

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen.
Burke County & S. William Leavitt being of weak and feeble
health but of sound mind and memory do make
and establish this my last will and Testament here
by terminating all other wills made by me

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Now I do desire that my body shall be decently buried and that
after my soul returns to God who gave it that my
Executor shall see that all my just debts are paid

Item 3rd I desire that all my heirs shall inherit my property
shall be made in the following terms.

Item 3rd I desire that my plantation whereon I now live shall be
valued at the sum of Six thousand Dollars and shall be
given to my beloved wife Jane & my two Sons Thomas M.
& Emory Lassiter each and share to be valued at Five thousand
Dollars and the said Lands to be the property of the said Jane
& Thomas M & Emory to work and do with as they may desire and
then to work together separately and they are to account for
two thousand Dollars each at the division of my property
for the said Land and after the death of my beloved wife
the said Lands are to be and vest in as the property of my
two Sons Thomas M & Emory & Lassiter to be divided between
them equally as soon as can be done but the same neither
before my wife's death or after is subject to be sold for
the debts or debts of either my beloved wife Jane or either
of my Sons Thomas M and Emory R. Lassiter and each of my
other heirs are to have an amount of property equal to
the value of the value of Five thousand Dollars so that the
money all stand equal to the value of the said Lands
in the Land.

Item 4th I desire that my beloved wife Jane shall have all the
House hold & Kitchen furniture for so long as she shall live
House & as much Burke Co. GA Wills 1855-1858
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her use & to share an equal part in all the other property
to be divided to be hers in fee simple and for that
have the right to sell or give away as she may desire
all the property she inherits from me except the part
as above named. Also my Horse Stearman and his
part of the Stock she is to have as to her part of the
as she may choose.

Item 5th I desire that all my other property consisting of
debts & money & other property arising that may be
owing to my Estate shall be divided between my
heirs which are as follows my beloved wife Jane & my
daughters Fiza Bell Frances Bell & the children of my
deceased Son John R. Lassiter. William E. Lassiter
J. Lassiter. Thomas M. Lassiter. Arrie D. Lassiter and
the Lassiter - mine kinship.

Item 6th I do hereby appoint and leave as my sole Executor
and the provisions named in this will my estate
here Joseph A. Thammack and as my Executor my
wife Jane Jane Lassiter & I further appoint them to act
as the Guardian my minor Son Emory R. Lassiter
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and written
this the thirteenth day of December (1854) Eighteen hundred
fifty four.

Signed Sealed &c in presence of
witnesses of the maker. this Thirteenth 13th Dec 1854

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 John L. Smith
 James L. Bryant
 Solomon Douglass
 William L. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me to be added to the above
 will as follows:
 I do hereby certify that all the above coming to me in my part
 of said will were the my friends in Low Georgia. Attest by
 my father in Low James Allen by his last will and
 testament during his natural life shall be the given
 entirely & above all other property to be hers in full and
 to do with as she may please in any manner with
 whom she may wish to wife David L. Linscott. December 14th 1854
 Signed in the presence of
 James L. Bryant
 William L. Smith
 John Thompson

Sub. of Property
 In open Court this day Mon. Edward Gaskett was
 may of said County personally came Joseph A. Linscott
 of said County Executor and Executrix of William Linscott
 late of said County Decedent and produced to said
 Court the last and final will and testament of said decedent
 and the Codicil of said will annexed and a true and
 correct copy of December A.D. Eighteen Hundred and
 fifty-four and James Bryant one of the witnesses to said
 will and Codicil which witness being duly sworn
 depose and swear that she saw William Linscott the
 Testator sign said declare and publish the instrument
 was presented as his last will and testament and that
 it freely voluntarily and of his own accord and with
 out any compulsion or influence whatever that at the
 time of the execution of said will and at the time of
 the execution of said Codicil said Testator was of sound
 mind and disposing mind and memory that dependent
 signed said will and said Codicil as a witness in the
 presence of the Testator and at his special request
 and that Dr Solomon Douglass and John L. Linscott
 signed said will as witnesses in the presence of said
 Testator and at his special request and that they were
 disinterested persons in the presence of each other and that
 Dr Linscott and John Thompson signed said Codicil as witnesses
 in the presence of said Testator and at his special request
 and that they were disinterested persons in the presence of each other also
 sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 27th day of January 1855
 James L. Bryant
 William L. Smith
 John Thompson

The last Will and Testament and Codicil of William
the late of Burke County deceased and fifty four of William
Lassiter late of Burke County deceased bearing witness
last Thomas and Jane Lassiter Executors thereof
and duly proven. It is an intention indeed that the said
Will and said Codicil be admitted to record and letters
adventary be issued to the said Executor and Executrix therein
appointed

Georgia

Burke County

I Edward Garlick Ordinary for the County of
Burke do hereby certify the above to be a true
Copy of the last Will and Testament & Codicil of William
Lassiter late of said County deceased.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
affixed the Seal of office this 9th Day of January 1856

Edward Garlick O.S.C.

Approved Codicil to amend a part of the provisions of the
above or amended Will as follows

I desire that the share of property coming the share
of my deceased son John P. Lassiter should be received
by my representatives by my son John Green D. Lassiter who
shall act as trustee for them and said property and
keep said property in his possession for them to be the
have the not property in his possession and in the
come of age each one is to draw his or her share
the said property from him the said John P. Lassiter
successor

The undersigned heard the above read and heard
say it was his Will as before above stated

December 14th 1854.

Jane Lassiter
John Lassiter
John Lassiter

Green Bell

a true copy of the Codicil annexed to the will of
Lassiter last proven as admitted to record

Edward Garlick O.S.C.

State of Georgia Ordinary Office
Burke County Jan 20th 1856

I do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true Copy
the last will and testament of William Lassiter deceased
taken proven as duly certified Copy of said will as
and of this County made by me before & previous to
date of the 24th January last when the last
of said County was destroyed by fire & with the
Records of the Court of ordinaries of said County. In
many whereof I have hereunto set my hand
the Seal of office

Edward Garlick

O.S.C.