

Georgia. Plainly appearing that the said defendant was of the sound
mind and of the free and full will and intention of John
Harris deceased relating only to the same with that known
person and that the said defendant, aged, and put in
and before the same to be understood his death will
and testament and that he was of sound mind and
perfectly in his senses at the time he made of this
deposited belief and that John Green and Robert
Green together with the said defendant and the
said at witness at the request and in the presence
of the said testator and of each other.

Given under my hand & seal of office.

Do not see

Edward Green.

State of Georgia

In the name of God Amen

This is the last will & testament of me William Gibbons
of the County of Chatham in the State of Georgia made this
twenty first day of September one thousand eight hundred
and three being of sound mind and disposing understanding
I prescribe I will that my just debts & funeral charges
be paid

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Sarah Telfair
two of my fields such two as she may make choice of also one
half of my stock of cattle one half of my sheep one half of my
hogs one pair of iron tables one large mahogany bedstead & one
mahogany side board with a dresser near and one one
mahogany wash hand stand with a dresser & one one chair
painted black and yellow one half of my books one muscivore
quilt one pair of large circular krap five dogs shovel & tongs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Sarah Telfair one
parcel of land containing containing one thousand one hundred
& fifty acres originally granted to me formerly in the County
of Chatham now in the County of Jackson adjoining

a tract of land granted to his Father also one lot in the Village of St. Gale known by the N^o twenty five (25) bounded on the north by Leachins Street also my Gold watch makers name up John my Gray horse named Chatham my furling piece makers name William my mahogany writing case

Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Telfair one tract of land originally granted to me containing one thousand acres formerly in the County of Franklin now in the County of Seaboard bounded by land granted John Graham and land of George O'ggs also one lot in the City of Savannah N^o Nine (9) which said lot I purchased of James Bullock & Charles Swain Executors to Elizabeth Powell dec. also my furling piece makers name Golden

Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew Alexander Telfair one tract of land originally granted to me formerly in the County of Franklin now in the County of Seaboard containing one thousand two acres bounded to the south by John Graham and on the east by Joseph Martin also one lot in the Village of St. Gale N^o twenty eight (28) bounded on the north by Leachins Street and on the east by a lot belonging to W^o John Gillis also my Gold Blue buttons marked W. G.

Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew N^o W. Wimberly Jones two tracts of land in the County of Camden on great Satilla river granted to me containing together one thousand one hundred & eighty acres adjoining to land granted John Houston also one lot in the City of Savannah N^o seven (7) which said lot I purchased at the sale of W. Martin Campbell dec. also my furling piece makers name Holland & Co and my sword and scabbard

Item I give and bequeath unto my Niece Sarah Gillis Jones one lot in the town of Brunswick N^o ninety two (92) said lot I purchased at the Sale of John Houston dec. also my Gold watch makers name Higgs & Brown my silver sugar dish and three small silver ladles two silver

spoons one large silver waiter my largest looking glass my mother's wedding ring

I then I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Gifford my silver coffee cup & saucer my silver tea pot & stand my silver sugar dish and cream pot to match them my chest of drawers I use in Savannah my gold ring with my sister Anne's hair also my silver bowl
I then I give and bequeath unto my niece Sarah Gifford one day silver watch & fob my gold ring with my sister Deborah's hair also one lot in the town Brunswick N. C. the one hundred and ninety eight.
I then I give and bequeath unto my niece Margaret Gifford my silver watch & fob my gold chain button and one lot in town of Brunswick N. C. 271 two hundred seventy one.

I then I give and bequeath unto my Brother Barack Gifford and my Nephew John Gifford in trust for the use Education & maintenance of Maria of a Mulatto woman fully when I emancipated by a deed of Gift dated the tenth day of February one thousand seven hundred & ninety six the following property viz one lot in the village of St. Paul N. C. county four (24) adjoining the lot whereon the Federal Jail is bounded on the south by Joachim street and on the west by lot N. C. 103) twenty five said lot I purchased at market sale it was sold as the property of John Joachim Tubby also two hundred acres of land given me by my mother Sarah Gifford in her last will and testament also the following negroes Delia and her two children Peter & Jane & the future issue of Delia & Jane also a negro girl named Betty whom I purchased of Miss B. Mackay and the future issue of said negro girl Betty also six large plain silver table spoons six silver tea spoons and eight hundred dollars during her natural life and at her death I give the said property herein mentioned to her children should she depart this life without leaving a child or children then & in that case I give the said property mentioned in this item to her sister Emma for her use during her natural life and at her death I give the said property to her children.

I give unto my brother Baruch Gibbons my kinsman
John Gibbons in trust for Emma's daughter of the said middle
woman half of her use maintenance & maintenance the fol-
lowing viz one lot in the city of Savannah N. C. or eight
which I purchased at the sale of James Mayes dec'd also one
hundred & fifty acres of land which is the remaining part of
three hundred and fifty acres of land given me by my mother
in her last will and testament also the following negro
Whining Peter & Mary whom I purchased of Miss S. Mayes and
of John Mayes also six large silver table spoons and five
hundred dollars during her natural life and at her de-
cease I give the said property to her children should she
depart this life without leaving a child or children they
in that case I give the said property mentioned in this
Will to her sister Maria for her life during her natural
life and at her decease I give the said property to her chil-
dren should Maria & Emma be departed this life without
leaving a child or children then it is my will that the
property given them in this my will be divided equally be-
tween my nephews & nieces except the land in Newington
Village which I give unto my brother Baruch Gibbons.

