

In the name of God Amen This is the last Will and Testament of me William Gibbons of the parish of Christ Church in the provinces of Georgia Planter made the Sixth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and Sixty Nine being of sound mind and disposing understanding First I will that all my just Dotts Funeral Charges and the charge of proving this my will be duly and honestly paid And Whereas a tract of two hundred and fifty Acres of Land was heretofore granted to me in trust for my Son William Gibbons which said Tract of Land I have since disposed of to James Habersham Esq: for a valuable consideration by me received and have ~ Covenanted & Engaged that my said Son William on his attaining the Age of twenty one years shall ratify and Confirm the said Land to the said James Habersham or his Assigns now my will and Direction is that my said son William being of Age & thereto requested by the said James Habersham or his Assigns do and shall without Fee or reward by good and sufficient Conveyances in the Law / to be prepared and provided at the Costs and Charges of the said James Habersham or the person or persons claiming the said Land / Convey and Confirm the ~ aforesaid tract of Land with the Hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever unto the said James Habersham or such other person or persons as aforesaid his, her or their heirs and Assigns in absolute Fee simple and on my said son William's Complying with and duly performing my will and direction herein and not otherwise I give and devise unto him my said son William all that Tract of Land Containing five hundred Acres be the same more or less lying in the said Parish of Christ Church purchased by me of Joseph Parker and also a Piece of Land being the south end of a tract of Three hundred and sixty five Acres adjoining Newington Village in the said parish which said Piece adjoins the west line of the aforesaid Tract of five hundred Acres and the east ~

Line

Line of Land belonging to the Estate of Bartholomew
 Zoubertbuhler deceased & contains One hundred Acres
 or thereabouts To hold the said Tract and piece of Land
 with the Buildings Improvements and Hereditaments
 whatsoever unto my said Son William his heirs and
 assigns forever I also give and devise unto my son
 Barack Gibbons one Tract of Land containing Ninety
 Acres on which my Dwelling House and other Build-
 ings now stand and a piece of Land containing two
 hundred and sixty five Acres or thereabouts being the
 remainder of the aforesaid Tract of Three hundred and
 sixty five Acres adjoining newington Village also one
 other Tract of twenty three Acres adjoining the said
 Village and two other adjoining Tracts containing
 Together Three hundred Acres purchased of James
 Baillon To hold and enjoy the several Tracts and pieces
 of Land with the Buildings Improvements & Heredita-
 ments whatsoever unto the said Barack Gibbons my son
 his heirs and assigns forever Item I give and devise
 unto my sons James Martin Gibbons and Joseph
 Gibbons all those two Tracts of Land lying and being on
 Great Satilla River in this province adjoining Land said
 to be granted in South Carolina to Benjamin Singleton
 & containing together Eight hundred and seventy two
 Acres To hold the said two Tracts and parcels of Land with
 all & singular the Improvements Appurtenances and
 hereditaments whatsoever unto my said Sons James Mar-
 tin Gibbons and Joseph Gibbons their heirs and assigns
 respectively forever as Tenants in Common Item I
 give and devise unto my beloved Wife Sarah Gibbons
 all that Town Lot in Savannah known and dis-
 tinguished in the plan of the said Town by Number
 Six in the Tything Anson Ward with all
 the Houses Buildings Improvements and Hereditaments
 thereon being To hold the same unto my said Wife
 Sarah

Sarah for the Term of her life and after her decease I give
and devise the same unto my said Son Joseph Gibbons his heirs
and forever Item I give and devise unto my said Son James
Martin Gibbons all that my Water Lot under the Bluff
or Bank of Savannah lying to the West of Bull's Head
and adjoining East on Land laid out to the late Governor Ellis
To hold the said last mentioned Lot with the Appurtenances
and Hereditaments unto my said Son James Martin
Gibbons his heirs and assigns forever. *Willm Gibbons*
Witnesses

