

State of Georgia,

In the name of God Amen I William Gilbarte of the Island of Wilmington in the County of Chatham once State of Georgia Planter being weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding considering the uncertainty of Human life and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First I hereby order that my Executors here after to be appointed do pay all my Just Debts and Funerall Charges out of such Chattell Estate as shall belong to me at the time of my death and which is not granted or given to any one by this Will & Testament

Also I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann for her sole and separate use and benefit to hold to her for ever my Negro Girl named Fidelity about thirteen years old, furthermore I give and bequeath to my said wife Ann during her widow hood the use and improvement of fifty acres of land on the Island of Wilmington County and State aforesaid and all my Chattell Estate the making no waste thereof except such as may be sold by my Executors to pay my Just Debts and Funerall charges, and immediately after her decease or Marriage, then to go to my two Daughters Elizabeth and Maryann, to be divided between them in the following manner the fifty acres of land before mentioned together with my four Negroes Miley a woman, Hazard a boy, Stephen a boy, and Billa a Girl with the future issue and increase of the females I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth

Elizabeth her heirs and assigns, And my other
 four Negroes Mary a Wench, Phebe and Lindsay Girls
 and Boston a young fellow with the future issue
 and increase of the Female, I give and bequeath
 to my Daughter Mary Ann her heirs and assigns -

And it is my will and meaning and
 I hereby order that the above Legacies given and
 granted to my said wife shall be in full of all
 debts which she would be indebted to by Law. —

And it is furthermore my will and meaning
 that if either of my Daughters Elizabeth & Mary Ann
 should die without leaving issue that the
 Surviving Daughter shall have receive and hold
 the whole of the before mentioned Eight Negroes
 and their increase as aforesaid. And in case
 that both of my said Daughters should die without
 leaving issue — It is my will and I hereby order
 & direct that the Land and Negroes say Eight,
 shall go to and be equally divided between my
 deceased brother John Liberty, Children Shau and
 Shau alike and all the rest residue and remainder
 of my worldly goods & Effects whatsoever & whensoever
 after the death or marriage of my Wife I give
 give and bequeath unto my said two Daughters Elizabeth
 and Mary Ann to be equally divided between them
 Shau & Shau alike —

Lastly

I hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved
 friends Mr John Tebeau and Solomon Shau
 of the Island County & State aforesaid Executors
 of this my last will and Testament hereby Proving
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all former Will or Wills by me there before
made

In witness whereof I the said William
Gilbert have to this my last Will & Testament Set
my hand and Seal this Tenth day of February
One thousand seven hundred and ninety five
And in the Nineteenth year of American Independence

Signed Seal & published
and declared by the said
Testator as and for his
last Will & Testament
in presence of us —
Michael Lerman
John Lyon
Peter Miller

W. Gilbert (L.S.)

Georgia } Before me Edward White, Justice of
Probate for the County of Chatham in the State
afore said appeared John Lyon one of the
subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing last Will and
Testament of William Gilbert deceased who being
duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty
God saith that he was present and did see the said
Testator sign Seal pronounce & declare the same
to be and contain his last Will and Testament
and that he was of sound mind at the time to the
best of this Depoant's belief, and the Michael
Lerman and Peter Miller together with the
depoant subscribed their names as Witnesses
at the request of the said Testator and of each other.

Sworn to before me
the 23rd April 1796
Edw White
J. P. C. C.

J. D. Lyon

At same time qualified John Taber
and Solomon Had Executors —

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Memorandum of the last words expressed by Mr. Frederic
Fahm, on Justice Hartman Schumber asking him distinctly
twice over in the presence of Herman Herson Peter Samuel
Laffitte Jacob Fahm, Mr. Catharina Long and Mr.
Sophia Engel when the said Mr. Fahm declared
that he had given the house & lot wherein he lives
to his daughter Mr. Catharina Long and her children
for ever - the house and lot by the out house
to his daughter Sophia Engel and her children
for ever - The house and lot wherein Mr. Fahm
lives to his son Jacob Fahm and to his heirs and
their assigns for ever - And that all the rest of
his property whether Real or Personal Estate be
equally divided among his aforesaid three children
to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever -
And that he appoints William Leubin and Peter
Samuel Laffitte to be the Executors of this his last Will
& Testament Signed, Sealed, and declared in our presence
this twenty seventh day of April in the year seventeen hundred
& ninety six
Frederic Fahm (25)
mark

Justice H. Schumber

Attest

Herman Herson

Peter Samuel Laffitte

Sophia Engel

Jacob Fahm

Before me Edward White, Register of Probate for the County of Chatham
the State aforesaid appeared Justice H. Schumber and Herman Herson
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will & Testament of Frederic
Fahm deceased, who being duly sworn said that they were
present and did see the said Testator sign, seal, pronounce &
declare the same to be & contain his last Will & Testament &
that he was of sound mind at the time & the best of their Dependants
belief and that J. Leubin & Peter Samuel Laffitte brother with these
Dependants subscribed their names as witnesses in the presence of
the Testator and of each other -
Sworn to 2 May 1896

Edward White R.P.C.C.

Justice H. Schumber
Herman Herson

At same time qualified Mr. Leubin & Peter
Samuel Laffitte Executors