

I William Willson of the
City of Savannah State of Georgia merchant
being in perfect mind Memory &c. make this my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking all for-
mer wills - First I desire to be decently but
privately buried in the nearest Burying ground
to which I may die - My temporal property at
testaments and disposes it in the following manner
Wizth I desire that all my just debts of every
kind may be paid as soon as possible after my death
To my beloved wife Ann Abigail I bequeath the
sum of Twenty five thousand dollars together with
my House and Lott whereon I now reside my fur-
niture, Plate, Books Horses, Chariots and negro women
and every except such articles of Books and Furniture
as may be hereafter particularly described -
To my son William I bequeath the sum of Thirty
Thousand Dollars -
To my daughter Ann Maria I bequeath the
sum of Thirty Thousand dollars -
To my father John Willson I bequeath
a sum sufficient to purchase an annuity of
Seventy five Pounds Sterling Annually during
his life and also during the life of his wife my
mother Hannah Willson and my Executors are
desired to pay immediate and prompt attention
to this part so that the said annuity may com-
mence from the day of my death - To my
Brother John Willson I bequeath the sum of Four
thousand dollars -
And the like sum to my Brother Thomas Willson -
To my sister Mary Webster I bequeath a sum
sufficient to purchase her an annuity of Fifty
pounds ^{sterling} Annually during ^{her} life and my Execu-
tors are desired to attend immediately to it so
she may enjoy her annuity from the day of my
death - To Saml^r Greenhow I bequeath
the sum of Two thousand Dollars -
In consideration of the dutiful behaviour of
my nephew Thomas Willson son of my Brother
Thomas I bequeath the sum of One thousand
Dollars -

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To my wife Aunt Mrs Elizabeth Goldwine I bequeath the sum of seven hundred Dollars —
To James King I bequeath the sum of Five Hundred dollar
To my wife Maice Mary C. Lucas I bequeath the sum of Five Hundred dollar —

To Elyse Rudolph I bequeath the sum of Five Hundred dollar —
To the Savannah Female Asylum I bequeath the sum of Two hundred & Fifty dollars —

To the poor of the Parish of Branham in North Shire England I bequeath the sum of Three Hundred dollar to be paid to proper persons and by them to be immediately paid to such poor persons as they may judge right —

To Ebenezer Stark my best Gold watch my Map of Europe and Diamond Bible —

To the Reverend Henry Holcombe I give my Ancient universal History together with Two hundred Dollars the latter by him to be employed in relieving such poor persons as he may see fit —

To the Reverend John Goldwine I give my Hunters Sacred Biography & Travels works together with One Hundred & Fifty Dollars — the latter to be by him applied to relieving such poor persons as he may see proper —

I have every reason to believe that my property will considerably exceed the amount of all my bequests but as the property of a merchant is fluctuating and uncertain I have thought it better to make the bequests fall short of rather than exceed the amount of Effects —

I desire and direct that any surplus which may remain after paying all the Legacies may be applied as follows Viz^d. It shall be divided among the several Legates in proportion to the sum they are respectively to receive (i.e. those who receive four thousand Dollar Legacy to have twice as much of the surplus as those whose Legacy is Two thousand and so on) In this I would except my Father's Sisters annuities as well as the charitable donations which are not to be lessened or increased — But should grow up one sum

