

In the Name of God amen I James Alger
of the State of Georgia and County of Chatham
Being weak in body, but of strong mind and
memory, Blessed be almighty God for the same
do make and declare this to be, my last will
and Testament, to wit, I do give and bequeath
to my beloved Wife whose affections I have
long since, Experienced thirteen Negroes, to wit,
Pall and her two Children, Philes and Peggy
Dufney and her son Harry & Melly, being Negroes
obtained from her mother's Estate, Elijah Morris
Hagar Tom Caesar Jack and Robert, and all
my Plate, house hold, and Kitchen Furniture
of every kind, which I now, possessed of, my
Library excepted, one house, and Lot, in the
City of Savannah No five, in Oglethorpe ward.
One house I have the aforesaid Negroes and
their increase, and all other property above
mentioned, I give and bequeath to my be
loved Wife her heirs and assigns for ever.
I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife
during her widowhood, Oakeland Hill planta
tion on which I now reside, with all my lands
adjoining thereto, and also one moiety of all the
other lands, which I am possessed of, and
stock of Horses, cattle, Hogs, and sheep, on, or
attached to Oakeland Plantation. I also
give and bequeath unto my beloved Nephew
Preserved Alger son of, Preserved Alger of
the Town of Warren and State of Rhode Island
twelve Negroes, to wit; Isabella, Nancy and
her two Children, Darkis, and Ruth, Delley
and Fanny, Anna, and her child & willis,
Hetty, Cassias, Marques, and Charles and
one house and Lot in the City of Savannah
No one in Yamocraw, my Book boxes and
Books, one Silver mounted Shotgun, and
one moiety of all my lands, my Oakeland Hill Plantation which
I have given and bequeathed unto my
wife during her widowhood, and

between her and another person, then the said
 Robert and Alice, plantation and all the lands
 adjoining thereto, shall be considered as the
 property of my beloved Nephew Preserved
 absent, and I do by virtue of these presents
 appoint my beloved wife my Executor, John
 Milledge and Charles Harris my Executors
 of this my Last will and Testament, here by
 revoking all former wills or wills by me
 made, and all and every other instrument
 of writing, touching or concerning the premises
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 Hand and Seal the Eleventh day of June
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
 Hundred and Eight and in the thirty second
 year of the Independence of the United States
 of America, signed sealed and acknowledged
 in presence of us, Ham Shive and benevolent
 unto Miss Mary Devereux fifty Dollars
 to Miss Margaret Irvine fifty Dollars
 to William Lanier Daughter to Clement Lanier
 thirty Dollars } James Higer (Jr)
 Margaret Irvine }
 Clement Lanier }

March 11 1809, then Miss Margaret Irvine
 appeared qualified Executor

Georgia } Before the Honorable the Court of
 Ordinance for the County of Chatham
 in the State aforesaid Personally appeared
 Margaret Irvine one of the subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing last will and Testament of
 James Higer deceased who being duly sworn,
 saith that she was present and did see the
 said Testator, sign, seal, publish and
 declare the same to be and contain his last
 will and Testament and that he was at the
 time of sound mind and memory and that
 Clement Lanier together with the deponent
 subscribed them James as witnesses at the
 request and in the presence of the said Testator
 and of each other Margaret Irvine
 sworn in open Court }

8th March 1809 } Geo White Clerk of said Court