

Georgia
Berrien County

In the name of God
Amen I Lewis Peoples of said state
and county being of advanced age and
knowing that I must shortly depart
this life deem it right and proper both
as respects my family and myself that
I should make a distribution of the
property with which a kind providence
has blessed me do therefore make this
my last will and testament wholly
revoking all others heretofore made by
me

Item 1st I desire and direct that my
body be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner suitable to my
circumstances and condition in life
My soul I trust shall return to God
with God who gave it as I hope for
eternal salvation through the merits
and atonement of the blessed Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ whose religion
I profess and it I humbly trust have
engaged for some time past

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my
debts be paid without delay as
I am unwilling my creditors should be
delayed in their rights especially as
there is no necessity of delay

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife for and during her
natural life only my negro man
Franklin about sixteen years of
age and negro girl Ladastry Ann
about sixteen years of age also
two hundred dollars

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in the tenth district of said county
being a part of lot number ninety
eight containing two hundred acres
more or less with all the appurtenances on
the improvement attached to the same
the area with the land will describe it
I also give and bequeath my daughter
Mary Christian Bradford one hundred
acres of land a part of lot ninety eight
on the east side lot marked out by an
apex line

Item 4th the residue of my property
both real and personal wherever
and whatever it may be including
both real and personal as aforesaid
I give unto my beloved wife Polly during
her natural life

Item 5th I want my children to meet and
advise and sell at the death of my
beloved wife ~~and~~ and if all cannot
be at the sale and distribution it is
my desire that equal Justice be done
to all by them that is present. This
request is to my daughter Louisa R
Valen and Charity J. Morris and Nancy
C. Morris David H. Peoples and Sarah
Ann Winfrey and Lise, L. Peoples Mary
C. Bradford

Lewis Peoples

John J. Peoples
James J. Leroy
William D. Griffin

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Personally came before
me Adam J. Crosby and William D. Griffin
who being duly sworn says that on the
thirteenth day of July in the year of our
lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven
said Lewis Peoples signed and seal the
within will for the purpose therein
mentioned and they signed the same
as witnesses and saw John F. Peoples do
so likewise sworn to and subscribed
before me this the 6. Decr. 1858

Wm. D. Griffin
Adam J. Crosby

John. Lindsey
Ordinary

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Probate

before John Lindsey
Ordinary of said county came in person
Levi L. Peoples and Polly S. Peoples
Administrators with the will annexed
of the last will and testament of
Lewis Peoples deceased late of said
County and also two of the witnesses
of said will Wm. D. Griffin and
Adam J. Crosby who being duly sworn
affoath and saith that they saw
the said Lewis Peoples sign and seal
publish and declare the said instrument
as his last will and testament Voluntary
and freely without compulsion
and that they signed the said will
as witnesses in the presence of said Peoples
and each other

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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 6th Day of Decr 1858

Adam J. Grasley
Wm. D. Griffin

John Lindsay

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we and each of us do
solemnly swear that the above and
foregoing is the last will and testament
of Lewis Peoples Decker and that ^{we} will faithfully
execute the same to the best of our
skill and ability so help us God Sworn
to and subscribed before me this 6th Day of
December 1858

J. L. Peoples
Rally. S. Peoples

John Lindsay

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