I also I give unto my brother Baruch Gibbons & my kinsman
John Gibbons in trust for John Charles son of the said middle
woman half of her use or half part of the lot and building
on the bay of Savannah said lot I purchased by Matthew Allen
Attester & myself at sheriff's sales and was sold as the property
David Montague also one tract of land containing one hun-
dred and one lot containing fifty acres N. C. or four adjoining
the said tract of hundred acres containing together one hundred
and fifty acres which said tract of land and lot I purchased
of John Stewart dec'd and also one lot in the village of St. Paul
N. C. or one said lot I purchased at Sheriff's sales also the follow-
ing negroes little coffee & a new negro girl named Mary and
the future issue of the said negro girl Mary and it is my

and desire that my Executors do appropriate the moneys arising from the sale of the late buildings and the balance of the said moneys to the payment of the improvements of the said late & to the support & necessary maintenance of the said Mulatto Woman fully during her natural life and also to the education & maintenance of the said John Charles until he arrives to the age of twenty one years and then it is my will and desire that the said property of lands, lot buildings & moneys with the balance of moneys remaining in their hands be delivered by my Executors and paid unto the said John Charles should he the said John Charles depart this life before the life before he attains the above age of twenty one years then & in that case I give it unto Sally the wife of lot N^o one also the use of the Negroes Coffee & moneys during his life & the remainder of the property mentioned in this Item I give unto my Nephews & nieces to be divided amongst them share and share alike.

Item It is my will and desire that my Executors do cause to be built the lot N^o 2 right within one year after my decease a building twenty eight feet in length and sixteen feet wide to be one and half story and lined within with planed boards to be underpinned with brick a brick chimney and a good oven at one end of the same and the lot to be inclosed with a good board fence & the expense of the said building & improvements to be charged and paid out of my Estate.

Item I give unto Maria & Emma one new full maple bedstead one new mahogany breakfast table six middling sized diaper table cloths six breakfast damask cloths one dozen largest towels all my bed blankets four pair five linen sheets six fine pillow cases one feather bed one mattress two bolsters two pillows one good parillion one set of blue & white bed curtains all my iron pots & pot hooks usually made of in kitchen two large hair trunks one broken set of & white india chana my plated castors one pair of small

brass candle sticks one & white calico bed cover one dog
& yellow painted sitting chairs.

I then I give unto my the said Melatua woman of Salley one old
mahogany bedstead one feather bed one mattress all my coarse
sheets all my coarse all pillow cases one bolster & two pillows one
parillion one large hair trunk one set of common castors &
the sum of ninety dollars.

I then I give unto M^{rs} Ann B Gibbons wife of my husband
John Gibbons one new mahogany tea table with scalloped edge
one small mahogany wash hand stand one pair of mahogany
knife cases without feet one pair brass fire dogs with globu-
lar handle smallest size shovels & tongs to match them.

I then I give & bequeath unto my Brother Baruch Gibbons
one lot in the city of Jerusalem N^o 20 twenty Liberty ward to
him, his heirs & assigns for ever also the following articles one
gold watch makers name Wintner my gold chain sent & by
my breast watch with my mothers hair in it two silver shells
collar one large silver tangle one dog table silver spoon and
one dog silver tea spoon curved edge my silver mounted Ribb
& one silver marrow spoon one tea boiler & coffee urn my eight
day clock my desk and book case hanging pictures one dog
chair painted white with quilt one sofa covered with mohair
two pair plated candle sticks one new copper kettle for boiling
clothes one pair plated candle sticks one new copper kettle for boil-
ing cloth one pair new mahogany knife and fork cases with feet &
the white ivory square handle knives and forks one mahogany side
board my sultry Phatton & harness all the remainder of my
mahogany tables one set of blue & white table cloths all the
remainder of my beds bedsteads curtains parillions trunks bed-
ding bed linen bed furniture of every kind also all the remain-
der of my table linen chairs fire dogs shovels & tongs also all the
remainder of kitchen furniture glass ware china ware plated ware
& crockery ware and all my household furniture of every kind not
specially mentioned in my will also all the remainder of my

leave with ship boy and running apparel.
I then I give unto the Union Society of Savannah one dollar
which I desire to be paid unto the President of the same for
the time being to be appropriated to such purposes as a majority
of the said Society may think it proper.

I then I give unto Joseph Eliza Thabersham & John Bolton
Thabersham sons of my deceased friend John Thabersham
an Joint Tenants one tract of land in the county of Glynn
containing five hundred acres originally granted to John
Gibbons

I then I give unto my sister Sarah Telfore for her use during
her natural life my moiety or half part of the house & tract lot
N^o purchased by Major Thabersham and myself of the
of the commissioners of the town of Louisville and at her
death my will is that the said property can be divided
amongst my Nephews & Nieces who may be then living share
and share alike.

