

the County & concern. He is known that J. Shepard Brinson of the
County and State above named being sick and weak in body heat of
soured mind and memory that it is appointed of God
for all men to die as make and ordain this my last will with
and testament, that it to say principally and first and best of all

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I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent Christian like manner revoking all former wills by me made at any former time.

Secondly I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brinson my land and plantations where I now live also so much of my stock of all kinds plantations tools house hold and other furniture as she may think proper to select at my death to gether with one year support to have during her natural life time or widowhood and at her death or intermarriage to be equally divided among my heirs in the terms of the Law.

Thirdly I give to my son A. Brinson one Horse Bridle and Saddle worth about Eighty Dollars. I give to my daughter Nancy J. Brinson and Marriet E. Brinson each one bed and furniture worth about Twenty five Dollars each also Twenty dollars each in place of two Cows and calves that I had intended to give them each.

Fourthly I give my daughter Martha A. Brinson Twenty dollars in place of two Cows and calves.

Fifthly I give my Daughter Mary Watson ten head of stock Sheep in place of two Cows and calves. And as touching my slave property I dispose of it in the following manner I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth my Negro man Mingo about fifty six or seven years of age, also my Negro woman married Lisa about thirty years of age and her two children namely Henry a boy about twelve years of age and Louisa a girl about sixteen months of age to have and to hold as long as she holds my lands and other property that I have given her and to be divided at her death or intermarriage among my heirs in the terms of the Law and I further wish that after all the legacies as mentioned above be delivered up to the legatees that my execs proceed to sell and pay off all of my just debts as soon as convenient my Negro man Sam I wish sell first by my execs and that they should not without any further trouble not to go to the expense of getting and order or advertising but to sell privately at whatever they believe to be a fair price for said Negro and I further wish give my Negro man Sam the priviledge of choosing his master provided he can choose a man who can and will pay the price. I further wish that if my execs shall not have enough in hand to pay of all of my just debts that they proceed to sell one or more of my Negroes in the same manner as they did my man Sam and sell until they are able to pay off and does pay all of my just debts and then stop and keep the rest to the best interest for the heirs so long as the heirs and execs deem it best and then to divide it equally among my heirs in the terms of the Law and I further wish that if my Negro man Mingo should live longer than my beloved wife that on making a division that he (Mingo) have the same priviledge that I give my man Sam and I appoint and constitute my son John A. Brinson and Simon Wallace execs to this my last will and testament Signed and published this the 28 day of Nov. 1854.

In presence of
J. J. Wallace
Abram Belcher
J. M. Wallace Senr.

Shepard Brinson

January 29th 1855

I Shepard Brinson have become desirous to add this as a codicil to my will made the 28th day of Nov. 1854 that whereas I have sold my Negro man Sam my self that it shall not appear or invalidate my will any further than the sale of Sam and that my execs be full power to go on and execute my last will and testament just the same

as the then had sold. Law after my death in every respect except the
Sale of the land, see other allegations in the ~~will~~.

Signed, Sealed and published this the 29th day, 1855, in the presence
of

C. J. Mays
John Alkenson
Daniel Brinson

Copy
Shepard Brinson

Personally appeared in open Court Simeon Wallace Oct of the
last will & testament of ~~Shepard Brinson~~ dec^d who being sworn
said that the annexed within copy of the last will & testament of
Shepard Brinson dec^d is a true copy of the original, that he was the
servicer of the original will, & that he drew the within copy from
said original

Witness before me in open Court
April 6th 1857
Edmund Gaslick C. J. C.

Simeon Wallace Oct of
Shepard Brinson Dec^d

(See page 90.)

Recorded 19th June 1857

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Book 1
The Hon the Court of Ordinary of said County
April Term 1857.

The petition of Simeon Wallace Exr of the last will and Testament of Shepard Brinson dec^d of said County sheweth that the original will & Testament of said dec^d was destroyed by fire at the burning of the court house of said County, that the same has been duly proven in solemn form before this Court & admitted to record, with out any objections thereto being made, that a notice has been served on all parties in interest to show cause at this term of the Court why the copy of said last will and Testament, herewith submitted and hereto attached, should not be received and admitted to record in lieu of said lost original. And your petitioner prays that the copy of the said last will & Testament herewith submitted & hereto attached may be received and recorded in lieu of said lost original

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Simeon Wallace Exr of
Shepard Brinson dec^d

In the Court of Ordinary of Burke County April Term 1857.
It appearing to the Court by the petitioner of the Exr of the estate of Shepard Brinson dec^d and by proof and the probate & record thereof and order of record, were destroyed by fire, on the 24th Jan 1856. On motion of Counsel and on application of said Exr it is ordered that the copy will & Testament of said Shepard Brinson hereto attached be and the same

is hereby admitted to record, in lieu of the said destroyed original and that said
petition and these proceedings be filed in said Court of Ordinary

I do hereby certify that the original ^{Burke Co. GA Wills 1855-1858} ~~copy~~ of ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} ~~Shadrach Bonser's~~ probate wherein
was destroyed by fire at the burning of the Court House with the office of the Ordina-
ry, the same being of file in said office of the Ordinary.
Given under my hand and official signature
(See page 68.)