

Georgia, The under signed Commissioner appointed by  
Bunty County, the Court of Ordinary of said County to divide  
the Estate of James King late of said County deceased have  
in the discharge of said duty examined the records of said  
Court & also the Notchbook returns of the heirs of said Estate  
and find the following sums due each of the heirs of said  
Estate (to wit)

To Mrs. Fanny King (the widow)	\$ 330	64 1/2
" Alfred King	391	00 1/2
" Jephtha V. Dimmick in right of his wife	302	00 1/2
" John G. King's Children	380	00 1/2
" C. P. King	412	00 1/2
" Frances S. Owen	308	00 1/2
" Josiah H. Bonner in right of his wife	327	00 1/2
" Thomas Barlow in right of his wife	412	00 1/2
Total of estate divided	\$ 2862	65 1/2

If the amount above shown to be due  
to Josiah H. Bonner the administrator has advanced  
already to Mr. Bonner one hundred and seventy  
five dollars, and he has also already advanced to  
Frances S. Owen of the amount shown to be due  
her, the sum of twenty five dollars, the Adminis-  
trator has the receipts for the advancements to  
Mr. Bonner & Mrs. Owen, made by him.

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1857.

Recorded 8<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>d</sup> 1857.

John McDonald Esq.

John Andrews	Com
Britton Buttrill	Com
Henry Barron	Com
John McMichael	Com

Georgia, In the name of God Amen.

I John Soplon of the County of Bunty, and State aforesaid,  
being admonished, by the frailty of my nature, and the infirmity  
of my body, that the time of my departure from this world and state  
of existence may be near at hand, and according to the course of  
nature, cannot be far off, being of sound mind and disposing memory,  
do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument of writing,  
to be my last will and Testament; hereby revoking all others;  
First, I command my body to its mother earth, to be decently interred at  
the discretion of my executors, and my soul to God who gave  
it, trusting in the Clemency of God my maker, through the  
merits and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal  
salvation.

As touching my worldly Estate it is my will

- that it be disposed of in the following manner (to wit)
- 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jane P. Mason in addition to what I have heretofore given her, a Negro woman known by the name of Aggy Stodghill.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Justina A. Stodghill, in addition to what I have heretofore given her, a Negro woman by the name of Charneya.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son John H. Lofton a Negro boy by the name of Charley.
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son William J. Lofton a negro man by the name of Heard and a good bed bedstead and furniture.
- 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved son Robert L.H. Lofton two negro boys one by the name of Henry and the other by the name of George and a good bed bedstead and furniture.
- 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rosannah, C.W. Lofton the following negroes (to wit) Helen a woman, Scott a boy, Jane a girl, Mary a girl, also the entire lot of land whereon I now live with the balance of the house hotel and kitchen furniture also loan to my daughter Rosannah L.W. Lofton my gold watch until Robert L.H. Lofton arrives at age, when she will deliver it up to the following persons (to wit) Gustavus Hendrick, Henry Hendrick, Rufus W. McCown, John Key, and Franklin Hendrick, or a majority of them who is hereby requested to award it to William J. Lofton or Robert L.H. Lofton, as they may deem most worthy or deserving.
- 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Frances Ann McBride the proceeds of the negro woman Aggy.
- 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my plantation in Henry County be sold on the first Tuesday in January next after my death on a credit of one and two years equal instalments and the balance of my slave property (to wit) Jim a man, Allen a man, Green a man, Harriet a woman, Nerva a girl, and Aggy a woman, and all the balance of my personal property and my bountiful land should I ever obtain it, be sold on a credit of one year and the proceeds thereof except that of the woman Aggy (which I have given to my daughter Frances Ann McBride) to be equally divided between my children (to wit) Jane P. Mason, Justina A. Stodghill, Isse B. Lofton, John H. Lofton, William J. Lofton, Robert L.H. Lofton and Rosannah L.H. Lofton, share and share alike, provided however that no sale or division be made until the growing crop is gathered

- and sold.
- 9<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint Gustavus Hendrick guardian for my son Robert L. H. Lofton, and Rosannah L. H. Lofton during their minority.
- 10<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint William F. Stodghill and Leonard Mason executors to this my last will and testament who are hereby charged with the payment of all my just debts and the faithful execution of this my last will & testament.
- Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the testator, as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1851.