I then I give and bequeath unto my Brother Barach Gibbons
for his use during his natural life my plantation whereon I
now reside known by the name of Beech Forest consisting of
two tracts of land one containing by original survey five
hundred acres and the other adjoining containing one hun-
dred acres with the Improvements thereon also two other
tracts of Land in the county of Jefferson originally granted to
James Thabersham dec^d containing together or a Remains
three thousand one hundred & seventy acres & known by the
name of the Retreat plantation with the Improvements and
the following negroes viz. Abraham, Doll, Rose, Betty, Eliza,
Little Fanny, September, Primus, Mary, Patience, Topsy, Subnah,
Ned, Will, Isaac, May, Robt, Esau & Sarah with the future
issue of the female and at his decease I give the said prop-
erty to his children but if my brother Barach Gibbons depart
this life without leaving a lawful issue of his body or if
he leave lawful issue and they die before they they

if under the age of twenty one years or married & if daughters
the age of eighteen years or married then and in that case my
will is that the property given him in this form of bequest be
divided amongst my Nephews & Nieces share & share alike
I Item I do hereby recommend & let for my Niece
Anne Bing and his wife say if it is their choice and they are
to have as much land free of any charge on my last Trust
trust as they themselves can

Witness

Wm. Gillmore

W. Fuller J. B.

J. W. Shaffer

W. C. W. Clow

and I desire that my Executors do take the necessary
measures to have their functions completed agreeably to
the Law of the State

I Item I do hereby recommend and let for my daughter
girl named Harriet and I desire that my Executors do
take the necessary measures to have her functions completed
agreeably to the Law of the State

I Item I will that if my Nephew Abble Wimberly
Jones depart this life before he attains the age of twenty one
years or married that my Niece Sarah Gillmore Jones shall be
entitled to all the property devised to my said nephew Abble
Wimberly Jones and if my said Niece Sarah Gillmore Jones
depart this life before she attains the age of eighteen years
or married then my aforesaid Nephew Wimberly Jones shall
be entitled to her proportion of my estate but if they both
depart this life before they arrive to the respective ages men-
tioned or married then and in that case all the property de-
vised to them or that they may be entitled to in this my will
shall be equally divided amongst my surviving nephews &
nieces share and share alike

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I do hereby affirm declare and it is my will about
of the Leg. & other persons named in this my will concerning

and by themselves only this Guardians in any event of Law
against my Estate herein bequeathed that he shall be precluded
from shall be precluded and detained from receiving or hold-
ing any property bequeathed him here as they

I have I do hereby appoint my Executors who are hereafter
named Guardians of Sally Maria Connor & John Charles
Larley I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
Brother Branch Gibbons my friends Edward Telford George
Tiner John Gibbons and Nephews Josiah Telford & Noble Wm.
Lester Jones whom the two last shall attain the age of twenty
one years Executors of this my last will and testament con-
tained in two sheets of paper here by resolving all former
Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declar-
ing this only to be my last will and Testament I as
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this twenty first day of September in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three

Signed sealed published
and declared by the Testator

William Gibbons in the pres-
ence of us and at his request
and in the presence of each
other have subscribed our
Names as Witnesses

Will^m Gibbons

H. Talbot J. J.

J. W. Shaffer

W^m W. Lane

Georgia } Before the Hon^{ble} the Court or Ordinary for the
County of Chatham in the State of Georgia personally appear
ed John William Shaffer one of the subscribing Witnesses
to the foregoing Last will and testament of William Gibbons
deceased who being duly sworn saith that he was present
and did see the said testator sign seal publish and decla

the same to be and contain his last will and testament
and that he was at the time of sound mind to the best of
the deponents belief and that W. Fuller and William Mc Lane
together with the deponent subscribed their names as Wit-
nesses at the request and in the presence of the said testator
and of each other.

J. W. Shaffer

Same in open Court

20 April 1802

James White clerk

April 20th 1802 then Barnet Gibbons appeared and was
duly qualified executor of the foregoing last will and
testament of William Gibbons deceased and received the
said last testamentary

State of Georgia

This is the last Will and Testament
of me John Gibbons of the City of Savannah in the State of Georgia. At
turning at Sun Point I give to my son George my large silver cup
with two handles to its fellow to the one I give my son James

Secondly I give my large silver bowl to my son Thomas.
Thirdly I give my large two Gallon bowl to my daughter Margaret
Hunter wife of M^r. W^m. Hunter.

Fourthly I give all the rest of my plate, household & kitchen
furniture, linen, sundries & bedding to my beloved wife Sarah and
wish she may divide the plate between her & my daughter Sarah

Bullock wife of M^r. Arch^d. State Bullock or give her a full grain
about there.

Fifthly I give, devise and bequeath the use of
all the rest residue and remainders of my Estate real & personal to
my said beloved Wife Sarah during her Widowhood. And in case
she should intermarry after my decease (which I think she has no pro-
pensity to do having so large a family of children) it is my will that
my said residue be equally divided between her and all my children among