

to A. H. Davis & In the name of God Amen. I John M. Davis
of said County and State of Georgia do hereby
publish the following to be my last
will and testament in manner and form following to
witness to say

In the first place I desire my Executors hereafter named
to pay all my just debts before the property is removed
I do give and bequeath to my son William James the fol-
lowing property to wit, two hundred and thirty seven and half
acres of land where the said William now resides, lying
and being in the State and County as aforesaid on the west
side of Boyer Creek granted to myself adjoining lands of
Orley Carpenter and others it being a part of several small
tracts divided between William & Minson James also one
negro man slave named Sam to have and to hold the
aforesaid property to the said William and his heirs and
assigns forever.

I do give and bequeath to my son Minson James the following
property to wit three hundred and twenty one and half acres
of land where the said Minson now resides, lying and being
in the State and County as aforesaid, on the west side of
Boyer Creek granted to myself adjoining lands of Orley Car-
penter and William James and others it being a part of
several tracts divided between the said William & Minson
also one negro man slave named Charles to have and to
hold the aforesaid property to the said Minson and his heirs
and assigns forever after the said Minson James pay over
to the aforesaid William James two hundred dollars in order to
make their legacies equal.

I do give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth McQuinn
the following property to wit, Charles a negro woman slave
and her child by Isaac, Abner a boy and George and old
man, also two cows & calves, to have and to hold the aforesaid
property to her and her heirs forever against my executors
and assigns forever.

I do give and bequeath to my daughter Annada I Taylor the fol-
lowing property to wit, one tract of land in Falding Coun-
ty, Sec 10 186 section the third and third district formerly Cher-
okee now Falding County also a negro man slave be the
name of Lewis a girl & by the name of Chany, and two cows
and calves to have and to hold the aforesaid property to her
and her heirs against myself my heirs forever.

I do give and bequeath to my son Robert James one part of
five hundred acres of land where I know live is being the
west side the line to commence at Moses Gassins and run
south to Powell's lands the east end hereafter to be given to
my wife Sarah the said given to my son Robert James lands
of Elipaz P. Bailey and others to wit, one half of my house
hold & kitchen furniture one half of the plantation tools
of my description with four cows & calves be to my wife Sarah

consisting of horses mules cows sheep & sheep also one negro
man slave. With a woman servant and their children & grand
a girl taken in by and possessed a boy and their mother to
have and to hold hold the the aforesaid property to him and his
heirs against myself my heirs & assigns

1st I do give and bequeath to my wife Sarah James one part of
five hundred acres of land which I now live that being the
east side where the house is that I am living in at this time
the line to common as her to for mentioned running from the
as Davis a west corner to Powell's land the aforesaid land of
ing land of the estate of S. S. Powell, land on others, also two
negroes namely Abby a negro woman slave and her child being
a boy and their father increase together one half of my land
hole & kitchen furniture and plantation tools of every descrip-
tion one half of the stock of every description except four cows
& calf consisting of horses mules cows sheep and sheep to have and
to hold the aforesaid property to her the said Sarah during her
natural life time then and then in that case the aforesaid property
given and granted unto my wife Sarah goes to and remains
as the property of belated John Robert James, unto his heirs
and signs against my heirs and assigns or any person or persons
whatsoever

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah James
Robert James my Executor and Execution to this my last will
and testament hereby revoking former wills by me made
the said Robert being www.georgiapioneers.com wife not yet under 21 years
to the age of twenty one years at which time he may take
the oath as executor

In witness whereof I have hereunto
signed my name and affixed my seal this the first day
of January 1842

Signed, Sealed, published &
declared in presence of

Joseph M. T. Hittner
Lafayette Powell
John B. Jordan J.P.

John James (J.P.)

Georgia

Burke County & Personally appeared before me Thomas W. Stewart
of said County who being duly sworn depose that either
Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Inferior Court of said County
as a Clerk of Ordinary he drew off the within copy from
the original Will, or the record thereof as it is filed in the
said ordinary's office as it had been probated, and that
he believes from this circumstance that it is a correct
copy of the said original will; and that the said original
was duly probated, admitted to record, & put on file in
said office of Ordinary

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this 28th June 1856

In the 6th line "or the record thereof" interlined before signing

Simon Bell J.P.

In open Court appeared John B Gordon who
Barren County & being sworn to depose and swear that he sig-
nified the deceased will & testament of John M Jones as
witness. Together with Joseph M S Mitterer and Lafayette
Russell in the presence of each other and of said Jus-
tice at his instance & request that they saw said
testator sign the same as his last will & testament
and that at the time of signing the same said testator
was of sound mind and disposing memory and under-
standing
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court John B Gordon
This January 1842

The Last will & Testament of John M Jones deceased of
Barren County having been produced in open Court by
Sarah E Jones Executrix & having been duly proven by the
affidavit of John B Gordon one of the subscribing wit-
nesses it is ordered that said last will & Testament
be admitted to record in terms of the Law - that a
warrant of appraisement do issue to Benjamin Byrd
John B Gordon, B D Hoise James & Brown of M T Mitterer
to appraise said Estate in terms of the statute & that letters
testamentary do issue to said Sarah E Jones the Executrix
named therein.

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Barren County & Before me Robert S Jones a Justice of the Peace
in & for said County personally came Sarah E McMorris
(formerly Sarah E Jones) who being duly sworn depose
and swear that from the best of her recollection &
belief the above copy affidavit & order is a substantial
copy of the original affidavit & order of Probate to
John M Jones' last will & testament destroyed by fire in
the Court House on the night of the 24th January 1856
Sworn to & subscribed before me Sarah E McMorris
This July 7th 1856

It appearing to the Court that the original will and tes-
tament of John M Jones deceased of Barren County the origi-
nal affidavit of John B Gordon proving the same and
the order of probate thereto were destroyed fire in the Court
House of said County on the night of the 24th January 1856
And Robert S Jones (one of the legates) appearing in open
Court and producing a true copy of said original will
& testament verified by the certificate of Thomas McPherson
(then clerk or deputy clerk of the Court ordinary) also a
substantial copy of said original will affidavit &
order of probate verified by the affidavit of Sarah
E McMorris (formerly wife of said deceased & the Execu-
trix named in said will) it therefore was ordered
of Court for Robert S Jones ordered that said copy
will & testament copy affidavit & copy order be

are hereby established in favor of said assigned parties
destroyed as provided - That the assignees be and are authorized
to record & file in ~~the~~ ^{the} office

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Recorded 10th July 1856