

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen
 Bryan County } I Jefferson Butter of said State
 and County being of advanced age but of disposing
 mind and memory knowing that I must shortly
 depart this life deem it right and proper to make
 a disposition of the property of which I am through
 the favor of a kind Providence Possessed

First I desire and direct that my Body be properly
 and decently interred and that all my just debts
 be paid

Secondly I give bequeath and devise to my beloved
 wife Rebecca for and during her life or widowhood
 for the purpose of the support of herself and chil-
 dren by me, who on account of their tender age are
 unable to support themselves - The Plantation upon
 which I now reside containing One thousand and
 Eighty acres more or less with the rights and
 appurtenances there to belonging my Two Miles,
 Buggy, My entire Stock of Hogs, Sheep upon the
 Place, And four Cows and Calves to have and
 use the said property for her life or widowhood
 and at her death or marriage the Land to be
 Equally divided between my three Sons, Emmett,
 Charlton, and Hardee, and the Personal property
 divided between them and my two Daughters Eugenia
 And Julia Rebecca.

Thirdly I give bequeath and devise to my ~~two~~ Sons
 Charlton and Hardee and my daughters Julia Rebecca
 and Eugenia each Four Cows and Calves together with
 three Head of Yearlings already given them and put in
 their mark

Turned up

Fourthly - I give bequeath and devise to my son Emmett one Cow and Calf in addition to three already given him and to make his share equal to the others, and I also direct that my Executor hereinafter named shall from the proceeds of my Estate not already devised purchase him a good serviceable Horse

Fifthly I desire and direct that all the rest and residue of my Estate be sold and equally divided between my children not already named and provided for by this will

Sixthly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend James Spear Executor of this my last Will and Testament January 13th 1870

Recorded November 10th 1870
W. H. Hayman O.B.G.

{ Jefferson Butter
mark

Signed sealed declared and published by Jefferson Butter as his last will and testament in presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of said testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other

this January the 13th 1870

{ A. H. Smith
C. W. Smith

Filed in office Nov. 7th 1870

{ John Donaldson

Recorded

November the 10th 1870

W. H. Hayman

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State of Georgia In the Ordinary Court

Bryan County}

November Term 1870

and now at this term came James Speir Executor
Named within and offers the said will for probate in
Common form, and J. H. Smith Personally appears
and on oath saith that he signed the annexed as a
Witness that he saw C. W. Smith and John Donaldson
also sign as witnesses and that he saw Jefferson
Butler sign the same by marking his mark and that
he was of sound and disposing mind and
memory

Sworn to in open court
this November the 7th 1870

J. H. Smith

W. H. Hayman

Ordinary

Recorded November the 10th 1870

W. H. Hayman Ordinary B.C.

Oath of Executor

Georgia

Bryan County}, In the Ordinary Court November term 1870
I, James Speir do solemnly swear that I will well and
truly execute the annexed Last will and testament of
Jefferson Butler to the best of my skill
and power. So help me God

and Subscribed,

Sworn to in open court this

November the 7th 1870

W. H. Hayman Ordinary

James Speir

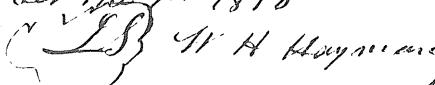
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W. H. Hayman

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State of Georgia }
 Bryan County } By the Honorable the Court of Ordinary for the County of
 Bryan in the State aforesaid to all whom these presents shall come by virtue
 whereas at the November term 1870 of the court of Ordinary for Bryan County
 to wit on the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and seventy the last will and testament of Jefferson Butler
 late of Bryan County in this State deceased was proved approved and
 allowed of the said deceased whilst he lived and at the time of his death
 having been possessed of divers goods and chattels and credits within
 the County and State aforesaid the approbation and allowing of his
 testament and the power of granting the administration of all and
 singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased and of his
 testament any manner of way concerning is hereby granted to and
 committed unto James Speir named Executor in the said last
 will and testament being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of all
 Mighty God well and faithfully to administer and to make a
 full and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels
 and Credits of the said deceased and to exhibit the same into
 the court of Ordinary of the said county in order to be
 recorded over before the first Monday in February next
 ensuing and to render a just and true account calculation and
 receiving thereof as hereinafter mentioned required
 Witness H H Hayman Proctor for Bryan County the 7th
 day of November 1870

Spoke under my hand and seal of office this
 November 7th 1870
 H H Hayman

Ordinary BC

Signed or sealed
 November the 10th 1870

H H Hayman
 Ordinary, BC.