

to make my last wish, that you will cause to be placed over  
my remains in the Church-yard in "humanity" - but then  
a stone, as much like the one you had erected over the  
remains of your Dear Wife M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> as possible. The  
Dawson will point out the spot to you when the remains of  
my poor Wife now lies; I wish my grave alongside of my  
Dear Wife; but not to disturb her grave; my only wish  
there is some things still remaining that is not embodied  
in my Will, and which I wish my Executors to attend to; my  
bedroom furniture beds and set furniture, wine, brandy  
and gin; there is one horse and of blood in the yard, I have  
had it this year, it is recommended as very fine - these articles  
I wish all sold at auction as part of my estate - my  
carriage, boxes, saddles and saddles and two double barrel  
guns is also to be sold as part of my estate; - my old Col-  
loman July alone I wish to have is not to be considered  
as any part of my estate by my Executors, she now lives  
with her daughter, where I wish her to remain, without paying  
any wages - the Westbury Pass, which contains my blood plate  
is to go with the plate to John Dunstun - my negro boy  
Richard who is now learning the Carpenter Trade with John V. Webb  
my wish is, that he remain with them until he is three years  
with them counting from the day he first started - I request  
John Dunstun to take him in charge.

W. Wallace

Decided 6<sup>th</sup> January 1840.

In the name of God Amen, I William Colman of the County of  
Chatham State of Georgia being aged and mindful of death,  
but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this  
my last will and Testament -

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Zilpha  
and during the term of her natural life her hundred acres of  
the tract of land on which I now live including the dwelling house  
and all outbuildings and in hundred acres to be taken off and sold  
from that part most contiguous to the dwelling house including  
all the land in said tract under cultivation also all my  
household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and utensils,  
horses, carts, and cattle of every kind and description, hogs,  
and all granges and provisions which shall be on the place at

the property of my negroes Samuel, Cush or Harshin, Samuel, late and Fanny and the issue of the females to be enjoyed by her during her life without impeachment of waste with authority to kill and use such of the stock as she may want and after her death I give devise and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof and all increase to my son Jacharink and to my daughter Mary Wilton and my and every other child which my said wife may bear or of which she may be pregnant at the time of my death share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever and in case of the death of all my children by my said wife Riltha without issue before the death of my said wife Riltha then and in that case I give devise and bequeath the whole of the property, appertaining after her death to my sons Richard & Thomas and to my daughter Charity Parvey & Zaida last to them their heirs and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard his heirs and assigns forever my woman Lett & my male child Boy James for a term of years which he is acquainted with. It is my will that she said two negroes last & former remain with my wife during her life or until that purpose can be accomplished and that they be well clothed but with full power to my said son Richard to take them out of his possession whenever he shall think proper.

I give and devise to my said son Richard his heirs and assigns forever my fifty acre lot of land situated near the Augusta road bounded on the east by R. B. Bates on the south by John and on the north & west by John which said tract or lot of land is in valley and is liable to be deducted from my said son Richard share of the residue of my estate.

The remaining then hundred acres of the tract of land on which I reside and all other movable and real personal not herein before specifically given, devised or bequeathed, I give leave and bequeath, whether the same be in possession, expectancy or in action, of whatsoever nature or description it may be, to my son Richard and

Thomas and to my daughters Charity Harvey wife of Robert  
H. Harvey and Zaida last wife of Gabriel East to them  
their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally dividing among  
them share and share alike. It is my will that the  
property here given to my daughters Charity and Zaida  
be settled and secured to them their heirs and assigns  
so that the same shall not be liable or subject to the  
debts, contracts or control of their respective husbands.

I give and bequeath to each of my two sons William  
and David the sum of five dollars as their full and only  
portion and interest to my estate.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my son  
Richard O'Brien the executor of my last Will and  
Testament & the guardian of my son Zachariah & of my  
daughters Mary Wilcox until they shall respectively be  
aged 21 years of September 1835.

Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of September 1835.

Spence tested, published and delivered by the testator who  
was not ill and Testament his ninth day of September  
publickly read in our presence, who signed  
the same as witnessing witnesses in the presence of the  
testator and of each other. W. H. Gordon Not Pub.  
John Pitt. S. M. Davis.

State of Georgia, Chatham County, Court of Ordinary.  
January Term 1840. Present John H. Brown Clerk (Recd)  
James D. Smith & W. H. Gordon.