My Son

Jos Gibbons Junr

Publy

Item I give and Devise unto my son Josiah Gibbons all
those Two Tracts of Land one tract containing five hundred
and Thirty Acres and the other Tract containing two hun
dred and twenty Acres lying and being upon Newport
River in St Andrews Parish in the said Province To hold
the same with the Improvements Appurtenances & Heredi
taments whatsoever unto my said son Josiah his heirs &
assigns forever and my will and meaning is that if any of
my said Sons depart this Life under the Age of twenty one
years and without lawful Issue of his Body Then the Lands
and Hereditaments herein before devised to him or them so
dying shall go to and become the Inheritance of his sur
viving Brothers to be hold and enjoyed by them their heirs
and assigns respectively as Tenants in Common NEVER
theless the Heir at Law of my said son William (in case
of his Death) shall not be intitled to inherit his part
of the said Lands and Hereditaments herein before devised to
the said William but only on the same condition and under
the same Restrictions of duly executing a conveyance as
aforesaid of the Two hundred and fifty Acres of Land to
the said James Habersham or his assigns Item I give
and bequeath to my said wife one negroe wench named

Minta

Minta To hold the said Negroes and her Issue unto
 my said Wife as her own property & chattles forever, I also
 give unto my said Wife the choice of one of my House
 Monches which wench is chosen my said Wife shall have
 the use of for her life and after my said Wifes decess the
 said wench and such children as she may have during
 her living with my said Wife I give and bequeth
 unto my said Sons Joseph Gibbons and James Mar-
 tin Gibbons to be divided betwixen them in equal shares
 and Proportions I also give and bequeth unto my
 said Wife my Chaise and the choice of any two of my
 Horses to and for her own use and benefit. Item I
 give and bequeth to my Daughter Sarah to and for her own
 use One Negroe Girl named Silvia Item I give and bequeth
 unto my Daughter Mary to and for her own use One Negroe
 Girl named Tamar Item I will that my beloved wife have
 the possession of my House and Plantation where I now
 dwell untill my said Son Barak shall attain his Age of
 Twenty one Years or be Married which shall first happen
 and in case of his Death before that time then untill my
 next Son shall arrive at the said Age or be Married if my Wife
 shall so long continue a Widow But if my said Wife shall
 Marry again before my said Son shall Marry or attain the
 Age of twenty one Years then I direct and order that she
 shall immediately quit the possession of the said Plantation
 and deliver up the same to my Executors herein after named
 and as touching and concerning my Negroes Money Horses
 cattle and other my personal Estate not herein before dis-
 posed of with which it has pleased God to bless me I give
 bequeth and will the same as follows (that is to say my
 desire is that the whole be kept together and employed
 to the best advantage by my Executors herein after named
 and all House hold Expences my Wifes Maintenance the
 schooling of my Children (whose Education I request may
 be at the direction of my Executors as liberal as their res-
 pective Estates will admit) & clothing and other necessary
 family charges be paid out of the profits arising therefrom
 until

Untill my wife shall again Marry or one of my Sons shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or one of my Daughters be of the same age or Married which shall first happen And then the same shall be divided into light parts one part whereof shall be to my said beloved wife which she shall then Immediately possess herself and Employ for her own benefit as she shall think fit and one other part shall be to each of my Children But my intent is that none of my Children shall possess themselves of their respective Shares only as he (if a son) shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or she if a Daughter be of the same age or Married so that when any one share of the said Personal Estate

Witness My Son
 Jos. Gibbons Junr.
 H. Luby.

Will. Gibbons

shall be made to any of my Sons or Daughters as aforesaid the other Shares thereof shall be still kept together employed and improved by my said Executors until the rest of my said Children shall become severally intituled therunto Item my Will is that the profits arising annually from my Estate during the minority of my Children (Household Expences Schooling Cloathing and other necessary Family Charges being first defrayed) shall be applied and paid out by my said Executors as opportunity shall offer in the Purchase of Young Negroes to be added to & accounted part of my Personal Estate and as such managed and divided agreeable to the direction of this my Will and as Touching and concerning the Lands Hereditaments herein and hereby devised to all or any of my Children I will order and direct that the same shall be liable to be planted and occupied by the Negroes belonging to my said Children during the respective Minority's of such Children & be acquitted and discharged of all Rent or sums of Money whatsoever that may be demanded or claimed by them or any of them their or any of their Heirs or assigns severally for the use, and occupation thereof And last

by

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And lastly I appoint and constitute my said wife
Executrix (during Her widowhood) and my Brothers
Joseph Gibbons and John Gibbons and my Nephew
John Martin and my said Sons William Gibbons and
Josiah Gibbons (when they shall severally have attained
their age of twenty One Years) Executors of this my last
Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me made And
in Testimony that this is my last Will and Tes-
tament contained in three Sheets of Paper I have to
the two first Sheets set my hand & to the last Sheet there-
of my hand and Seal and published the same as such the
day and year in the first Sheet first above Written -

