

Georgia
Burke County

Life being uncertain and often recommending to said
County I desire to allow an opportunity of making a disposition
of once worldly effects, it is expedient and proper that matters
of this kind be attended to while there is still left sufficient
strength of body and mind.

He it therefore I have caused to have come before the Board of the County
and State aforesaid after a calm and deliberate consideration
of the subject: do most solemnly affirm the statement herein
contained to be my last will and testament and that its
validity may not be impaired for want of legal form.

After the payment of ^{all} my just debts I desire all of the property

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of which I may be possessed, whether real or personal, to be divided into four equal parts for the benefit of my heirs. I give the use of one of these equal portions to my sister Susan (Bristol) widow of deceased Sebastian deceased for the term of her natural life, and after her death I bequeath it to the heirs of her body forever.

Secondly I give the use of another of these equal portions to my sister Mary Jane W. Reynolds wife of Jas. W. Reynolds for the term of her natural life and after her death I bequeath it unto the heirs of her body forever.

Thirdly I bequeath another of these equal portions equally to Augustus William Murphree and Margaret Jane Murphree children of my sister Jane M. Murphree deceased formerly wife of Wright Murphree for their benefit now and forever, with this proviso, namely: should either of the two last-mentioned parties in this fourth article die without leaving lawful children, the whole of his or her portion here bequeathed, shall be bequeathed by the surviving legatee to the exclusion of their father and all children that may be born unto him by his present or any other wife.

Fifthly I bequeath the remaining one of these equal portions to my brother Seaborn Augustus Jones for his benefit now and forever.

Sixthly I appoint my Brother Seaborn Augustus Jones trustee to all the property herein given to the use of my two sisters Susan B. Bristol and Mary Jane W. Reynolds and after their death to their children. Burke Co. GA Will Bk A
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Seventhly I appoint also to the property here given to Augustus William Murphree and Margaret Jane Murphree and do moreover constitute and appoint him sole executor to this my last will and Testament. April 14th 1848

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
 Henry L. Jones
 Wright Murphree
 Jas. M. Reynolds
 John C. Brown

Abraham Jones 

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 Burke County } Personally appeared before us William W. Hughes
 & John W. Caswell Justices of the Court of ordinary
 for said County in time of vacation, James M. Reynolds who
 on oath says that Abraham Jones being at the time of
 sound and disposing mind and understanding acknowledged
 to him the said James M. Reynolds that the within paper
 writing was the last and true will and Testament of him
 the said Abraham Jones and that the said Abraham Jones
 further acknowledged to him the said James M. Reynolds
 that the signature to the aforesaid paper writing and the
 seal thereto were the signature and seal of him the said
 Abraham Jones and that he the said James M. Reynolds
 in the presence and at the request of him the said

Abraham Jones signed the said paper writing as a witness
his name & that Wright Murphree signed the same as a witness
in presence of him the said James W. Reynolds and in
the presence of the Testator

Sworn to before us

July 14th 1848

William W. Hughes J. J. C. R. C.

J. W. Casswell J. J. C. R. C.

Jas. M. Reynolds

State of Georgia
Burke County

Ordinary's Office June 27. 1855.

Edward Garlick Ordinary for the County of
Burke and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed
sheets contain a true copy of the last will and Testament
of Abraham Jones dec'd of said County as appears of the bond
and of file in this office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of office of said Court the day and date
above written

Edward Garlick
Ordinary

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Personally appeared Augustus Williams Murphree
who being duly sworn saith the copy will attached to this
Bill, is in substance Burke Co. GA Will Bk. A
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the original will now in his possession of Abraham Jones
deceased, which said certified copy he believes to be in
substance a copy of the original will of said deceased
which with the record thereof was destroyed by fire in the
burning of the Court house of said County on the night
of the 24th January 1856, & one of deponent's reasons for
so believing is that the property of said deceased had
been distributed under the name of said will.

Sworn to before me

19th May 1856

Thos Moore Barrick

Notary public

A. W. Murphree

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I Edward Garlick Ordinary for said County
do certify that the original will of Abraham
Jones late of said County deceased, together with the
record thereof were destroyed by fire in the burning
of the Court house of said County on the night
of the 24th January 1856.

Given under my hand & official signature 26th February
1857

Edward Garlick
Ordinary

In the Court of Ordinary March Term 1857
Present His Honor Edward Earleck ordinary
appearing to the Court that the last Will & Testament
of Abraham Lince was destroyed by fire in the burning
of the Court House of said County on the Night of the
21st January 1856 and it further appearing, that the
Copy will is a true Copy of a Certified Copy of said
last will and testament of Abraham Lince deceased
It is now motion ordered, that said Copy will annexed
be established in the line, stead & place of said lost
original will, & that it with the other papers in this cause
be placed on file in the office of the Ordinary

Recorded @th May 1857