

Personally appeared William Starr of Savannah State
who being duly sworn faith that Joseph Abundanon deceased
acknowledged in the presence of the deponent the within
instrument of writing to be his act and deed & the signature
"Joseph Abundanon" subscribed thereto to be the proper hand
writing of him the said Joseph Abundanon & that the said
deceased was, at the time, of sound & disposing mind &
memory to the best of the deponent's knowledge. Believes
Sworn in open Court Wm. Starr
this 4 Jan'y 1816.

Saml. M. Bond clk Co. ordy.

Recorded. 10 Jan'y 1816
Bond

✓ State of Georgia
Chatham County.

L. J.
Jammerson
clk. Co. ordy. Clk.

To John Waters, Adam Cope Barnes
William John Eppinger & James
Morrison Esquires or any three of
them executing:

Whereas Joseph P. Holmes late of the
County of Chatham deceased departed this life intestate
possessed of a considerable personal estate And whereas
administration of the estate and effects of the said inte-
state has been in due form of law granted unto
David Taylor Junior of the said County of Chatham
who hath petitioned The Honourable the Court of Or-
dinary for the County aforesaid to have the estate of
the said Joseph P. Holmes divided amongst the sev-
eral heirs & distributed and it appearing to the said Court
that the other heirs & distributees of the said estate were
Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes the mother Miss Mary Holmes
the sister, and the children of the late David Holmes
deceased who was the brother of the said Joseph P.
Holmes by then guardian the Reverend Charles C.
Sequens, who hath intermarried with the widow
of the said David G. Holmes an also desirous that
such division should take place agreeably to the provi-
sions of the act of Assembly in such cases made
These are therefore to require and command you the
said John Waters, Adam Cope Barnes William John

John Gifford and James Allcock or any three or more
of you to meet together, having warned the parties to
be present if they will and after having first taken the
oath first annexed thereto you do, in the presence of the
said parties their agents attorneys or guardians, if there
will be present, divide and partition the personal pro-
perty of the said Joseph B. Holmes deceased into four
equal parts (due respect being had to the value of each
part) and the same being so divided and partitioned
you shall cause one fourth part to be assigned & delivered
to the said Elizabeth Holmes, one fourth part to the said
Mary M. Holmes, one fourth part to the said Charles C.
Gifford for the children of the said David G. Holmes &
the remaining fourth part to the said David Taylor for.

each of
the said parts or shares to be held in severalty so that
none have more of the said estate than to him or her of
right belongeth. and the said division & partition do by you
made as aforesaid under your hands and seals have you
before the Honourable the Court of Ordinary aforesaid within
three months from the date hereof, together with this writ -
attested the Honourable George Jones Esquire one of the Jus-
tices of the said Court this fourteenth day of May, one
thousand eight hundred & sixteen
- W. Davies atty.

Filed 24th June 1816

- Bond clk

Georgia.

Mc, Barna M. Kinnel Adam Cope & James Mor-
rison. By virtue of an order to us directed and to this
division annexed having considered the value of the
negro slaves shown to us, as belonging to the estate of
the said Joseph B. Holmes and having taken the oath
prescribed by law and having notified the parties con-
cerned to be present at the execution of the said order
they or any of them thought proper to do and due
respect being had to the value of the ~~several~~ negro slaves
we did proceed to make a division of the said slaves
amongst the distributees of the said estate and do