William H. Strange  
William O. Robinson  
Mills H. Bryans

John Lofton & Co.

Georgia} Before us Edmund McDaniel and John Goodman  
Butts County} Justices of the Inferior Court for said County in  
vacation personally came Gustavus Hendrick, and produced  
the last will and testament of John Lofton, late of said County aforesaid  
and two of the witnesses to the said will, (to wit) William H. Strange  
and William O. Robinson, which witnesses being sworn deposes  
and say, that they saw the said testator John Lofton sign, seal,  
declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will  
and testament, freely, voluntarily and of his own accord and  
without compulsion or influence whatever, that at the time of the  
execution of said will, said testator was of sound and disposing  
mind and memory, that deponents signed said will as witnesses  
in the presence of the testator and at his special instance and in  
presence of each other.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
us this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1851.

Edmund McDaniel J.S.B.  
John Goodman J.S.B.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Strange  
W<sup>m</sup> O. Robinson

In chambers.

Butts Inferior Court as a court for ordinary purposes July 21<sup>st</sup> 1851.  
It appearing that Gustavus Hendrick has this day produced to us  
the last will and testament of John Lofton, late of said County aforesaid  
and two of the witnesses to said will, (to wit) William H. Strange, and  
William O. Robinson, and proven the same to our satisfaction it is  
therefore ordered that the Clerk of this Court do issue letters Testamentary

to William F. Stodghill and Leonard Mason Executors named in the said will, in terms of the law, and that said Clerk do issue warrants for the appraisement of the property of said Estates.

Edmund McDaniel *Seal*  
John Goodman *Seal*

Sale Bill of the land belonging to the Estate of Robert Grice aet.  
I willed to the Children of Alexander H. Daugherty, sold by order  
of the Inferior Court of Bucks County in Jackson 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y 1851.  
The Daugherty place sold for cash, the rest on a credit until the  
25<sup>th</sup> day of Dec't 1851.

The Daugherty place to J. H. & J. M. McCord for	\$ 1,502 60
The Tishers place to John G. Thaxter for	305 00
The old Tavern place to S. L. Bailey for	562 00
The Nickelberry place to Stephen Bailey for	300 00
	\$ 2609 00

I swear to & subscribe before  
me Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1851.

R. Grice *Ex. R.*

J. R. McCord *Ex. R.*

Recorded this 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1851.

John McCord *Ex. R.*

The Estate of Robert Grice aet. in account with Elizabeth Grice  
Executrix, for the year 1850.

To Paid Henrietta A. Delamar	Voucher No.	Amount \$
" " W. F. Stodghill rec'd.	1.	17 00
" " W. B. Hunt	2.	3 60
" " J. G. Brown	3.	10 57
" " James Priskel	4.	15 00
" " " "	5.	29 44
" " " "	6.	11 71
" " Editors of the Georgia Telegraph	7.	31 75
" " H. G. Byars J. b. for 1849.	8.	15 65
" " " " J. b. for 1850.	9.	12 00
" " Andrew S. Little rec'd.	10.	29 98
" " Joseph Key	11.	1 65
" " W. B. Hunt	12.	3 00
" " Cotton & Stodghill	13.	10 31 1/2
" " W. F. Stodghill	14.	4 41 1/2
" " Executrix paid for articles of necessity	15.	29 85
" " J. Dillon rec'd.	16.	23 50
" " C. & W. H. Pace	17.	14 30 1/2
	Amt. Carried up.	\$ 203 72 1/2