Willm Gibbons (S)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared
by the Testator to be and contain his last
Will and Testament in the presence of us
who at his request in his presence and
in the presence of each other have sub-
scribed our names as Witnesses thereto

W Jones
Jos. Gibbons Junr.
H. Lubly

Georgia

Whereas since the making and Publishing of my Last
Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the Sixth day
of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hun-
dred and Sixty nine, It is amongst other things therein
declared That my Son Josiah Gibbons shall hold and
enjoy unto himself his heirs and assigns forever two tracts
of Land that is to say One tract containing five hundred
and Thirty Acres and the other tract containing two hundred
and twenty Acres Situate lying and being upon New-
port River in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the province
aforesaid my further Will and pleasure is and I do here-
by declare that in case the Child of which my wife

is now ensient with shall prove to be a son, That then the
 said two Tracts of land above mentioned shall be held and en-
 joyed by him and my said son Josiah as Tenants in Common
 and not as Jointtenants. And my further Will and meaning
 is and I do hereby declare that the said Yet unborn whe-
 ther Son or Daughter shall be intituled unto and receive
 an equal and proportionable part of my personal Estate
 with my other Children as mentioned and directed in
 and by my said Will and I do hereby further declare
 and it is my will and pleasure that my dear wife
 shall have the liberty of Putting her share or part of
 negroes if she shall think proper on the Plantation
 whereon I now reside or any other I am Possessed of in
 Common with my Children so long as she remains
 Sole and Unmarried and Whereas I did in and by my
 said Will Nominate and appoint my Brother Joseph
 Gibbons and John Gibbons Executors with my dear wife
 Sarah and my Kinsman John Martin, But since the
 making and publishing of the same my said Brothers Jo-
 seph and John Gibbons have departed this life I do there-
 fore hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint my Friends
 the Reverend John Osgood the Reverend John Joachim
 Zubly John Winn Esq. and my nephews Joseph Gibbon
 and William Gibbons additional Executors and Them with
 my said Wife and Kinsman John Martin, I do appoint
 Guardians of the persons and Estates of my said Children
 and their Education do strongly recommend to them and
 When my sons William and Josiah shall have attained
 to the age of Twenty one years as mentioned in the said
 will It is my will and pleasure that they only act as
 Executors with the above if they shall think proper to
 Qualify as such and I do hereby declare that my
 said Will bearing date the day and year above men-
 tioned and this Codicil which I will shall be addo-
 ed to and read with the said Will shall contain my last will
 and Testament In witness whereof I have hereun-
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hereunto set my Hand and seal the eighth day of February
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred
and Seventy One.

Wm. Gibbons (P)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by
the said William Gibbons as and for his
Codicil to be added to and to be part of
his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who in his presence and
at his request have subscribed our
names as witnesses hereto

Wm. Young

John Davis

Wm. Sprabank

Georgia

Secretary's office

A true copy taken from the original in this office
Examined & certified and I do further certify that Sarah
Gibbons John Martin and Joseph Gibbons three of the
Executors named in the said Will qualified as such
certified this 28th February 1771 by

Thos. Moodie D. Secy.

Georgia

By George Jones Esquire Register of Probates
for the County of Chatham in the State aforesaid.

Personally appeared John Milton of the County and
State aforesaid Esquire who being duly sworn on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God. Maketh oath and saith
that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of
Joseph Godwire Gentleman late of Savannah Deceased
a Clerk in the then Province now State of Georgia &
that he verily believes the annexed copy of the last will
and Testament of the late M^r. William Gibbons Deceased
is

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is of the proper hand writing of the said Joseph Goldwire,
And also, that he is well acquainted with the hand-
writing of the late Thomas Moodie Esquire then Deputy
Secretary of Georgia, and that he verily believes the
certificate underneath the copy of the will of the said
William Gibbons Decd. is of the proper hand writing of
the said Tho. Moodie

Sworn this 27th March 1783

J. Milson

Geo. Jones.

At the same time William Gibbons Junr. Esquir
named an Executor in the aforesaid Will qualified
as such agreeable to law.

Given under my hand ~~the~~ ^{the} twentieth
seventh day of March 1783.

Geo. Jones