

Last Will and Testament of John L. Lanier

In the name of God Amen

I John L. Lanier of the County of Bibb, and of the Commonwealth of Georgia, do make and ordain and appoint this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills and Testaments and Codicils whatever in any manner and in form following, that is to say on the third day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, to which I will hereunto set my hand & affix my seal binding my heirs and assigns forever.

1st After bequeathing my soul to God, I give unto my beloved mother the Hobbs and lot where we now live during her life, also my negro man Tom, after her death, the aforesaid property to be sold and equally divided between N. S. Beard, Josephine and Sarah Beard, and Susan Lanier John W. Simmons and Katy Ann Dapson daughter of Thomas B. Porter. I will to N. S. Beard my negro man Peter, also my interest in the stock of goods under the firm of John L. Lanier & Co. I will unto Josephine Beard my negro man Bob. I will unto Sarah Beard my negro woman Fanny and two hundred and fifty dollars in money. I will unto Sarah Simmons and the heir of her body my negro woman Molly and two hundred dollars in money. I will unto John W. Simmons four hundred dollars in money & to Katy Ann Dapson two hundred in money, if there is that much left after paying my just debts. And all balance of my property to be sold to pay my debts and if there is any money left divide it equal among the above named persons. I also leave Matthew Sicks and Aaron Seft my Executors to carry this my last will and Testament into effect.

John L. Lanier

Signed Sealed the day & year above written

Hampton H. Howard, Samuel Pace William M. Hill
Georgia }
Bibb County } Shambert Court of Ordinary July 26th 1837
Before us Asa E. Conner and Wm. Bartlett two of the Justices of the Superior Court of said County, personally appearing Hampton H. Howard, Samuel Pace William M. Hill who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw John L. Lanier sign seal and deliver the within and foregoing will and Testament that the Testator John L. Lanier was at the time of the execution thereof of sound disposing mind and memory and that they the said Hampton H. Howard Samuel Pace William M. Hill signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the Testator.

Subscribed & subscribed before us the day and date above written

Asa E. Conner J. B.

Wm. Bartlett J. B.

Hampton H. Howard
Samuel Pace
William M. Hill