

Georgia Chatham County.

In the name of God amen! I James Johnston
of the city of Savannah in the County aforesaid,
hath of James Johnston deceased, being of sound mind
memory and understanding to the end that I may be
the better prepared to leave this world when it shall
please Almighty God to call me from it do make just
and declare this to be my last will and testament
in the manner and form following, that is to say, I give
leave & bequeath to each of my daughters Rachael, Ela-
nah & Bellamy their heirs and assigns for ever one of the
following negroes, that is to say Ruth Edinburgh, Cla-
ria & Phyllis to be chosen by my said daughters agree-
ably to seniority. I leave and bequeath to my grandson
James Wall his heirs and assigns for ever my mulatto
slave John. I give leave & bequeath to my grand-
daughter Sarah Wall her heirs and assigns for ever
my mulatto slave Cruisap. The residue of all the person-
al property which shall belong to me at my death after
the payment of all my debts including the negro slave who
shall remain in my service when I die shall each have
chosen one of the aforesaid negroes as aforesaid and
all the real property of which I am seized in possession
remained in execution, I give devise leave and bequeath-
unto my aforesaid daughters to have & to hold to them,
the survivor & survivors of them during the term of their
natural lives if they continue so long in a single & un-
married state; with power to sell all or any part of
my real property except only the house & lot on which I at
present reside, and to invest the proceeds arising from
the sale of the said property in any part of it in any
other property they shall deem most beneficial to them;
and all & every part of the property not specifically devised
or bequeathed to be subject to the following charge, that
it to my son David shall be entitled during the term
of his natural life to one fourth part of the rents
profits and interests which shall accrue upon or
arise from the said property and every part of its
remainder to James Morrison & John Drysdale to have
the holder to them and the survivor of them his heirs

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and assigns forever in Trust for each and every of my grand children their heirs and assigns for ever the same to be alive at the time of the death of the survivor of my aforesaid daughters or at the time my last unmarried daughter shall be married, the said grand children to hold as tenants in common and not as joint tenants subject nevertheless to the aforesaid charge of one fourth part of the rents issues from its & interest of the said property to which my son Lewis shall be entitled during his life as aforesaid; and in event that my said son if he shall survive my aforesaid daughters or survive them several marriages may not at any time be deprived of the benefit I hereby intend for him it is my will that the said property shall be kept together during his life and that the aforesaid Trustees and the survivors of them use & dispose of the said property (not hereby meaning that they shall have power to sell it or any part of it) in such manner as shall be most to his advantage.

For the purpose of carrying this my last will & Testament into effect I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my aforesaid daughter Rachael, Sarah Bellamy to be the executors of me & my children in an unmarried state the witness whereof the said Sarah Johnston have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred & fourteen.

= Sarah Johnston L.S.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Sarah Johnston in our presence as & for her last will & Testament who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. = Bellamy C. Bellamy

Filed 1 July 1816

J. C. Taylor.

= John Clark

One Hydeate

Georgia Chatham County. In the Court of Ordinary
Term 1815. Present the Honorable John C. Taylor Esq.
Wards Clerk, Moses Sheppard Robert Black
Personally appeared John Graydate of Chatham
County being duly sworn saith he was present
and saw the within instrument of writing purporting
to be the will and testament of Mrs. Sarah Johnston