

State of Georgia, In the name of God Amen  
 Bryan County } I Jefferson Butler 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

~~And~~ 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

Carried 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 Spier Executor of this my Last Will and Testament January 13<sup>th</sup> 1870

Recorded November 10<sup>th</sup> 1870  
W. H. Hayman C. R. G.

{ Jefferson <sup>his</sup> Butler  
mark

Signed Sealed declared and published by Jefferson Butler 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 13<sup>th</sup> 1870

{ A. H. Smith  
C. W. Smith  
John + Donaldson

Filed in office Nov: 7<sup>th</sup> 1870

Recorded  
November the 10<sup>th</sup> 1870

W. H. Hayman

Ordinary

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 A 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 making his mark and that  
-he was of Sound and disposing mind and  
memory

Sworn to in open court ( J. H. Smith  
this November the 7<sup>th</sup> 1870  
W H Hayman  
Ordinary

Recorded November the 10<sup>th</sup> 1870  
W H Hayman Ordinary B.C.

Cash 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 deceased to the best of my Skill  
and power. So help me God  
and Subscribed,

Sworn to in open court this { James Speir  
November the 7<sup>th</sup> 1870  
W H Hayman Ordinary }

Recorded November 10<sup>th</sup> 1870  
W H Hayman

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 greeting  
 Whereas at the November term 1870 of the Court of Ordinary for Bryan Coun-  
 ty 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 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 on or before the first Monday in February next  
 ensuing and to render a just and true account calculation and  
 reciting thereof when thereunto required  
 Witness W H Hayman Ordinary for Bryan County the 7th  
 day of November 1870

Given under my hand and Seal of office this  
 November the 7th 1870

 W H Hayman  
 Ordinary B.C.

Recorded  
 November the 10th 1870

W H Hayman  
 Ordinary, B.C.