accidents the amount of efforts for that of
the amount will be away - then each person to
receive his in the proportion of their respective
legacies in the same way proportion that the
Surplus should then be any is to be applied
with the same exceptions as regards the annuities
and Charitable donations, I also desire that
if I should have at my death any children
beside those already named in my will that
then afterwards certifying the amount of my pro-
perty it shall be so divided as to give them
an equal share with those children already
named and also ^{with} my wife and all the other
legacies (excepting the annuities & Charitable do-
nations) must be made less should it be ne-
cessary in proportion to their respective amounts
- As the fortune of my children will be in
Cash I also desire that it be invested
in Goods and Secure property say such as there
is a reasonable hope will yield at least common
Interest - ^{Chatham Co. Wills Book G. 1808-1817}
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be laid out in Negrees after taking as
much annually from the ^{produce} amount of their
fortunes as will maintain and educate them
gently. the balance must from time to
time be laid out in the same way as the
original Capital until they become of
age when they may receive and manage
their own fortunes subject however as to
regards my daughter or daughters to the
following regulation - VIZ: Should she or
they marry it is my request that her for-
tune prior to that such event be well and
properly secured to her and her heirs in saying
heirs I mean issue - and for carrying this my
will into Effect I hereby appoint my be-
loved wife Ann A. Welton my sole Execu-
trix and W. Ebenezer Stark my Executor
and also W. Joel Bridge as agent for
the purpose of assisting in the settlement
of my concerns and collecting my
debts for which it is my wish that

Should have a liberal Commission —
I have left James to Greenham but a
trifle but I desire that his mother will
should she find him worthy make it
up to him when she disposes of her fortune
I would recommend her to give him as much
as her other children — Given under
my Hand & Seal at Savannah the
Eighteenth day of September in the Year
of our Lord One thousand Eight hun-
dred & Seven — Wm Wilson (28)

Witnesses

Benth Brooks, Joel Bridge —
W^m Joyner, Tho^s J. Williams —

Georgia } Before the Hon^{ble} the Court of ordinary
for the County of Chatham State
aforesaid —

Personally appeared Benjamin Brooks one
of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
last Will and Testament of W^m Wilson deceased
who being duly sworn said that he was pre-
sent and did see the said Testator sign
Seal publish and declare the same to be
contain his last will and testament and that
he was of sound mind at the time to the best
of this deponents knowledge and belief and that
Joel Bridge W^m Joyner and Thomas Williams
together with the deponent subscribed their names
as witnesses at the request and in the presence
of the said Testator and each other —

Given in open Court } Benth Brooks
Dec^r 7th 1807 }
Thos. Joyner Ck^l: ordy

December 7th 1807 Then Ebenezer
Gibbs was duly qualified as Executor
Thos. Joyner
Ck^l: ordy

Georgia } Having made and Executed
my will a few days since as to the disposition
of my property and worldly affairs I do hereby
confirm ratify and approve the same and do
hereby nominate constitute and appoint make
this Supplement and Codicil thereto. My Will I do
hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr.
Sol Bridge Executor of my last will and
Testament in addition to those heretofore
named hereby confirming the former will.

Witness my Hand and Seal this Twenty four
day of September 1807.

Signed Seals Published and declared
by the said Testator Mr. Wilson as
the Codicil to his last will Testament
in the presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each other have
here to. to his Codicil this will at the

Wm. Wilson
Mark
(L. S.)

Request subscribed our names as wit-
nesses to the said Codicil.

Beyl Brooks. Wm. Joyner Thos. J. Williams.

Georgia } Before the Honble the Court of ordinary
for the County of Chatham. Whereas
Personally appeared Beyl Brooks one of the sub-
scribing witnesses to the Codicil to the last will and Tes-
tament of Wm. Wilson deceased who being duly sworn
saith that he was present and did see the said Testator
sign Seals Publish and declare the same to be and
contain a Codicil to the last will Testament of
the said Testator and that he was of sound mind at
the time to the best of the deponents belief and that
Mr. Joyner & Thomas J. Williams together with the
deponent subscribed their names as witnesses at the
request and in the presence of the said Testator and of each other
Witness in open Court Dec 7. 1807. Beyl Brooks
Thos. J. Williams Clerk of Court

Dec 7. 1807 Then Ebenezer Sparks was duly qual-
ified as Executor. Thos. J. Williams Clerk of Court
Tuesday 25th April 1809. Then Mrs. Sarah Wilson appeared
and was duly qualified as Executrix to the said will
and do. Edward White Clerk of Court