

Annual Return of James Carter Guardian of William J. B. Redman
to minor, for the year ending 31st December 1857.

Guardian		Dr	
Paid J. McLeod b.l.o.	Voucher	No. 1. \$	1 12 1/2
" James Driskell	"	" 2.	62
" W. H. Byars J. B.	"	" 3.	3 95
" Mary Redman	"	" 4.	26 75
" Andrew & Little	"	" 5.	28 27
Commission not counted but reserved for a future return			\$ 60 71 1/2

Guardian Dr
To the hire of Stephen a man to Mary
Redman for the year 1850. \$ 55 00
Agnis an old woman to Mary Redman for
her victuals & cloths for the year 1850.
The above negroes to have three suits of clothes
suitable for the seasons, with hat blanket
and shoes.

Returned Subscribed

& sworn to May 2nd 1857.

J. R. McLeod b.l.o.

James Carter Guardian

Recorded May 9th 1857.

John McLeod b.l.o.

Georgia } In the name and by the blessings of a merciful
Butts County } God, I David Berry of said County being now
of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing
the uncertainty of life, believing it a duty to dispose by
will and testament such property as I own and possess in
my own right do declare this my last will and testament
as follows.

Item first. It is my wish that my spirit by the faith I hold
in my lord and savior Jesus Christ may find a
home and rest in heaven, and that my body be
interred with Christian burial.

Item second. It is my will that my Executor herein after
named pay all just demands against me.

Item third. It is my will and wish and I bequeath to my
beloved Grand son James Berry the following
negroes to wit, a negro man named Bob and Guy
Wright, Amos, and also an equal share with
my children and wife of all money demands due
me and I hereby constitute and appoint my son

in law Thomas M. Harkness the Guardian for my said Grand Son James Berry to manage his property and it is my desire that the Guardian shall endeavor to obtain for my Grand Child a Collegiate education and if it becomes necessary to do so the Guardian is hereby authorized to use a sound discretion and appropriate a reasonable portion of the property I give my Grand Child James to advance his education, and it is my wish that the Guardian in the management of this property of my Grand Child shall do so without obtaining orders from the Court of Ordinary, and if the Guardian should believe it best for the Childs interest he may sell the property for the best advantage at public outcry.

Item fourth. It is my wish that my Executor shall as soon after my decease as it can be done, sell to the

highest bidder at public outcry, all my property not specifically disposed of on such terms as he may deem most proper, and the proceeds of the sale to be equally divided between my beloved wife Mahala Berry and my beloved daughters, Julia Price wife of Stephen W. Price, Martha Morris and Mary Blodove wife of James M. Blodove, and Harriett Harkness wife of Thomas M. Harkness.

Item Fifth. I desire to be understood that the portion of my Estate which I hereby bequeath to my wife Mahala Berry is to be used by her during her widow hood or if she remains unmarried after my death to be used for her support during her life time, and if she marries, or at her death the portion of my estate which she gets for her share shall return to my Children, or in case of their death to their representatives born or to born of them to be equally divided among them, as I have designated herein, and in case any Child is born of my wife as the issue of my marriage with her then the share she receives or is entitled to from my estate shall vest in said Child or issue.

Item Sixth. It is my will and wish that any portion of my Estate which shall be received by ~~any~~ Children in case of their death, without Child or Children living, to return & be equally divided among my Children or their representatives, born or to be born of them, as it is my wish and will, that my property given to my Daughters if they and their Children die shall return to my Children to be equally divided as above specified.

Item seventh. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Morris my new Buggy and buggy horse to be for her

over and above the provision I have before made for her-
Item Eighth. I have promised my grand son David Price three
hundred dollars, and of that sum have paid him two
hundred & sixty dollars, and I give & bequeath to him the
sum of forty dollars, to carry out my promise & desire my
Executor pay him that sum

Item ninth. I constitute and appoint my son in law Thomas
M. Harkness my executor to this my last will & testament
hereby revoking all others, and it is my earnest desire
that my said executor shall carry into effect each and
every one of the provisions & items of this my will & see that
every purpose and intent is secured as I have bequeathed &
that it is my further will is that whatever is done by my
said Executor may be done at as little expence as possible
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & Seal this 23rd Feby.
1857.

Signed sealed Executed }
& publish in presence }
of us & of each other }

David^{his} Berry (Seal)
mark

Test
Yelventon Thaxton Sen^r
William Thaxton
Stephen Bailey
Rec^d

Georgia } Before us Edmund McDaniel, James W. Harkness
Butts County } & Asa Buttrill Justices of the Inferior Court
for said County, in vacation personally came Thomas M.
Harkness, Executor named in the last will & testament of
David Berry, late of said County, a/c. & produced the said
will before us, of the said David Berry, and the witnesses
to said will to wit Yelventon Thaxton & Stephen Bailey which
witnesses being sworn depose & say that they saw the said testator
David Berry, sign seal declare & publish the instrument now
presented as his last will & testament freely voluntarily &
of his own accord & without compulsion or influence whatever,
that at the time of the execution of said will, said testator
was of sound & disposing mind & memory that deponents
signed said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator & at
his special instance & in presence of each other

done to & subscribed before us March 9th 1857.

Edmund McDaniel Jstlc.

Yelventon Thaxton
Stephen Bailey

A. Buttrill Jstlc.

J. W. Harkness Jstlc.

In Chambers

Bills Inferior Court as a Court for ordinary purposes. 8th March 1851.
 It appearing that Thomas M. Harkness, the appointed Executor to the
 last will & Testament of David Berry, late of said County ad-
 having this day been produced by said Executor and two of the
 witnesses to said will, to wit, Yelverton Thaxton and Stephen Bailey
 having proven the same to our satisfaction, it is therefore ordered
 that the Clerk of this Court do Issue letters Testamentary to said
 Executor to said will, in terms of the law, and that said Clerk
 do Issue Warrant for the appraisement of the property of said Estate.
 Edmund McDaniel J.C.
 T. H. Harkness J.C.

Bills Inferior Court as a Court for ordinary purposes—
 It appearing that the will of David Berry, late of said
 County ad- having been proven in vacation, & no objec-
 tion being urged and Motion being made to admit said
 will to Record. It is therefore ordered & considered that said
 probate is sufficient & it is ordered that said will be recorded
 & letters Testamentary Issue to the Executor named in said will—
 Edmund McDaniel J.C.
 J. H. Cannon J.C.
 John Goodman J.C.
 T. H. Harkness J.C.

Will probate & orders
 Recorded May 10th 1851.
 John McLeod a.c.

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of James M.
 Campbell deceased.

801. Piano Forte Covering & Stool	\$ 280 00
" 2. Work Stand & Covering	3 00
" 3. Folding Table & Cover (Broken Leg)	7 00
" 4. Couch	2 00
" 5. Brass Andirons	5 00
" 6. Map of United States & Mexico	4 00
" 7. Stream of Time	1 00
" 8. Bedstead bed & Clothing	20 00
" 9. " " " "	25 00
" 10. " " " "	10 00
" 11. Bedstead " " "	20 00
" 12. " " " "	15 00
amt. Carried up.	\$312 00