial box that my soul & trust shall
 return to that with God who gave it through
 the merits of the redeemer

I desire and direct that all my just debts
 be paid by my Executor hereinafter appointed without
 delay especially as there will be no means for
 delay

I give and bequeath to James M. Adams Senior
 and Marion Burdine of Polk County Georgia
 in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter
 Nancy Sarah M. Adams daughter of my Brother James
 M. Adams all my Negro Slaves of which I may be
 possessed and own at the time of my death and
 children of them. Also the plantation on which
 I now reside in the fifth district third Section
 of Chap County containing four hundred and
 eighty acres more or less with all and
 singular ^{the} rights members and appurtenances to
 said also all the same belonging or in any
 wise appertaining and also all the live stock
 proper furniture utensils and household
 and kitchen furniture and provisions of all
 kinds of which I may be possessed at the time
 of my death It is my will and desire that the
 property herein bequeathed to James M. Adams
 and Marion Burdine in trust for the use and benefit
 of my niece Sarah M. Adams shall not be
 subject to the debts of any husband to whom
 the said Sarah may hereafter marry & be
 subject to be sold or conveyed of her or them
 but that during the lives of said James M. Adams and Marion Burdine

Estate to and for her own use and benefit the legal title resting in the trustee aforesaid for her benefit the property to remain in the possession and occupation of said Sarah for and during her life time and at her death to be equally divided amongst her children and in case of her death without a living child or children at the time of her death then I give to the youngest daughter of my Brother Mrs. M. Adams the following Slave to wit: Frank John. Pine and her children and Grand children the name of the daughter of my Brother not known to me but they reside in Smith County Texas. She being the youngest daughter the property to form and remain in her separate Estate not subject to the debts or control of any husband the said to be sold by my Executor at private or public sale as he may think best on time or for cash not dividing the families of the slave and the proceeds divided equally amongst the children of all my Brothers and Sisters in life and ^{at} the time of my death except the children of Mr. Smith who are excluded on account of ^{the} shameful treatment given to my Mother by the said Mr. Smith.

And I direct my Executor to pay the children of all my Brothers and Sisters who may be in life at the time of my death as soon as may be convenient after my death the sum of five Dollars each except Polly Smith's children and to them the sum of ten Dollars each out of such monies as may be on hand at the time of my death and if there should not be enough on hand in ready money or to be raised from the collection of such debts as may be due then the time of my death then I request the said Sarah to pay the same out of such portions of my Estate as may be as she may think best. And should there be more in the hands of my Executors after the payment of my debts legal and necessary expenses any and all I direct them to pay it to the said Sarah.

And I hereby constitute and appoint James William Esq. of the County and State of Georgia Executor of the my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the
 Thos. A. Ward as his last will and Testament in
 the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe
 the names hereof at the request of the Testator
 and in the presence of each other. This 19th day
 of November 1851

3 Rm. Ward
 3 D. M. Compton
 3 Dr. Hadden
 3 James Hilmer

State of Georgia } Before me this 1st day
 of July 1852 } Ordinary of said County
 in said Court being now open in session on
 the first Monday in April in the year of our
 Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty
 two personally appeared James Hilmer Executor
 of the last will and Testament of Thos. A. Ward
 late of Cass County deceased and produced his
 will and Ronald M. Hood & Thomas M. Compton
 two of the subscribing witnesses to the same which
 said witnesses being duly sworn before me say
 and depose that they said Thos. A. Ward
 the Testator says he and declare and publish
 the within and foregoing instrument as his last
 will and Testament freely voluntarily and of his
 own accord and without any compulsion
 or influence whatever that at the time of the
 execution of said will said Testator was
 of sound and disposing mind and
 memory that he wrote signed said will
 as witnesses in the presence of the Testator
 and at his special instance and request
 and in the presence of each other
 Signed to and Subscribed } Ronald M. Hood
 before me this 1st day of } Thos. M. Compton
 April 1852
 Thos. A. Ward
 Ordinary

Record July 1st 1852 Thos. M. Hood
 Ordinary

State of Georgia J. P. Milner do solemnly
swear that the writing contains the
true last will of the within named Thomas McAdams
deceased so far as I know or believe and that I
will with and truly execute the same by paying
first the debt to and then the Legacies contained in
the said will as far as his goods and Chattels
will therewith extend and the land charged and
that I will make a true and perfect
inventory of all such goods and Chattels
to help you God

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
in open Court this the 5th day of April 1852
J. P. Milner
Thos. A. Wood Ordinary

Recorded June 28th 1852
J. A. Wood
Ordinary