

Georgia Carroll I In the name of God Amen  
I William Adams Now being weak and feeble  
In the day of 13<sup>th</sup> of August anno 1852 and memory and hearing fail me  
most shortly leave this world I make this my last will and Testament  
in relation to my worldly affairs  
Item 1st I will that my body at my death Be buried in a decent Christian like  
manner item 2<sup>d</sup> That my Estate be divided among my wife

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I thin and bequeath all my property both Real and personal to my beloved wife Sally Adams (If she should outlive me) to be held by my Executor for the use and benefit of my said wife for and during her natural life The said property to be used & the profits to be made applied by my said Executor to her sole use and benefit for the above and aforesaid

Item 4<sup>th</sup> At the death of my beloved wife Sally in Consideration that my beloved son Absalom Adams has the Care of myself & my said wife from this time forth & am business to buy & transact & to attend to us in our helpless situation I Give and bequeath unto him of my money and effects Eight hundred Dollars

Item 5<sup>th</sup> After the death of my said wife Sally It is my will and desire that my said Executor sell and dispose of all my property both Real and Personal to the best advantage that the Proceeds together with any arrears or demands on hand After paying all Expenses and the first yearly bequest to my son Absalom for his trouble during the life of my self or my wife The Balance to be equally divided between my Children (viz) John Adams Elijah Adams Nathaniel Adams Absalom Adams Elizabeth Michael Anna McRea or their legal Representatives Susan J McRea or their legal Representatives in Case they are dead to take the Share either of them are entitled to But all the representatives of anyone only take the Share of that one

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I Appoint my son Absalom Adams my Executor and Trustee for my wife Sally during her life to take Care of her & superintend her property & I desire that he carry this my Will into Execution In witness whereof the said William Adams has signed set his hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1852.

Signed sealed declared and published

in the presence of  
Thomas Chappell  
William Spence  
Sterling G. Sims

*William Adams Esq*

Georgia Carroll County of Ordinary November 1<sup>st</sup> 1858  
Absalom Adams named in the within Will the Testator having come into open Court & having produced the within as the last Will and Testament of William Adams late of said County deceased and witness to said Will to wit Thereas Charles Hinman Spence & Sterling G. Sims being in open Court duly sworn deposed and say that they saw William Adams the Testator sign seal declare and publish the instrument now presented as his last will and Testament freely & voluntarily and of his own accord & without any compulsion or influence whatever That at the time of the execution of the said Will said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory That defendants signed said will as witness in the presence of the Testator and at his special instance & request & in presence of each other Sworn to & subscribed in open Court  
Signed O. Chappell  
Sod Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 J. M. Black & C. C. Spence  
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The foregoing Will Recorded November 6<sup>th</sup> 1856.

(J. M. Blalock 0.66)

State of Georgia I Richard Thurmond being now of sound  
Carrall County of mind and memory but feeble in health and  
knowing that I must die have made and signed a constituted and  
appointed and published the following my last will and Testament  
And first I recommend my Body to the Earth from whence it  
came to be buried in a decent Christian like manner And I  
recommend my Soul to God who gave it Confidently believing  
and hoping that through the Intercession of the Redeemer They  
will be reunitied at the day of the Resurrection and raised to life  
Eternal. And as regards my worldly effects In the first place  
I desire that all my just debt be paid Including burial  
Expenses etc

Item 1st I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Thur-  
mond a Negro Girl about nine years old to have  
and hold her & her increase during the natural life of the said  
Nancy and also the house hold and kitchen furniture and my  
Mare Eight if I am her at my death If not an other horse of less  
Value All the above to be held by my said wife during her natural  
life I also wish my said wife to have Two Cows & Calves

Item 2<sup>d</sup>

I Give to my beloved son John Thurmond my negro boy Henry  
about four years old to be his absolutely

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I Give to my beloved Daughter Sarah one negro Woman  
Caroline about 36 years of age

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I Give to my beloved Daughter Julia Ann Nichols my  
negro Woman Tina about 26 years old and her two children  
Barney and Thomas one about 2 years old & the other about 3 years  
old at this time

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Elizabeth  
Harris her equal proportion of my property to be sold  
hereafter by my Executors herein after directed With my other six  
children That is one seventh of the proceeds of said sale after  
expenses to hold the same to of or even one and benefit separate  
and apart from her present or any future Testaments To enjoy the  
the benefit and proceeds arising from the said share or part for her  
own separate use during her natural life and then to go to the children  
that she has or may have by her present or any future Testaments  
to be divided between her said children after her death

Item 6<sup>th</sup>

I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Cook my negro  
boy John about 17 years of age

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I Give and bequeath to my beloved son Richard E. Thur-  
mond my negro boy Leo about eight years old

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I Give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Martha