

State of Georgia

In the Name of God Amen
I Peter Grove a Coloured Man being sick and Weak
but perfectly in my Senses being desirous of settling
my worldly Affairs Do make this to be my last Will
and Testament in manner following

I give and Bequeath the Use of a
small House on the lane on the same Lot I live on
to Clarissa my late Wifes sister during her life

I give and Bequeath the Bed and
Breakstead Side Board Tea Table and Tea Crockery
to the said Clarissa

I Give and Bequeath the House
and Lot where I live to my Grand Child Henri-
etta and her heirs

In case of the Death of my Grand
Child leaving no Issue I then give and Bequeath
the said House & Lot to my sister Fanny Williams
and her Heirs

I order that my Watch Cofy be sold
to pay my Debt

I Give and Bequeath what Money
remaining after paying my Debt to my sister Fanny
My Watch Cofy is to pay me
Two hundred Dollars then she will be entitled to her
freedom

The two hundred Dollars is to go to the main-
tinance of my Grand Child Henrietta

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146 as before has had the trouble with my Grand-
child. I wish her to have it. I appoint Mr. Stephen Bullock
guardian to my Grand Child & executor to the
last will making all other Wills
void. I have friends, set my hand,
and sent this County with day of April August
Eighteen hundred and twenty four in the thirty fifth
year of American Independence. Mrs. Groves S.
Susan Riggs
Lucetta Spencer
C. B. Bellinger

Chatham County, Ga. Chamber of the Court of Obed
May 1821
Present the Honorable John P. Williamson
John George Thomas Attorney & George S. Coles
Justices of the Superior Court of said County having
Ordinary Jurisdiction
Respectfully appeared Susan Riggs
and Lucetta Spencer subscribing witnesses to
the foregoing & signed instrument of writing pro-
porting to be the last Will and Testament of
Peter Groves a free man of colour late of Chatham
County deceased who being duly sworn say they
were present and did see the said Peter Groves read
sign and seal and heard him pronounce publish
and declare the said instrument of Writing to be
and confirm his last Will and Testament that
the said Testator was at the time of executing
the same of sound and disposing mind and memory
in the full of these dependent knowledge &
belief that they the deponents and Barbara
McBellingier Esquire since deceased subscribed
their names as witnesses to the due execution
thereof at the request of the Testator in his presence
and in the presence of each other
Given in Open Court
this 8th May 1821

Witness
C. B. Bellinger
5th May 1821 Then appeared James S. Bullock
Executor of the within and being at such
by taking the Oath prescribed by Law
J. M. Bond
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