



Chatham Will Book I

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...a majority of them and are intended to be & are
of any part or portion of my estate or personal estate
from time to time any such advantage and equity the
business accordingly after the payment of my debts my will
and desire is that my estate be kept together & be an-
nexed to the free manor lands and the free church lands
to be enjoyed and maintained of my free wife and the
freehold maintenance and maintenance of my young
children my children by my free woman except such the
youngest one then living shall have and do at the age
of fourteen years or which time my will and desire is that
all my property then remaining as such part as forment
shall be equally divided between my daughter and
such of my children as may living at the time agreed
by them and above able. And if any one or more of my
children shall have died before the time of the division
of my estate leaving a child or children my desire is
that the child or children or surviving has has a share
parent shall stand in the place of the parent and receive
the portion of my property as the parent would have done
withed to, and they with further is that each portion of my
estate or shall in the division thereof fall to any one of
my daughters shall be for her sole and separate use, &
not to be subject to the debts or contracts of her husband in
any manner I give to my daughter, and each of her
children share of my estate my negro woman Beye
my negro woman Hannah and each child as she now
has a way hereafter and my negro boy Thomas, whom
my largest son Samuel and a pair of cattle shall
and all the land in my free manor and the free
manor share. To my daughter Anne I give
my smallest slave Richard. And to my daughter
Mary & Hannah my slave Stephen and silver jewelry
these last two be goods also exclusively of my child
the daughter's distribution share of my estate. I
give in the like manner to my son William & David
my gold watch and to my son Ebenezer & David my
gold chain button.

As some of my children have received some little
pieces of property, I desire that they may retain
and the same shall be charged to them on the divi-
sion of my estate. I have given to my daughter

my plantation in Bullock County called Chatham and to
my daughter Mary a negro girl called Betty. These are all
the pieces of property I intended as subject to the foregoing
provisions.

My will and desire is that the whole of my
free living shall be done as soon after my death as practi-
cable. My other desire is to be divided between my child and by
last surviving. My will further is that if my free wife
shall live by me, my children after the date of this my will
and child or children are to be put upon a free school
my expense, with my other children as to maintenance
Education and the education of my estate.

I hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife Sarah
David Graham and my friends Thomas Daniel Jones
Samuel, William and John McLaughlin, James
members of this my last will and testament.

The witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal at Savannah the thirty first day of March the
thousand eight hundred and thirty sixth
Signed sealed & executed by the Testator
In the presence of us who in the Middle District of
Georgia are judges of said Court and as we re-
quest have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses.

Henry Means
Alfred Means
Philippe Means

Filed 12th day 1837. Term all Bond &c &c &c

State of Georgia }
Chatham County } At the Court of Ordinary Henry Means 1838
Present the Honorable John Manning, Clerk
J. S. Alexander, J. S. Jones of the Superior Court of this
County, sitting for ordinary purposes.

Personally appeared Henry Means of Savannah
one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid instrument
of writing purporting to be the last will and testament
of William Darns late of Savannah attorney at law
deceased, who being duly sworn depose and say that
he was present, and did see the said William Darns the
said day and still has heard him pronounce and
read the said instrument of writing to be his

wherein he did with and testament that the said Wil-
liam Davis was, at the time of recording the same, of
sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of
the deponents knowledge and belief that the deponents
attly. Henry S. Phillips & Anne of said deceased spiritual
submitted their names as witnesses to the due execution of
the said last will and testament at the request of the said
William Davis, in his presence and in the presence of all
shown to in open Court
the 12th day of May 1839 } Henry Mimes.
Saml. M. Bond Clerk }

10th May 1839 then appeared William Law and Thos.
Hoskins Clerks, Executors named in the annexed last
will and testament of William Davis deceased and
qualified as such by taking the oath of our Court
as prescribed by law. Saml. M. Bond Clerk

Recorded & examined

25th May 1839

Saml. M. Bond Clerk

6th July 1839 then appeared Sarah Davis Executors named
in the annexed last will and testament of William Davis
deceased and qualified as such by taking the oath pre-
scribed by law. Saml. M. Bond Clerk