

instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will & testament of Abraham Beers deceased signed sealed published and delivered to be and contain his last will & testament that the said Abraham Beers was at the time of executing the same of sound & disposing mind and memory to the best of the deponents knowledge and belief that he the deponent and John Purches & Lewis Myers subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in presence of the said testator at his request & in presence of each other sworn to in open Court
this 4th day 1816.

J. M. Bond, W, C, O.

Attest: Lewis
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Georgia
Chatham County In the name of God, amen. I John Gibbons of the City of Savannah in the State aforesaid, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

Item I give and bequeath to my Niece Catherine Eliza Clanton of Columbia County, my silver Kettle, Milk pot, sugar tong, and all my silver spoons -

Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Stephen Miller of Ketches my pair of silver waiters marked A. B. G. and Soup Ladle marked Benfield -

Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Glen Miller of Ketches my silver tankard, Punch strainer, and my other Soup Ladle marked E. M. F.

Item I give and bequeath to Nephew James C. Stallings of Columbia County, my Gold watch, with the spare tortoise shell case there unto belonging, and my gold Sleeve Buttons -

Item I give bequeath and devise to Jack, a man of color living on lot number ~~Twenty~~ six in the Village of Saint Cal Oglethorpe Ward and to his heirs and assigns forever, the whole of said lot of ground number twenty six, reserving to Sally my freed woman (daughter of Quarters) the liberty or the right of residing on that one fourth part of said lot, that I had formerly leased to Quash Dolly the Carpenter deceased and on which he has built a small house during her life time, and also my wearing apparel and one thousand Dollars in Cash. And respecting my Slaves, I do hereby manumit and set free from Slavery forever all and every of my said Slaves or people of color about fifty two or three in number, and I request that my executors

State of Georgia, to pass a Law to that effect, provided that if there should be a crop on the ground at the time of my decease they shall remain on the plantations until said crop shall be shared and carried to market, and after that is done they are to have the privilege of planting a crop on the plantation for themselves, should they be so inclined, and giving them all their plantation tools, such as Hoes, Axes, Spades and Hooks. And my will further is, that all the remainder of my property real and personal be sold at public or private sale at the discretion of my executors herein after named, and after paying all lawful debts, the remainder of the proceed if any to be divided between my Nephews John Stephen Miller, Thomas H. Miller, James G. Stallings and my Niece Catharine E. Clanton above mentioned share and share alike, and as there will be nothing to be collected from my books of account I recommend to my executors to burn, and all useful papers Lastly. I do hereby appoint my friends Thomas Telfair, also Telfair and John P. Williamson Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and the Fortieth of American Independence.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged, published, and pronounced by the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have as evidences hereunto signed our names

John Gibbons (S)

Georgia, Chatham County, In the Court of Ordinary March Term 1816 Present, the Honorable George Jones, and John P. Williamson Personally appeared William Davies, of Savannah Attorney at Law, who being duly sworn saith he is well acquainted with the hand writing of John Gibbons deceased, that he has frequently seen him write, and he believes the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the will of the said John Gibbons, and is in the proper hand writing of the said deceased, and the signature "John Gibbons" substantiated to be the proper signature and hand writing of the said John Gibbons deceased.

William Davies

Sworn in open Court 4th March 1816
Saml M. B. Jr. Clerk of Court

I Married 1816. J. P. Williamson
I also Telfair & Gibbons as executors
of John Gibbons will (S) J. P. B.