Personally appeared W. H. Gordon a  
subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing,  
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William  
Solow late of Chatham County deceased, who being duly  
sworn, deposed and said that he was present and did  
see the said instrument of writing last executed by the said  
William Solow, and deposed further said that the  
said William Solow at the time of executing the said  
instrument of writing was, to the best of his own knowledge  
and belief of sound and disposing mind memory and  
understanding; and that he W. H. Gordon, the defendant  
and Cha. Pitt and S. M. Davis in the presence of each  
other and of the said William Solow and at his request  
signed their names as witnesses to the foregoing of the same. W. H. Gordon

*H. Porter J. H. C. C.*

2<sup>nd</sup> I desire the right hand & clause of my will & estate  
they constitute and make my wife Eliza my  
sole and lawful executor and guardian of her son  
last will and testament - and appoint my wife Eliza  
sole guardian of our children Frederick & Susan Ellen.  
In witness whereof I have made and subscribed these  
last words, right hand of said children under my sign  
Within my house at

signed & sealed & published in the presence of the said John D. At  
all the only money of which I am the possessor & holder  
in my possession or in a bond & give and do death to  
my wife & I have to be invested for our use during life and  
after our death is surviving for my children  
Zachariah & Henry William D. of said State.

Witness D. D. Gordon Esq. Clerk,  
State of Georgia. Courtroom, County of Chatham, January 1842.  
Present Hon. John H. Bad, Chairman (Court & )  
Before, personally appeared J. D. Gordon a subscribing  
Witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting  
in contents to be last Will and Testament of William Gordon

C. V. Carter, Jr. 10.6.62

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David Chapman says. It is the name of God Amen!  
I agree I wish of the 1st of January 1841 and County  
upwards being sent in order out of court & his proceedings  
I sincerely trusts it to God for the same and will humbly  
the soliciting of his most able to make and submit  
that is for my last will and testament  
I hope that all my just debts and funeral expenses  
be paid out of my estate  
After the payment of all my just debts funeral expenses



late of the County of Chatham, this being duly sworn before  
and with that he was present and did see the said  
instrument of writing duly executed by the said William Gordon  
the deponent further saith that the said William Gordon  
at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was  
to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound  
and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and  
that he W. W. Gordon the deponent, in the presence of  
the said William Gordon and at his request signed his  
name as witness to the due execution of the said instrument.  
W. W. Gordon

Given & before us in open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840.  
May Geo. J. Webb Francis Ford J. Webb  
A. Porter J. Webb

And W. W. Gordon being or sworn further saith that in the  
Summer or fall of the year 1839, he was sent for by the said  
William Gordon and was by him requested to add another  
codicil to his will by which to provide for the death of  
his daughter Mary Willers, and to set in his son John Willers  
all the interest which under his will had been given to  
his deceased daughter Mary Willers. Deponent does  
not remember whether such codicil was or was not prepared  
by him & executed by the said William Gordon, but is  
strongly of the impression that it was, but deponent  
does not know what has become of it or whether it was  
or not given to him into the will for safe keeping.  
W. W. Gordon

Given & before us, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840.

Francis Ford J. Webb A. Porter J. Webb  
Recorded 7<sup>th</sup> January 1840.

Georgia Chatham County. In the name of God Amen:  
I, John A. Porter of the County of Chatham State and County  
aforesaid being dead in body but of sound & disposing mind  
& memory, sheweth & testifies for the same and well knowing  
the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and publish  
this as my last will and Testament.  
I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses  
be paid out of my estate.  
After the payment of all my just debts funeral expenses

I hereby make all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real and personal and wherever situated unto my beloved Wife Harriet Carter and to my beloved children Samuel Paddock Carter, Elizabeth Carter, Edward Paddock Carter and Cyrus B. Carter share and share alike.

I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Harriet Carter executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1839.

Cyrus B. Carter

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Cyrus B. Carter as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of and testator and in the presence of each other. Edw. Paddock - J. G. Richards J. H. Coffey J. P.

State of Georgia Chatham County. Court of Ordinary  
January Term 1840.

Present John Brown, Clerk of Court

Francis Bond and A. Carter Justices

Personally appears Edward Paddock, a subscribing witness to the conveyed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Cyrus B. Carter Merchant late of Chatham County, Georgia deceased, who being duly sworn deposes and swears that he was present and did see the said instrument of writing such executed by the said Cyrus B. Carter. And deposes and further swears that the said Cyrus B. Carter at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of his own knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that Edward Paddock, the defendant and J. G. Richards and J. H. Coffey J. P. in the presence of each other, and of the said Cyrus B. Carter and at his request signed their names witnesses to the execution of the same.

Edw. Paddock

Shewn to before us in open Court this sixth day of January 1840. This Court J. G. Bond

Francis Bond J. G. Bond A. Carter Justices  
Recorder of January 1840