declare

the same to be in manner following viz. To the children
of David Taylor Junr the following negroes viz. Man Cato
Matilda Taylor Rachel Venny and Bess being lot num-
ber One To Mrs Elizabeth Holmes the following Negroes
viz. Cupia Belinda Brutus Jack Hamet & Betsey being
lot number Two. To the children of the late David F
Holmes Decd the following Negroes viz August Young
Peter Binah Phoebe Mero & Milo being lot number three
To Miss Mary M Holmes the following Negroes viz
Peter Adam Charlotte Harrington Jenny Stephen &
Kinah being lot number four. and for the purpose
of equalizing the said several lots. We do further direct
that David Taylor in behalf of his children do pay the
sums of money following viz To Mrs Elizabeth Holmes
the sum of Eighty Seven Dollars & fifty cents To the Rev^d
Chas O Scriven for the children of the late David F Holmes
the sum of One Hundred & thirty Seven Dollars & fifty cents
and to Miss Mary M Holmes the sum of Eighty Seven
Dollars and fifty cents by reason whereof the lot of the chil-
dren of the said David Taylor which was valued at
twenty One Hundred & fifty Dollars will be reduced to
Eighteen Hundred & thirty Seven Dollars & fifty cents &
the lot of the said Elizabeth Holmes which was valued
at Seventeen Hundred & fifty Dollars and the lot of
the children of the said David F Holmes which was
valued at Seventeen Hundred Dollars and the lot
of the said Mary M Holmes which was valued at
Seventeen Hundred Dollars & fifty will each be incre-
ased to the sum of Eighteen Hundred & thirty Seven
Dollars & fifty cents - In witness whereof we
have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our
seals this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight hundred & sixteen

In presence of
Th. Cov. Lloyd Not pub

B. McKinnis (Ld)

Edw Morrison (Ld)

Adam Coffey (Ld)

Savannah 15th May 1816. I do hereby acknowledge to have received of David Taylor Junior administrator of the estate of Joseph B. Holmes deceased the following negroes to wit Rufus Melinda Brutus Jack, Saml. & Betsy being lot number two assigned to me by the persons appointed to divide the estate aforesaid and I do hereby acknowledge to have received of the said David Taylor the sum of eighty seven Dollars & fifty cents being the amount directed to be paid to me by the said David Taylor for the purpose of equalizing my lot with the others.

Signed in presence of
W. McKelvey

Elizabeth Holmes

Savannah May 15th 1816. I do hereby acknowledge to have received of David Taylor Junior administrator of the estate of Joseph B. Holmes deceased the following negroes, to wit, August, Young Peter Binah Phoebe Nero & Milo being lot number three assigned to the children of the late David G. Holmes deceased by the persons appointed to divide the said Estate. & I do hereby acknowledge to have received of the said David Taylor the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars & fifty cents being the amount directed to be paid to the children of the said David G. Holmes by the said David Taylor for the purpose of equalizing their lot with the others.

In presence of
Thos. W. Davies.

C. O. Scriven.

Savannah 15th May 1816. I do hereby acknowledge to have received of David Taylor Junior Administrator of the estate of Joseph B. Holmes deceased the following negroes, to wit Peter, Adam, Charlotte, Hanning, Jenny, Stephen & Minah being lot number four assigned to me by the persons appointed to divide the said estate. and I do hereby acknowledge to have received of the said David Taylor the sum of eighty seven Dollars and fifty cents being the amount directed to be paid to me by the said

David Taylor for the purpose of equalizing the value
of my lot with the others
Signed in presence of
M. M. Kelley.

Mary M. Holm.

Recorded May 1816.

✓ State of Georgia

County of Chatham. In the name of God amen!—I,
Joseph Portalis of the City of Savannah State & County
aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of sound
mind memory & understanding praised be God for
the same, do make this my last will & Testament
in manner and form following I give devise &
bequeath all my estate of what nature and kind soe-
ever unto my friend Peter Pouria of the City of Savannah
aforesaid, whom I institute my universal heir &
I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
said friend Peter Pouria sole executor of this my
last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all & every other will or wills or Codicils at any time
heretofore by me made & do declare this to be my last
will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said
Joseph Portalis have hereunto set my hand & seal this
at Savannah State & County aforesaid this twenty first
day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & fifteen

His
Joseph X Portalis J.S.
mark

Signed sealed declared &

published by the above named Joseph Portalis as and for
his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at
his request & in his presence have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto.

Cherrier
G. L. Colmis
Paul J. Thompson
Notary Public

Georgia

Chatham County

In the Court of Ordinary—
March Term 1816. Before
the honorable John Williamson, Clerk
Harden & Robert Hackett Justices